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Universidade de São Paulo
Escola Superior de Agricultura
"Luiz de Queiroz"

International Student Guide

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We are proud to welcome the international students in our College!

As students from CALQ ("Luiz de Queiroz" Academic Center) would say, this is a very especial school, which hides history in every corner along with a lot of work, strength and dedication of each one of those who have crossed the borders of this enchanted place. That is how this centenary agriculture school have become one of the most important in the world.

You are invited to explore ESALQ/USP's many programs, services, professors, internships, social works, departments, fraternities, sports practices and all kinds of activities. Have your schedule full! Your involvement in the campus life will make you feel at home right away, help you make new friends, enhance your knowledge of our culture and enrich your academic experience. At the same time, you will give us the opportunity to get to know you and learn from your diverse experiences and perspectives.

Find out what ESALQ has to offer...

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A. PRE-DEPARTURE

1. ADMISSION AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Bachelor courses

As an exchange student, you can apply for courses in any of the seven areas offered by ESALQ: Agriculture, Forestry, Economics, Food Science, Biological Sciences, Environmental Management, and Management

We recommend exchange students to apply for 20 local credits per semester. Each credit at USP lasts for 15 contact hours. Please check with your home institution if they ask you for a specific workload before applying for courses.

Grading system ranges from zero (0) to ten (10) where zero is the lowest grade and ten the highest one. To pass a course, you must score from five (5) and above. Each professor has his/her own evaluation criteria, usually involving tests and reports, which are detailed in the first class.

Please notice that grade is not the only requirement to pass a course: a minimum attendance is mandatory! You must attend at least 70% of classes for each course you enrolled.

As an exchange student, you must write reports and answer exams in Portuguese.

You can find a relation of courses in English separated by department at:

<http://www.en.esalq.usp.br/how-we-work/teaching/undergraduate/programs/undergraduate-courses>

To access the university webpage with detailed information about the courses in Portuguese, follow the steps:

- Access www.sistemas.usp.br/jupiterweb
- Click on **Disciplinas**
- Then, click on **Unidades de Ensino**
- Select option 11 – Escola Superior de Agricultura “Luiz de Queiroz”
- Select the link **Cursos e habilitações oferecidos pela Unidade**

If you have already taken all these steps, you can go for your Visa!

2. GETTING THE RIGHT TYPE OF VISA

You must ask for a temporary visa for studies at the nearest Brazilian Consulate for we will mail an acceptance letter. Please note that a tourist visa is not valid. Students without student visa cannot be enrolled in courses.

For a complete list of the Brazilian embassies and consulates around the world, please check:

http://portal.mte.gov.br/cartilha_exterior/relacao-de-embaixadas-e-consulados-brasileiros-no-exterior.htm

Contact the Brazilian representatives of your country in advance. After receiving your visa, you will have 90 DAYS to enter the Brazilian territory. If you do not come to Brazil within this period, your visa will be no longer valid!

The foreign card is required to all foreign people who will stay in Brazil more than 90 days. The requested documents are:

- Original Visa order expedited by a Brazilian Consulate or Embassy in your home country;
- Passport photocopies;
- 2 colored photos size 3 cm (wide) x 4 cm (tall): with white backdrop, looking towards the camera and not smiling;
- Payment of a fee (around US\$ 110) for the Immigration Department (provided in Brazilian territory). We will provide more information when you get here.

3. MAKING TRAVEL PLANS

Email us your flight and bus arrangements to international.esalq@usp.br so we can know the exact day and time of your arrival in Brazil and in Piracicaba.

4. WHAT TO BRING

Temperatures in Piracicaba vary from 37°C (maximum) to 12°C (minimum) throughout the year. During wintertime (July, August and September), it gets chilly and windy, with an average temperature of 16°C. The month with the highest temperatures is February, which has an average temperature of 30°C. Therefore, we

strongly advise you to bring some few warm clothes, but prepare yourself for hot temperatures, especially if you arrive in the first semester of the year.

