

University of Minho Braga



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University of Minho (UMinho) is a public foundation governed by private law and it is one of the most prestigious Portuguese higher education institutions.

The (UMinho) was founded in 1973 and it has three campi, one in the city of Braga (Gualtar) and two in the city of Guimarães (Azurém and Couros).

UMinho is a comprehensive university with 12 Schools and Institutes that cover the vast majority of scientific fields of knowledge.

These Schools and Institutes are responsible for 60 undergraduate programmes and integrated masters, 110 master programmes and 60 PhD programmes.

UMinho has more than 600 ongoing research projects. These projects fall within the framework of 30 research centres, 9 associated laboratories, 11 collaborative laboratories and 5 innovation centres and 50 spin-offs.



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UMinho has over **20.000** students of which over **2.500** are international

UMinho registers 30 patents/year.

UMinho is also strongly committed with the development of society through many partnerships (with municipalities, schools or companies) and its direct participation in the governance of 58 associations and foundations in social, economic and cultural domains.

The University promotes 500 cultural events/year and has its own orchestra.

Internationalisation is another key area of activity. Around 400 UMinho students per year take a period to study abroad and around 600 foreign students come to UMinho, Master and PhD Programme in association; mobility in and out of students; Scientific cooperation signed with universities worldwide, comprising 90 different countries (in Europe, USA, Latin America, China and East Asia).

In the Shanghai Ranking (ARWU) 2023, Universidade do Minho is among the top 500 higher education institutions worldwide.

UMinho was acknowledge as the European Most Active University in Sports in 2018.

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Schools and Institutes

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Welcome to Braga



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Braga

Braga is the 3rd largest metropolitan area in Portugal, with about 200 thousand inhabitants, being the capital of Minho's region.

Braga is one of the most ancient cities in Portugal, where you can still find many roman and medieval archaeological remains.

Braga markedly young population has led to its nomination as European Capital of Youth by the European Youth Forum in 2012.

Braga was given the award of Best European Destination 2021.



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Arriving to Porto Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport



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From Porto Airport to the City Center of Braga by bus

Campus de Gualtar
55,9 km



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From Porto Airport to the City Center of Braga by taxi

All taxis are equipped with a taximeter, and the fare charged is limited to the amount displayed on the meter. The price of a taxi journey is based on four passengers. It is compulsory for passengers to be given a receipt. A standard taxi ride at off-peak hours was of around 75€.

Uber and Bolt are also available.



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From Porto Airport to the City Center of Braga by train

At the Airport go to the Metro Station and take Line E, which is coloured Violet and runs every 20 or 30 minutes, depending on the time of day and day of the week.

At the Train Station of São Bento (Porto city center) or at the Station of Campanhã (transfer station) it is possible to catch a train to Braga. Visit www.cp.pt portal where you can check the train schedules.



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Places to stay in Braga

Hotel Meliá Braga

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Places to visit in Braga

With more than 2000 years of history, Braga is known by its distinct churches, splendid XVIII century houses, beautiful gardens, distinguished monuments and museums.

The Roman legacy is one of most attractive factors of Braga, often called the 'Portuguese Rome', due to its origin in the Roman city of Bracara Augusta.

Braga is the third largest metropolitan area in Portugal and its rich history combines with modern amenities, tradition with innovation, creativity to conservatism.



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Sé Catedral de Braga

Braga's Cathedral is also the oldest in the country and was built in the 12th century by the parents of Portugal's first King, D. Henrique and D. Teresa, who are buried there. Braga is to this day one of the country's main religious centres, having the Holy Week Celebrations and the São João Festival as the highlights in its liturgical and touristic calendar.



Bom Jesus do Monte

The monumental set off “Bom Jesus do Monte”, like mentioned in some books about Braga, is for sure, the biggest, the most majestic, the most symbolic and poetic sacro-mount built in Europe, were religious, baroque, rococo and neoclassical architecture predominates. It was recognized, in 2003, World heritage humanity by UNESCO.

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Palácio/Museu dos Biscainhos

The Palácio dos Biscainhos is located on the street that gave it its name, in allusion to the craftsmen from Biscay, who settled here in the 16th century, and who worked on the urban development of Braga. The Biscainhos Museum, housed in a Baroque palace, is a landmark period in the history of Braga.



Theatro Circo

The Theatro Circo it is undoubtedly the most charismatic room of Braga. It was conceived for the first time in 1906 by a group of people from Braga, led by Artur José Soares, José António Veloso and Cândido Martins. The renovated Theatro appears as a single space, combining the tradition of the Italian stage with one of the most technically sophisticated infrastructures throughout Europe.

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Alto da Cividade

On the Alto da Cividade hill, within a large protected archaeological area, next to the “Forum” of the ancient Roman city of “Bracara Augusta”, are the only known Roman public baths in Braga. In the same area there is an attached theater, a monument of great heritage value.



Fonte do Ídolo

It was built at the beginning of the 19th century. In a rock shrine, associated with the cult of water, which is now known as the Fountain of the Idol. Its construction was probably due to a Roman citizen, named Célico Fronto, who had it built for the benefit of the community of Bracara Augusta. The uniqueness of this granite fountain gave it the classification as a National Monument in 1910 and, in 2002-2004, it was the subject of musealization works.

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Café A Brasileira

Café A Brasileira is one of the most emblematic cafes in the city of Braga. It is located in Largo Barão de São Martinho, in the historic center of the city, having been requalified in 2008/09, being the architectural project the responsibility of architect Sérgio Borges.



Museu Nogueira da Silva

The Museum owes its foundation to the legacy, made in September 1975, in favor of the University of Minho by António Augusto Nogueira da Silva. The museum has a varied collection of paintings, sculptures, furniture, tapestry, jewellery, porcelain, glass and earthenware. The house has a French-inspired garden, with flower beds surrounded by boxwood, crowned in the background by magnolias surrounding a baroque fountain from an old farm in Gualtar.

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Mosteiro de Tibães

Comprising a large building and a walled fence, the monastery we see today was built/rebuilt, decorated/redecorated, throughout the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. With a functional architecture, it presented a clear separation between the areas of prayer, work and leisure and those of communication with the outside, and also between the areas occupied by the resident community and the others reserved for use as the mother house of the Congregation.



Arquivo Distrital de Braga

The Braga District Archive is a cultural unit of the University of Minho, a member of the respective Cultural Council, with regional archive powers for the Braga district area.

The Archive has more than 5 thousand linear meters of documentation of almost 6 hundreds of funds, from a time period between the 9th century and the present day.

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Biblioteca Pública de Braga

The Braga Public Library is located in Praça do Município in Braga. Founded in 1841, its inauguration took place in 1857. Since 1975 it has been part of the University of Minho, and since 1932 it has a legal deposit of all Portuguese books and publications. It currently has more than 500.000 volumes.



Livraria Centésima Página

100ª Página opened to the public in 1999 and in 2005 it moved to Casa Rolão, in the heart of the city of Braga. 100ª Página also has a cafeteria and a garden where you can breathe tranquility. It is in this space that, every day, you can find several options for lunch or for a break throughout the day, in the company of a good book.

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Places to eat in Braga

Around Braga's Cathedral you'll find plenty of restaurants with typical Portuguese cuisine, but also restaurants with a different variety of international dishes.



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