



It is home to one of Europe's youngest populations; the university alone has more than 16,000 students, including 1,200 doctoral students.

With 1000 teaching staff (850 holding Ph.D.s) and 650 non-teaching staff running 39 undergraduate degree courses, 13 integrated Master's degrees and 150 Master's degrees, the University of Minho is a comprehensive centre of research and learning, encompassing 11 schools. It has 30 research centres, covering a wide variety of fields of knowledge, 22 of which were rated as 'very good' or 'excellent' after the 2008 International peer-review done by the Portuguese Science Foundation. University of Minho's internationalisation was also recognised by the European University Association as being outstanding.

International co-operation programmes The University of Minho has links with more than 350 universities, including equally esteemed institutions such as Cambridge, MIT, Tokyo, Nankai, ETH Zürich, K. U. Leuven, and the University of São Paulo; and plays host to around 1,000 international students every year. Approximately 1,000 international peer-reviewed papers are produced every year.

The university is a partner in several European Union (EU) and international co-operation programmes, including four ALFA

(América Latina-Formación Académica), two 'Asia Link', an ACP-EU (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States & European Union) 'EDULINK' and two 'Erasmus Mundus' Master's programmes. All degree programmes are organised according to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Minho was awarded the ECTS and the Diploma Supplement labels by the EU; of 3,000 European eligible universities, ten currently have both labels and only 22 hold the ECTS label.

Students and staff alike at the University of Minho enjoy the full support of its services units. This can take the form of ensuring access to computer resources, and providing catering and sports facilities. But it also extends to offering health and psychological care, providing scholarships, an e-learning platform for all students and an advisory service for less able students. The University of Minho may well have evolved out of a rich historical environment, but it certainly offers all the benefits of the 21st century.

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THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO STUDY AT MINHO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CENTURIES OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE THEM

The historic province of Minho has long been a centre for higher education in Portugal. Theological students have travelled to its main city, Braga – nicknamed 'the Portuguese Rome' – for hundreds of years. Here, they lived among famous theologians and philosophers, who were archbishops in Braga. The most famous of these was Archbishop Petrus Julianus, who was enthroned as Pope John XXI (XX) in 1276. The São Marcos Hospital was founded in Braga in 1508, and has hosted the country's first School of Surgery since the beginning of the 18th century; a School of Nursing, now a part of the University of Minho, was created in 1912. In 1973, the Portuguese government formally acknowledged the tradition of higher education in Braga and decided to create a state university: the University of Minho.

Higher education in northern Portugal The university is located in the upper north of the country and comprises two campuses: Campus de Gualtar, in the city of Braga, and Campus de Azurém, in the city of Guimarães.

LIFETIMES OF LEARNING



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