In the topic Accommodation, you will find two options of different types of places to live in. For any of those two options, you should bring bed linen and towels.

5. HEALTH INSURANCE

Students must insure themselves from their home countries before arriving in Brazil. ESALQ-USP cannot take responsibilities for any accidents since it is student's responsibility to arrange the proper international health insurance. Please check the insurance companies' rules before leaving your country.

B. ARRIVING IN PIRACICABA

1. THE CITY OF PIRACICABA

The place is named after the waterfall river that bisects the city. Piracicaba literally means "place where the fish stops" in the Tupi language (extinct language that was spoken by the native people of Brazil). The main motor of its economy is the cultivation of sugar cane. A large company that has a center of research on genetic improvement of sugarcane, Copersucar, helps to fuel this growing industry. Piracicaba also holds a place for large industries, such as Caterpillar, ArcelorMittal and Hyundai. The city is also known for its many Higher Education Institutions: Luiz de Queiroz Superior School of Agriculture of the University of São Paulo (ESALQ/USP), Piracicaba Odontology Faculty of the Campinas State University (UNICAMP), Piracicaba Methodist University (UNIMEP) and Technology University of Piracicaba (FATEC), among others.

2. HOW TO GET HERE

- **By bus:** for this type of transportation, you'll find two options:

a) **From Guarulhos Airport to Campinas bus Station to Piracicaba**

➤ Take a bus inside Guarulhos Airport (ask for "VB Transportes" – at Terminal 2-ASA "C") to Campinas Bus Station (the ticket costs around R\$ 45,00). For information about the timetable, please check the following website (In Portuguese):

<http://www.vbtransportes.com.br/Linhas/Resultado.aspx?idDefault=58&idMunOrigem=7052&idMunDestino=7048>

➤ Take a bus from Campinas bus station (ask for “Viação COMETA”) to Piracicaba (the ticket costs around R\$ 16,75). The bus leaves Campinas to Piracicaba Bus Station every hour from 5h00 to 23h00.

b) Tietê Bus Station (São Paulo City) to Piracicaba

In case you are in São Paulo downtown, you can take a bus at Tietê Bus Station (ask for “Viação Piracicabana”) to Piracicaba Bus Station (the ticket costs around R\$ 45,00). The bus leaves Tietê Bus Station to Piracicaba Bus Station on the following hours:

6:30am/07h:00am/08:00am/09:30am/10:30am/11:30am/12:30pm/01:30pm/
02:30pm/03:30pm/04:30pm/05:30pm/06:30pm/07:30pm/08:00pm/08:30pm/
09:00pm/ 10:00pm/11:00pm

*Please, inform our International Office the exact date of your arrival.

3. EXPLORING THE CITY OF PIRACICABA

Here you will find some of entertainment and fast meal options students in Piracicaba use to go and that are close to the campus:

a) Entertainment

- Shopping Mall

The Shopping Mall of Piracicaba offers many store and restaurant options. It is also there that the Movie Theater is located. To check its facilities and the movie theater timetable, please access (In Portuguese):

<http://www.shoppingpiracicaba.com.br/home/index.php>

Piracicaba Shopping Mall is not far from ESALQ; you can always take a bus from the campus straight to a bus stop.

- Piracicaba River

By Piracicaba River, you can find a pedestrian street with colorful fishermen houses standing by where the city was first settled. A nice place to walk around and enjoy the fish restaurants and bars in the deck of the river that allows you to appreciate the view and get to see the small river waterfall. There is also a nice wooded park called the Viewpoint Park.

- Water Museum

A nice place to get great views from the Piracicaba River. The Water Museum used to be a water catchment and now it has turned into an educational museum.

Address: Beira Rio, 448

Info: +55 (19) 3432-8063

- "Engenho Central"

An 85-thousand-square-meters area that hosts several cultural events. The "Barão de Rezende" sugar mill was built in 1881 and it is a valuable historical heritage.

