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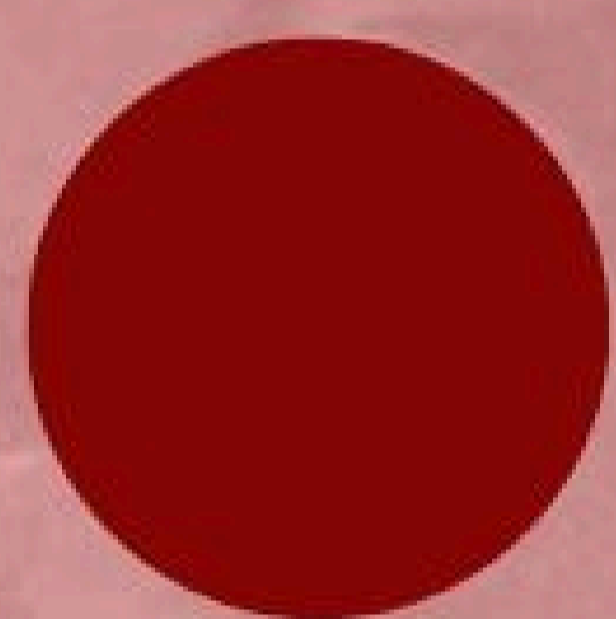
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Dear student,

Welcome to the Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)! We are glad you have chosen our university to undertake a period of study.

In this **International Student Guide**, you will find some important information about **coming to Santa Maria and studying at UFSM**.

We hope you have a **great international experience with us!**

SAI Team
International Affairs Office

Arriving in Brazil

You can choose **Salgado Filho International Airport (code: POA)** in Porto Alegre as your destination and travel to Santa Maria by bus or carpooling apps (e.g., BlaBlaCar).

Another option is to arrive at **Santa Maria Municipal Airport (code: RIA)**, although it offers limited flight options.

To consult **bus timetables to Santa Maria**, [click here](#).

Arriving in Santa Maria

In Santa Maria, there are **2 bus stations**: for those coming from Porto Alegre, the 1st stop is in **Camobi** (where UFSM is located). The second is near the **city center** and serves as the main bus station.

Upon arrival in Santa Maria, you will need to obtain the following documents, as they are **essential** for enrolling at UFSM.

Important Documents

National Migratory Registration (RNM): issued by the Federal Police. The service must be scheduled in advance (ask your international friend for assistance).
Click on “Registro de imigrante detentor de visto temporário” (Registration of immigrants with a temporary visa).

Personal Tax ID Number (CPF): can be requested along with the visa at the Brazilian diplomatic representation in your country. It is also possible to request the CPF through the Brazilian Federal Revenue Office (Receita Federal) website, in **this link**.

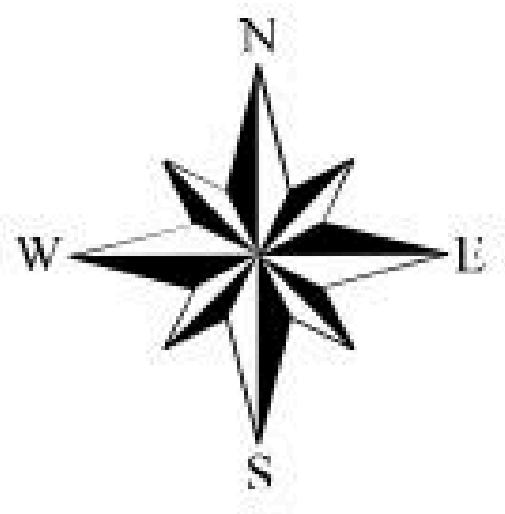
Arriving at UFSM

Make an effort to arrive in Santa Maria **at least one week before your classes begin**, so that you can obtain all the necessary documents in time.

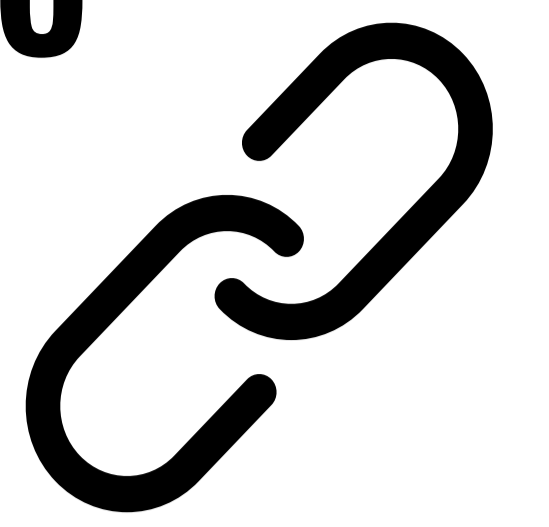
Upon your arrival, you must report to the International Affairs Office (SAI) to deliver your documents and request enrollment.

SAI is in building 47 (Central Administrative Offices), on the 7th floor, room 739.

