Vila Real, at the heart of northern Portugal

Near Porto and the Atlantic Ocean, neighbor of the Marão and Alvão mountains, one step from Douro UNESCO World Heritage vineyards, Vila Real is a reference in the North of Portugal and a force of regional development.

With a lively and diverse cultural environment, and an increasing international student community, Vila Real has a high quality of life at reasonable cost, and it is a competitive and attractive city to live, invest, visit and study.

With easy connections to the whole region and just an hour from Spain, Vila Real is a green city with unique landscapes, and a distinct historical heritage, where the Mateus Palace stands out.
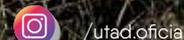
Vila Real, in the heart of northern Portugal, is also a gastronomic city, known by the "covilhetes" and "cristas de galo", and the capital of car races, where the World Touring Car Championship (WTCC) takes place.

The Office of International Relations and Mobility is at the heart of the campus, in its historical area, close to the Academic Services and the bus stops that link the University to the city of Vila Real. The doors are open!

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The University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro

The University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD) is a public university open to society and the world. It was the first higher education institution created in the interior region of northern Portugal. Established as an agrarian Polytechnic Institute in 1973, it became a University in 1986.

Today, through its Schools of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, Science and Technology, Life Sciences and Environment, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Health, UTAD offers about 100 courses of bachelor, master and doctorate degrees.

It promotes research and community projects that contribute to the scientific and technological innovation, improving teaching quality and the socio-economic and cultural development.

It encourages international exchanges, and close collaboration with institutions around the world, as part of various European and international research, training and mobility programs.

UTAD is an ecosystem of learning and skills development, made of multidisciplinary knowledge, and an institution that values and encourages close relationships between about 500 teachers and over 7,000 students from Portugal and other countries.

As part of its Strategic Plan, and for the period 2017/2021, UTAD intends to build an ECO-UNI-VERSITY, an institution committed to the involvement of the academia and the community in shaping responses to the great contemporary societal challenges.

A green campus full of opportunities

The campus is a botanical garden where infrastructures fully meet all quality requirements of teaching, research and leisure: library and museum, classrooms and study spaces, laboratories, experimental areas, auditoriums and sports facilities, widespread broadband wireless network.
The Social Services are distinguished by excellence and provide access to modern university residences, canteens, bars and restaurants, computer rooms, and support in the areas of medicine, psychology and nutrition.
From the city to the campus you can walk, bike or use public transport.

The Office of International Relations and Mobility

The Office of International Relations and Mobility (GRIM) is the operational support structure for the internationalization and academic mobility policy of UTAD, promoting, coordinating, accompanying and supporting projects and actions in this field. The Office:

– Elaborates and submits applications to the financing entities of the activities that fall within its field of action;

– Disseminates information on cooperation and academic mobility programs and initiatives and their funding lines;

– Promotes the recruitment of international students;

– Participates in international educational exhibitions and fairs;

– Promotes UTAD's participation in cooperation programs in the areas of teaching and academic mobility;

– Manages and implements mobility projects and actions, guaranteeing the support to the national and international academic community;

– Supports the process of negotiating cooperation agreements with foreign institutions;

– Promotes recognition and supports university participation in networks, consortia and other international cooperation projects and initiatives.