Address: Av. Maurice Allain, 454

Info: +55 (19) 3403-2600

- Piracicaba Zoo

The Piracicaba Zoo hosts more than 500 species of different animals in an area of 46.000 square meters.

Address: Av. Marechal Castelo Branco, 426

Info: +55 (19) 3421-3425.

Opening time: Tuesdays to Sundays from 9h00 to 16h30.

b) Meals

- McDonalds

Address: Avenida Independência, 2854

Opening time: Mon - Sun: 8h00 am to 5h00 am

- Burger King

Address: Avenida Independência, 2677

Opening time: Mon – Sun 10h00 am – 00h00

- Subway

Address: Avenida Independência 2835

Opening time: not available

- Antares

Self-service restaurant

Address: Av. Carlos Botelho, 148, Piracicaba.

- Pink's

Bakery

Address: Avenida São João, 573

C. GETTING SITUATED ON *CAMPUS*

1. ORIENTATION

As it says in the Academic Calendar Topic, You and all the other Exchange students will have two days of Orientation to get further information. On these days, you will be able to ask any question about topics that may still not be very clear to you.

2. MEALS

a) Students' Restaurant: ESALQ has a restaurant for students that charges around US\$2 per meal, and most students use this facility. It is a self-service restaurant, popular known as "Rucas" (University Restaurant), with a menu prepared by a nutritionist. It serves two meals per day, and the opening hours are:

- Lunch Time (Monday – Friday): 11:00am – 01:30pm
- Dinner Time (Monday – Friday): 05:30pm – 07:00pm
- On Saturdays: 11:30am – 01:00pm

b) Faculty Restaurant

Although called the Faculty Restaurant, it is open to everyone in the campus who would like to pay a bit more for a sophisticated food and a high-quality service. It is also a self-service type of restaurant and the price is R\$ 39.90 per kilo.

c) Saman

Saman is the name of the Snack Bar situated right across the students' Restaurant (Rucas).

3. COST OF LIVING

- Public Transportation: US\$ 1,80 (a ticket)
- Milk (one liter): US\$ 1.40
- Mineral Water (a bottle): US\$ 1.00
- Espresso coffee (a cup): US\$ 1.20
- Newspaper: US\$ 1.20
- Movie ticket: US\$ 5.00
- Hamburger: US\$ 3.00

*prices can vary according to the local store

4. HEALTH MATTERS

a) If you get sick or if you just do not feel well physically or psychology, you may want to visit the Student Health Services (UBAS – ‘Luiz de Queiroz’ Basic Unit of Health).

- The head of the Health Service: Marta Virgilio de Oliveira Luz.
- Opening Hours: Monday to Friday, from 8:00am to 05:00pm.

b) If you need psychological care, contact DVATCOM. The Psychological Service promotes the student-college-community integration throughout psychological and social orientation, helping students to solve any emotional problem that might interfere in the studies, productivity and personal development.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

➤ **Banking**

If you are staying only for 1 or 2 semesters, we do not recommend you to open a bank account. However, you can do withdraws in the Santander Bank, located in the campus, where they have an ATM machine.

6. ACADEMIC MATTERS

a) **Supervised Internship**

Internship in which you will be working in a research project along with an adviser professor.

b) **Extension Internships**

Internship in which you will be part of a group of students that work together in a research/project/business run by the students. As most of the internships selects people throughout a selection process, the international student might not be able to be part of it officially, but you can always try to get involved and help them with the matters that interest you. Besides, you can also



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work with a professor in any of the department laboratories.

To see all the extension internship groups we have in our campus, access the following link (in Portuguese):

<http://www.esalq.usp.br/svcex/grupos.php>

7. RECREATION/ENTERTAINMENT

a) Athletic Events

Founded in 1903, the A.A.A.L.Q ('Luiz de Queiroz' Academic Athletic Association) organizes the sports practices and competitions for ESALQ students. Their office is located in the gymnasium court and you are more than welcome to go there to check out all sports timetable or look for one of its members. They also sell t-shirts, shirts, coats, jackets and all kinds of pieces of clothes with their symbol on it. Their store is located by the snack bar "Saman" and the opening hours are during lunchtime.

