



**WELCOME TO POLI**

**ASSESSORIA DE RELAÇÕES  
INTERNACIONAIS DA ESCOLA POLITÉCNICA  
DE PERNAMBUCO**

# ABOUT UPE

The University of Pernambuco is one of the most important universities in Brazil. It has a total of 32,859 students divided in 10 *campi* all over the state. it has been founded in 1966 when 5 colleges, including the POLI, decided to work together and they founded the UPE



# ABOUT POLI/UPE

The Polytechnic School (POLI) is one of the ***campi*** of UPE and has a total of 3.850 students and 140 professors. The POLI was founded in 1912 and is one of the 10 oldest engineering colleges in Brazil moreover all of it's courses are on the top 35 of the country.

## ABOUT ARI

ARI is the international relations office of POLI. We are responsible for giving advise to students and professors regarding international issues. We also support foreign students that wish to study in POLI.

# UNDERGRAD PROGRAMS

- **Civil Engineering**
- **Computer Engineering**
- **Electronic Electrical Engineering**
- **Electrotechnical Electrical Engineering**
- **Telecommunication Electrical Engineering**
- **Industrial Mechanical Engineering**
- **Control Engineering and Automation**
- **Physics of Materials**

# Pre-departure planning

## 1. Visas

To study in Brazil you will need a Student Visa. For that, you will need to fill out a Visa Application form online at <http://scedv.serpro.gov.br> and contact the Brazilian Consulate in your city or country.

## 2. Health and Safety

### 2.1 Travel Insurance

Travel insurance can cover the policyholder for insurable events that may occur before or during travel, such as trip cancellation/interruption, medical expenses for injury or illness, theft of valuables, baggage delay or damage, and more. The cost of travel insurance is based on a number of factors, such as the type of coverage requested, the age of the insured, the destination of travel, length of stay, and any pre-existing medical conditions. A wide range of travel insurance policies are available, so search around in order to find the policy that best suits your circumstances and travel plans.

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## 2.2 Health issues

Brazil is one of the few countries which provide free universal access to medical care. Anyone living in Brazil legally can enjoy free medical consultations, hospital treatment, and surgery supplied by the public health system (Sistema Único de Saude – SUS).

However, because waiting times at public hospitals can be very long for patients, some people prefer the private healthcare system.

Before starting your life in Brazil, you should ensure that you have adequate private health insurance, as the private healthcare costs can be very expensive. The provision of healthcare facilities in larger cities is considered good. General practitioners, specialists, and hospitals are widely available in Brazil's major cities.

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## 2.3 Vaccination

For certain areas, including Brasilia and some rural or jungle regions, a yellow fever vaccination is strongly recommended, even though not required to enter the country.

Vaccinations for hepatitis A and B as well as typhoid and rabies are recommended for long-term stays, regardless of where your life in Brazil will take you.

Some areas of the country, especially the North, are malaria-risk areas.

Precautionary measures against malaria and dengue fever are indeed essential.

# DISCOVERING



## BRAZIL

Brazil is the world's fifth-largest country. It covers an area greater than Western Europe and slightly larger than the United States, excluding Alaska. With more than 200 million people, Brazil is also the world's 5th most populous country after China, India, the United States and Indonesia. It is also the 6th largest economy in the world, with a GDP of \$2.523 trillion.



## PERNAMBUCO

Pernambuco is one of the 27 states of Brazil. It is located in the northeast region of the country, and includes the archipelago of Fernando de Noronha. It has a population of 9 million people. The state is full of internationally famous beaches, such as Porto de Galinhas and those in Fernando de Noronha. It is also a historical and cultural center in Brazil with one of the oldest cities in the country, Olinda.



# DISCOVERING



## RECIFE

Recife is the capital of Pernambuco and one of the principal cities of Brazil, with a metro population of 3,500,000 people. Recife is one of the oldest cities in Brazil, rich in history and culture, due to Portuguese and Dutch colonizations in the past, also being an early center of the Jewish immigration in the Americas. It has one of the most traditional carnivals in Brazil, with the world's largest street parade, Galo da Madrugada.

# STARTING YOUR STUDENT LIFE IN BRAZIL

## 1. Housing

Renting an apartment or flat in Brazil can be very bureaucratic. To sign a rental agreement you will need a CPF (further information below). But you can always find a room for rent, which can be cheaper and less bureaucratic. You can ask the ARI staff for any support you need with this matter.