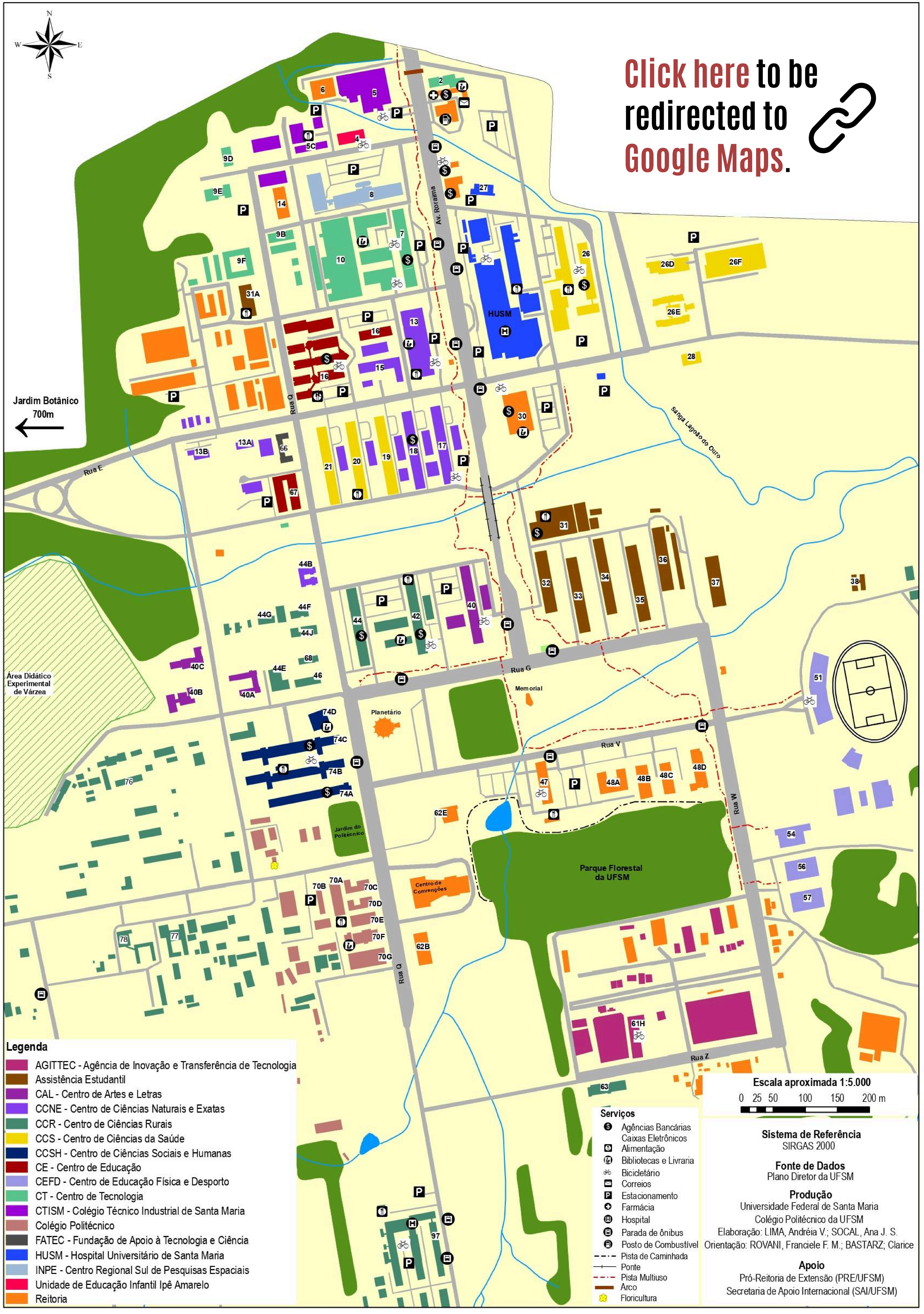
Walk-in hours (Monday to Friday):
From 8:30 to 12:30 PM and from 1 to 5 PM.
The schedule may vary during vacations.



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 - Assistência Estudantil
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 - CCNE - Centro de Ciências Naturais e Exatas
 - CCR - Centro de Ciências Rurais
 - CCS - Centro de Ciências da Saúde
 - CSSH - Centro de Ciências Sociais e Humanas
 - CE - Centro de Educação
 - CEFD - Centro de Educação Física e Desporto
 - CT - Centro de Tecnologia
 - CTISM - Colégio Técnico Industrial de Santa Maria
 - Colégio Politécnico
 - FATEC - Fundação de Apoio à Tecnologia e Ciência
 - HUSM - Hospital Universitário de Santa Maria
 - INPE - Centro Regional Sul de Pesquisas Espaciais
 - Unidade de Educação Infantil Ipê Amarelo
 - Reitoria

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Welcoming Actions

Actions aimed at welcoming international students include: Portuguese language classes, sightseeing tours, documentation regularization and enrollment, among others.

More information about it will be sent later by email. For other important dates at UFSM, consult our [academic calendar](#).

UFSM course contents can be found [here](#).