The modalities offered in the campus are:

- Futsal
- Handball
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Basketball
- Softball/Baseball
- Rugby



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You can also practice in our percussion music group known as To.Ba.L.Q.

For more information, please access (In Portuguese):

<http://www.aalq.com.br/>

b) ESALQ's Symbol

The A-shaped symbol represents our University at any sport competition,

meeting or event. It was created in 1932, by Delphim da Rocha Neto, a famous sport's chronicler back in those times. The symbol reminds a Bulldog, for its position of defense.



c) "Luiz de Queiroz" Choral/Orchestra

If you are good at singing, enjoy singing or play any kind of instrument, you should attend the ESALQ's Choral group.

d) CALQ

"Luiz de Queiroz" Academic Center (CALQ) is a student organization founded in 1909 that deals with all students' political views towards their courses or towards the campus. They also promote events to get funds, such as barbecues, concerts, on their own place, located out of the *campus*.

8. STUDENT SERVICES

a) Museum

The museum is a beautiful building in front of a lake called the 'duck pond'. It used to be the house of the ESALQ's dean and nowadays the 'Luiz de Queiroz' Museum takes place in this building.

b) Language Center

The Language Center offers a Portuguese Course to all the international students with no costs, and English Courses to staff and undergraduate students.

c) International Office (SVAInt)

The International Office is your first contact with ESALQ. Here we will guide you on the bureaucratic request of you RNE document.

It coordinates the Campus international activities with partner institutions from other countries in order to manage international agreements that foster international expertise by facilitating research and study abroad. It also hosts and supports international scholarly activities on campus for visiting faculty, researchers and students who come to ESALQ interested in culture and knowledge in Agriculture, Environmental Management and Applied Social Sciences.

d) Central Library

The Central Library occupies an area of 3.056,2 square meters with an approximately number of 102.341 books and 315.151 magazines, besides the scientific publications. Its mission is to provide and incentive the creation of information, contributing to the quality of the three important goals that the University is meant to reach: Learning, Research and Extension, in all fields of knowledge.

Opening Hours:

7:45am to 10:00pm – Monday to Friday

8:00am to 12:00pm – Saturday

7:45am to 06:00pm – Monday to Friday on Vocation and Holyday time.

e) Economics Department Library

Although it belongs to the Economics Department, this library is open to all students. It's a smaller library comparing to the Central one, but it is also great option if you're are up to have a comfy and quiet place to study.

Opening Hours:

7:45am to 10:00pm – Monday to Friday

8:00am to 12:00pm - Saturday

7:45am to 06:00pm – Monday to Friday on Vocation and Holyday time.

For more information, access:

<http://www.en.esalq.usp.br/how-we-work/library>

f) Other libraries:

- Genetics Department Library

Opening hours:

7:45am to 05:30pm – Monday to Friday

8:00am to 05:30pm - Monday to Friday on Vocation and Holyday time

- Agro-industry, Food and Nutrition Department Library

Opening hours:

7:45am to 09:00pm – Monday to Friday

7:45am to 05:30pm - Monday to Friday on Vocation and Holyday time

g) Computer Center

The Computer Center (CIAGRI) was created in November 1984 to attend a demand for computer science information. Nowadays, it is an administrative institution that executes informatics projects inside the Campus. It also offers a computer lab for all students.

h) Undergraduate Service

Service you should call on to solve any academic problem you might have. After you had gone through the bureaucratic process to get your RNE document, you will be asked to go to the Undergraduate Service to initiate your enrollment process.

i) CENA

The Center for Nuclear Energy in Agriculture is a center for studies in nuclear energy techniques towards the agriculture development. It also offers graduation programs.