Websites helpful to find a house or a room are:

AIRBNB - <https://www.airbnb.com.br>

ZAP IMÓVEIS - <https://www.zapimoveis.com.br>

Room Go - <https://www.roomgo.com.br/>

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## 1. Housing

**Neighborhoods near to POLI and great to live are:**

**Madalena, Espinheiro, Torre, Graças, Aflitos, Encruzilhada, Jaqueira, Boa Vista, Rosarinho, Casa Forte.**

**It is better to seek someplace in the north zone of the city because the south zone is a little bit far from POLI, and traffic can be really obstructive sometimes.**

**If you find an option that interest you and want to make sure if it is in a good neighborhood, feel free to ask**

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## 2. CPF

In Brazil, tourists, non-resident foreigners and foreigners who are domiciled overseas are eligible for a CPF, Cadastro de Pessoa Física (Physical Person Registration). Anyone wanting to get properly into the official economy will need a unique CPF number to identify itself and its documents in a variety of contexts including banking, credit applications, purchasing and activating a cellular phone, renting an apartment, or any other transaction in which the person engages in; if intended to stay in the country for more than a month. The process for foreigners to obtain a CPF is different from that for Brazilians. The process is simple and is explained on the Internet at:

<http://www.receita.fazenda.gov.br/Aplicacoes/ATCTA/CpfEstrangeiro/fcpf.asp>

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## 3. Student Card

**A Brazilian student card allows you to receive 50% discounts at cinemas, theaters, sporting events, music concerts, and other events.**

**You can get your student card at POLI, at the beginning of the semester or at institutions like UNE (National Student Union) at any time during the school year. Prices and documents needed to get your the student card may differ depending on the institution you are attending. You can request your UNE student card at this link:**

**<https://www.documentodoestudante.com.br/>**

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## **4. Federal Police**

**Registering with the Federal Police is a mandatory procedure for all foreigners staying in Brazil more than 90 days.**

**You must register at any Federal Police Department, Office, or Station within 30 days since you entered the country.**

**The Brazilian Federal Police website is:**

**<http://www.pf.gov.br/servicos-pf/imigracao>**

**You can also contact the Federal Police for further information by [estrangeiros@dpf.gov.br](mailto:estrangeiros@dpf.gov.br).**

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## 5. Consulates

There are many consulates in Recife, so make sure to contact your country's consulate here or at the nearest location and inform them about your staying in Brazil.

You can find the address and contact information for consulates here:

[http://www2.setur.pe.gov.br/web/setur/exibir-noticia?  
groupId=21782&articleId=3710491&templateId=28657](http://www2.setur.pe.gov.br/web/setur/exibir-noticia?groupId=21782&articleId=3710491&templateId=28657)

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## 6. Transportation

**As any large city, Recife has problems with traffic. However, it does have an efficient public transportation system.**

**In Recife, bus and metro tickets cost R\$ 3.45, but you can get a discount with a public transportation student card (VEM Estudante):**

**<http://www.vemgranderecife.com.br/>**



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## 7. Security in Recife

Recife, like every large city in Brazil, has issues with security. We do not recommend neither walking in the city using your mobile phone, nor walk alone places like the favelas. Recife is not as unsafe as some other cities, but you always need to pay attention and be aware for anything that may be dangerous.

## 8. Useful numbers

**Police: 190**

**Federal Police: +55 (81) 3224-6505**

**Fire Department: 193**

**Ambulance: 192**

**ARI: +55 (81) 3184 7508**

# CULTURAL MATTERS



LANGUAGE

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# LANGUAGE

Here is a basic "dictionary" with some colloquialisms frequently used in our region

Arretado  
Tá ligado?  
Legal  
Massa  
Beleza?

Awesome  
You know?  
Cool  
Also "cool"  
What's up

# PLACES TO VISIT

## Bars, pubs and restaurants

There are a lot of bars, restaurants and pubs in Recife. Going out to eat or drink is a very common pastime in Brazil. In Recife you can find cuisine from various regions of Brazil, as well as international cuisine such as: Japanese, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic, and many others. Most of the bars and pubs in Recife are in Boa Viagem and Casa Forte, two of the most important neighborhood of the city.

## Museums

The city have many great museums, and some of them are free to visit.

- Instituto Ricardo Brennand
- Museu Cais do Sertão
- Museu de Arte Moderna Aloísio Magalhães
- Paço do Frevo
- Museu do Homem do Nordeste
- Museu do Estado de Pernambuco
- Museu Murillo La Greca
- Museu de Arte Popular
- Museu da Abolição

# PEOPLE

The Brazilian culture is one of the world's most varied and diverse.

This is due to it being a melting pot of nationalities, as a result of centuries of European and African migration.

Brazilians usually are very affectionate, tactile people. Men shake hands with one another, while women (and man/woman) will kiss each others' cheeks in greeting. Hugging is also a common greetings among Brazilian friends.

# We hope you have an great time here!



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