For more information, please access:

<http://www.cena.usp.br/pt/>

9. UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE

a) USP

ESALQ is one of the *campi* that belongs to the University of São Paulo (USP), which main campus is located in São Paulo City. USP, as the major institution of higher learning and research in Brazil, is responsible for educating a large part of Brazilian Masters and Ph.D's. It is a public university, maintained by the State of São Paulo and affiliated with the State Secretariat of Economic, Scientific and Technological Development. Various world rankings, created to measure the quality of universities according to various criteria, particularly those related to scientific productivity, have widely recognized the talent and dedication of USP professors, students and employees.

To watch a video explaining more about the whole University, please access:

<http://www5.usp.br/en/institucional/a-usp/>

b) ESALQ

➤ Undergraduate Programs

ESALQ offers seven different undergraduate programs:

- Management

The undergraduate program in Management involves basic subjects such as mathematics, statistics, law, accounting, sociology, philosophy, psychology and ethics; more specific subjects such as production management and control, capital markets,



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financial mathematics, logistics, finance, information systems, human resources and marketing, and disciplines in areas related to economics, environment, business management, international trade, agribusiness and family farming.

- Biological Science

Biologists graduating from USP/ESALQ have a solid background in the basic areas of botany, cell biology, genetics, zoology, ecology, biochemistry and biophysics. A Bachelor's certificate is also awarded when courses in education are included in the student curriculum.

Biologists are highly competitive in the job market in the specific areas of agricultural biology, biotechnology and wildlife management. The broad spectrum of study prepares a biologist for an active professional participation in agriculture production and in biotic resources management.



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- Food Science



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The Food Science program aims to prepare professionals to work in the food and nutrition field, providing critical knowledge regarding the social, economic, political and cultural status of the country. A graduate's abilities range from food processing and conservation to agri-food industrial technology and nutrition. Knowledge in these areas is based on the study of raw material supply and intrinsic characteristics, food chain management, food system structures and sanitary food quality inspection.

- Economics

ESALQ's undergraduate program in Economics aims to prepare a unique professional in this field. Beyond the ability to perform the tasks ordinarily expected from economists, ESALQ's graduates have solid economic background to deal with specific economic problems related to agricultural production, processing, environmental issues and regional



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development.

ESALQ's economists are prepared to handle complex problems related to various aspects of Agribusiness, a sector that represents over 30% of Brazil's GDP (Gross Domestic Product). The course design incorporates sound theoretical, applied economic training, offering to students a solid education in quantitative and computational methods, principles of sustainable development and natural resources management.

- Agriculture

Agriculture involves the production and marketing of food, fiber and bio-based products (such as sugar, alcohol and gas from sugarcane). Bachelor's candidates are involved with the sustainable production, processing and marketing of agricultural products and thus play an important role in the agribusiness world. During their program at ESALQ, students take several basic and applied courses, including molecular biology, precision agriculture, use of the irradiation for food preservation, biological disease and insect control, agribusiness administration and marketing, with solid background in plant and animal production systems.



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- Forestry

The Forestry undergraduate program at ESALQ provides students with the necessary skills to assess the biological potential of forest ecosystems and to plan and implement sustainable management of natural and planted forests. Obtaining forest products, goods and services while improving, protecting and conserving ecosystems is the major goal of professional foresters. Knowledge is transferred to students in a holistic way, linking wood science and technology to the environment through forestry and forest science.



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- Environmental Management

This program aims to develop environmental managers who will be prepared technically and



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scientifically to plan and control human activities that affect the environment. Its curriculum encompasses subjects in Public and Private Enterprise administration as well as in the main ecological topics related to natural resources management and socio-economic aspects. The environmental manager should be capable of leading multidisciplinary, cross-functioning teams that perform in governmental structures, private enterprises and within NGO's and conservation units that seek the improvement of environmental quality.

➤ Departments

Each unit of USP is divided in departments that represent smaller administrative sectors. The departments are geared towards specific areas of knowledge, and it is responsible to coordinate all of its professors and staff. Most of the Extension groups are located inside these departments, and as it was mentioned in the Extension Internship Groups topic, here you have a list of some of the Extension groups segmented by department. We have 12 departments at ESALQ, where you will be taking different classes:



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- *Agro-industry, Food e Nutrition Department– LAN*
(10 Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. Solange Guidolin Canniatti Brazaca

- Alcohol and Sugar Sector

- Food sector
- Human Nutrition Sector



GETEP – Technology Innovation Studies and Quality of Fish Group



GESEA- Food Security Group



GEAF – Function Food Studies Group

For more information: <http://www.lan.esalq.usp.br/>

- *Soil Sciences Department – LSO*
(12 Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. Luis Reynaldo Ferracciú Alleoni

- Soil Sector
- Fertilization and Cultures Sector
- Plants Mineral Nutrition Sector
- Soil Microbiology Sector



Research and Extension Support Group

For more information: <http://www.solos.esalq.usp.br/>

- ***Biological Sciences Department – LCB***
(14 Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. Ricardo Ferraz de Oliveira



LERF – Environment Adequacy Program



NACEPTECA – Environment Education and Conservation Center



Family Agriculture Social, Environmental and Economic Development



GEWA – Walter Accorsi Studies Group



PET - Tutorial Education Program – Ecology

For more information: <http://www.lcb.esalq.usp.br/#>

- ***Math Sciences Department – LCE***
(Three Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. Carlos Tadeu dos Santos Dias

- Chemistry Sector
- Statistics Sector
- Mathematics Sector

For more information: <http://www.lce.esalq.usp.br/apresentacao.php>

- *Forest Sciences Department – LCF*
(18 Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. Mario Tomazello Filho



GFMO - Monte Olimpo Forest Group



ESALQ Forest Student Company



TUME – Eucalyptus Multiple Use Test

for more information : <http://www.lcf.esalq.usp.br/index.php>

- *Economics, Business and Sociology Department – LES*

Head

Prof. Dr. Carlos José Caetano Bacha

- Political Economy Analysis Sector (Microeconomics and Macroeconomics)
- Economy Development Sector;
- Agribusiness Economy Sector;
- Rural Sociology and Extension Sector;
- Rural Development Sector;
- EcoNatural Resources Economy Sector;
- Econometrics Sector;
- Logistics and Transportation Sector;
- Risk Analysis and Insurance Management Sector;
- Future Market Economy Sector;
- Social and Environment Development Sector;
- Agro Sciences Licenciante Sector.



CEPEA - Center for Advanced Studies on Applied Economics



ESALQ-LOG Agribusiness Logistics Research Group



ESALQ Agribusiness Marketing



GEMT - Job Market Extension Group



GRUPO TERRA - Rural Territoriality and Agrarian Reform Group



PECEGE - Continued Education in Enterprise Management Group



ADECA - Agribusiness management and Applied Economics



ECOACRA – Rural Communication Internship



EJEA – ESALQ Business and Economics Student Company



PET GAEA – Tutorial Education Program – Agribusiness Management



ENACTUS – Enactus Extension Group



GECEI – International Trade Extension Group

For more information: <http://www.economia.esalq.usp.br/>

- ***Biosystems Engineering Department – LEB***
(11 Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. Marcos V. Folegatti



NUPEA - Ambiente Research Center



GMAP – Mechanization and Precision Agriculture Group



GPID – Irrigation and Drainage Practice Group



GPEAS – Water and Soil Practical Studies Group



TOPOGEO – Topography and Geoprocessing Research Extension Group



GEPEB – Biosystem and Energy Research Extension Group



GEPURA – Rational Use of Water Practical Studies Group



GEPTA – Application Technology Research Extension Group

For more information: <http://www.leb.esalq.usp.br/laboratorios.html>

- *Acarology and Entomology Department – LEA*
(10 Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. João Roberto Spotti Lopes

For more information: <http://www.lea.esalq.usp.br/>

- *Plant Phytopathology and Nematology Department – LFN*

(10 Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. Jorge Alberto Marques Rezende

For more information: <http://www.lfn.esalq.usp.br/>

- *Genetics Department – LGN*

(21 Laboratories/2 Experimental Fields)

Head

Ricardo Antunes de Azevedo

For more information: <http://www.genetica.esalq.usp.br/>

- *Vegetal Production Department – LPV*

(Two Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. Pedro Jacob Christoffoleti



GEA – Agriculture Experimentation Group



GELQ – 'Luiz de Queiroz' Studies Group

For more information: <http://www.lpv.esalq.usp.br/>

- *Animal Science Department – LZT*
(14 Laboratories)

Head

Prof. Dr. Flávio Augusto Portela Santos



CPZ- Animal Sciences Practice Club

For more information: <http://www.zootecnia.esalq.usp.br/#>

- *Other Extension Groups*



ISF – International Student Forum Brazil



Equine Extension Group

10. PORTUGUESE CLASSES

Exchange students coming to ESALQ-USP are not required to have a specific level of knowledge in Portuguese. However, for those who do not have a previous knowledge of our language, we do recommend them to attend Portuguese classes in their home countries, as it will be of great help in and outside the campus. ESALQ offers a 30-hour Portuguese Course for Foreigners in the beginning of the academic semester, free of charge.

D. COMMUNICATION

1. STUDENT MAILBOX

Once you get here, you will receive an e-mail account login and password to access any computer inside the campus and be able to use the Wi-Fi connection. If you have any problem with your email account, the CIAGRI is there to help you.

2. ACOM

The Communication Consultancy is a service provided to the student, professors and the Campus Staff, responsible for spreading out academic information. Any event, lecture, music concert will be informed through ACOM emails.

3. CELL PHONE

You can choose to buy a basic cell phone as a means of communication during your time at ESALQ. Having a cell phone will make it easier for you to communicate with your friends on campus.

4. TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- International calls:

+55 0 DDD 8-digit telephone number

- National calls:

0 (XX) DDD 8 digit telephone number

- Piracicaba calls

8-digit telephone number

- ✓ DDD -> The area code of the city is represented by 2 digits. The Piracicaba code is 19
- ✓ (xx) -> The company code you intend to be calling from. Ex: 21 (Embratel) and 15 (Anatel)
- ✓ If you are calling to a cell phone number, you should add the 9 digit to the beginning of the number.

ACOM	(19) 3429 4485/ 4109 4477	acom.esalq@usp.br
DVATCOM	(19) 3429.4161/4362	dvatcom.lq@usp.br
Central Library	(19) 3429 4140	biblioteca.esalq@usp.br
CENA	(19) 3429 1422/4199	diretoria@cena.usp.br
AAALQ	(19) 3429 4611	
CALQ	(19) 3429 4165	
Museum	(19) 3429 4305	museulq@usp.br

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Undergraduation Service	(19) 3429 4158	sagradua@usp.br
CIAGRI	(19) 3429 4545	suporte@ciagri.usp.br
University Restaurant	(19) 3429 4356	
Health Services	(19) 3429 4333	ubaslq@usp.br
Agro-industry, Food e Nutrition Department- LAN	(19) 3429 4228	sgcbraza@usp.br (head)
Soil Sciences Department - LSO	(19) 3417 2120	alleoni@usp.br (head)
Biological Sciences Department- LCB	(19) 3429 4117/3429 4136	ligia.esalq@usp.br (head)
Math Sciences Department- LCE	(19) 3429 4127	lce.esalq@usp.br
Forest Sciences Department- LCF	(19) 2105 8627	mtomazel@usp.br (head)
Economics, Business and Sociology Department - LES	(19) 3429 4444	les.esalq@usp.br
Biosystems Engineering Department - LEB	(19) 34294217	chefeleb@usp.br
Acarology and Entomology Department - LEA	(19) 34294199	entomologia@usp.br
Plant Phytopathology and Nematology Department - LFN	(19) 34294124	lfn@usp.br
Genetics Department - LGN	(19) 3447 8620	lgn@usp.br
Vegetal Production Department - LPV	(19) 3429 4190/3429 4116/3429 4437	lpvgraduacao@usp.br
Animal Science Department - LZT	(19) 3429 4134	fapsantos@usp.br

5. FINDING CONTACT INFORMATION ON CAMPUS

In case you want to find out any student or professor email or telephone number, please check the following web link (In Portuguese):

<http://www.esalq.usp.br/localiza.php>

E. ACCOMMODATION

On-campus accommodation is not available. Although ESALQ has a dormitory building, the rooms are reserved only for low-income family students in Brazil.

The International Office can help you on finding accommodation. There are two possibilities on that matter:

a) Off-campus houses ("república")

Student residences (male or female). Costs vary from US\$ 100 to US\$ 300, depending on the available facilities. Some of them have included meals, internet, housekeeper, furniture, etc. It is important to say that, in most cases, you would have to share a room with some other students. The "repúblicas" can be compared to fraternities, in which you will be introduced to all fraternity's friends, and they will help you with anything you might need.

b) Rooms

You can also rent private rooms that are usually individual rooms normally with bathrooms in residential houses; the kitchen is usually shared with other tenants. There are female and male houses. Costs vary from US\$250 to US\$ 350.

Traditionally most exchange students prefer to live near ESALQ, in nice and safe places, a 10 to 20 minute-walk distant from the campus.

F. WHO WAS LUIZ DE QUEIROZ AFTER ALL?

Luiz Vicente de Souza Queiroz was born in São Paulo on June 12, 1849. He completed his Graduation in Agriculture in Grignon (France) and in Zurich (Switzerland). Back to Brazil and still in a very young age, he started his pioneer work at bringing development to the city of Piracicaba by building its fabric industry, a hydroelectric power plant, the fluvial navigation organization, cotton growing culture and exotic forests acclimatization. He was politically involved and was one of the founders of the Piracicaba Athletics Club.

After his second period spent in Europe in the year of 1888, he decided that the moment of building an agriculture school had come. He had gotten the construction started in the farm known by then as the "São João da Montanha" farm, located 3 kilometers away from the center of Piracicaba. He has resorted all kinds of way to get funds for his project, unsuccessfully.



Luiz de Queiroz was still with all his documents over his office table when, suddenly and unexpected, he closed his eyes forever in June 11, 1898.

In his deed of gift had been included the clause that obligated the Estate of São Paulo to create an Agriculture School, within the maximum term of 10 years.

When the Secretary of Agriculture, Cândido Rodrigues, came to Piracicaba in 1901, he was astonished with the results of Luiz the Queiroz's project. Finally, he managed the Government to inaugurate the Agriculture School that Luiz de Queiroz had always dreamed about, in June 3, 1901.

Luiz de Queiroz was a strongly innovate farmer, industrial entrepreneur and with an incredible visionary personality.

G.ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND ORIENTATION DAYS

➤ IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- February 10th and 11th: Orientation Days (Mandatory)
- July 28th and 29th: Orientation Days (Mandatory)

All international students should arrive in Piracicaba before February 10 (in the first semester) and before July 28 (in the second semester). During the orientation days, we will deal with administrative procedures, which have to be done right after your arrival in Brazil, such as:

- Enrollment procedures;
- Orientation for Registration at Brazilian Federal Police.

First semester: February 17 to July 8 – 101 class days

Holidays:**March**

03 a Carnival and Ash Wednesday
05

April

14 a Easter Break
19
21 "Tiradentes"

May

01 Labor Day
02 e recess
03

June

19 *Corpus Christi*
20 e recess
21

Second semester: August 4 to December 6 – 99 class days**Holidays:****September**

07 Independence Day (Sunday)
08 a Nation week
13

October

12 "Nossa Senhora Aparecida", Patroness of Brazil (Sunday)
27 Recess
28 Public employee day

November

02 All Souls day
15 Republic Proclamation