Buddy Program

The Buddy Program was designed to bring about **integration between international students and volunteer members of the UFSM academic community.**

The **buddy** provides assistance to the international student in their first few weeks at UFSM, you can discover more about it in **this link.**

The exchange students' contact information will be given to **a person willing to help** with any questions regarding arrival and getting settled in.

Housing in Santa Maria

The Friendly Housing Program provides a list of contacts of people from the Santa Maria community who wish **to host international students in their homes.**

We emphasize that the residences are private and UFSM has no responsibility in this kind of contract, being the sole **responsibility of the student.** You can discover more about it in **this link.**

More information about housing in Santa Maria can be found on **rental apps as or real estate and accomodation websites and social media.**

The UFSM campus is not only a space dedicated to studies and research but also to outdoor recreational activities. You can choose to live in **Camobi, where the university is located, in the **city center**, or in **other neighborhoods**.**

Living in Camobi offers the convenience of being **close to UFSM, while living in the city center provides a greater variety of **shops, services, and cultural events**.**

The commute between the city center and Camobi takes about 40 minutes, depending on traffic and the mode of transportation chosen.

Sockets and voltage



The current standard for outlets in Brazil is the **three-prong** type, where it is also possible to plug in the old two-prong type.



The voltage in the city of Santa Maria is 220 volts, so make sure your devices are designed to use this voltage or are dual-voltage.

City Transportation

University students have a **50% discount on bus fare**, which costs **R\$2.50** - after the discount.

To obtain the discounted fare and the bus card, you must register as a student at **ATU (Santa Maria Public Transportation Association)**. To do this, you will need to take a copy of your RNM, your certificate of enrollment (comprovante de matrícula) and proof of address (comprovante de residência) to ATU as soon as you have completed enrollment at UFSM.

To **check bus routes and schedules**, you can download the **Urmob** app.



University Restaurant

UFSM has a university restaurant (RU) that offers **3 meals a day**: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

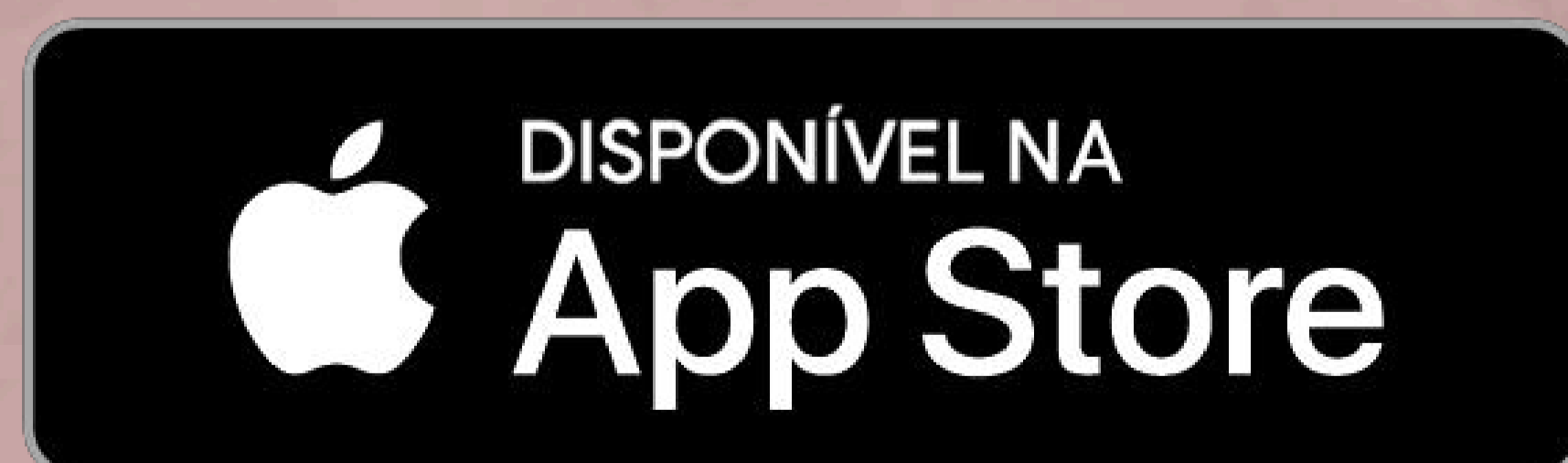
The price of meals for regularly enrolled students at UFSM is **R\$2.50**. Students whose exchange program provides meal stipends (AUGM) do not pay for meals at RU.

To gain access to the restaurant, students must apply for an **RU card** at the **UFSM Student Portal**. Students must also schedule their meals in advance on the UFSM app or at the University Restaurant portal.

UFSM App

This resource provides students and employees with access to a number of features, including the **university restaurant menu, meal scheduling, library book renewals, student grades and absences and UFSM bus schedules. The app also provides a digital version of the **Student Card, (e-card)**, which can be used in place of its physical version.**

Download it here:



At the end of your exchange program

When your exchange period is over, the International Affairs Office (SAI) will forward your academic transcript to your home university within **30 days**.

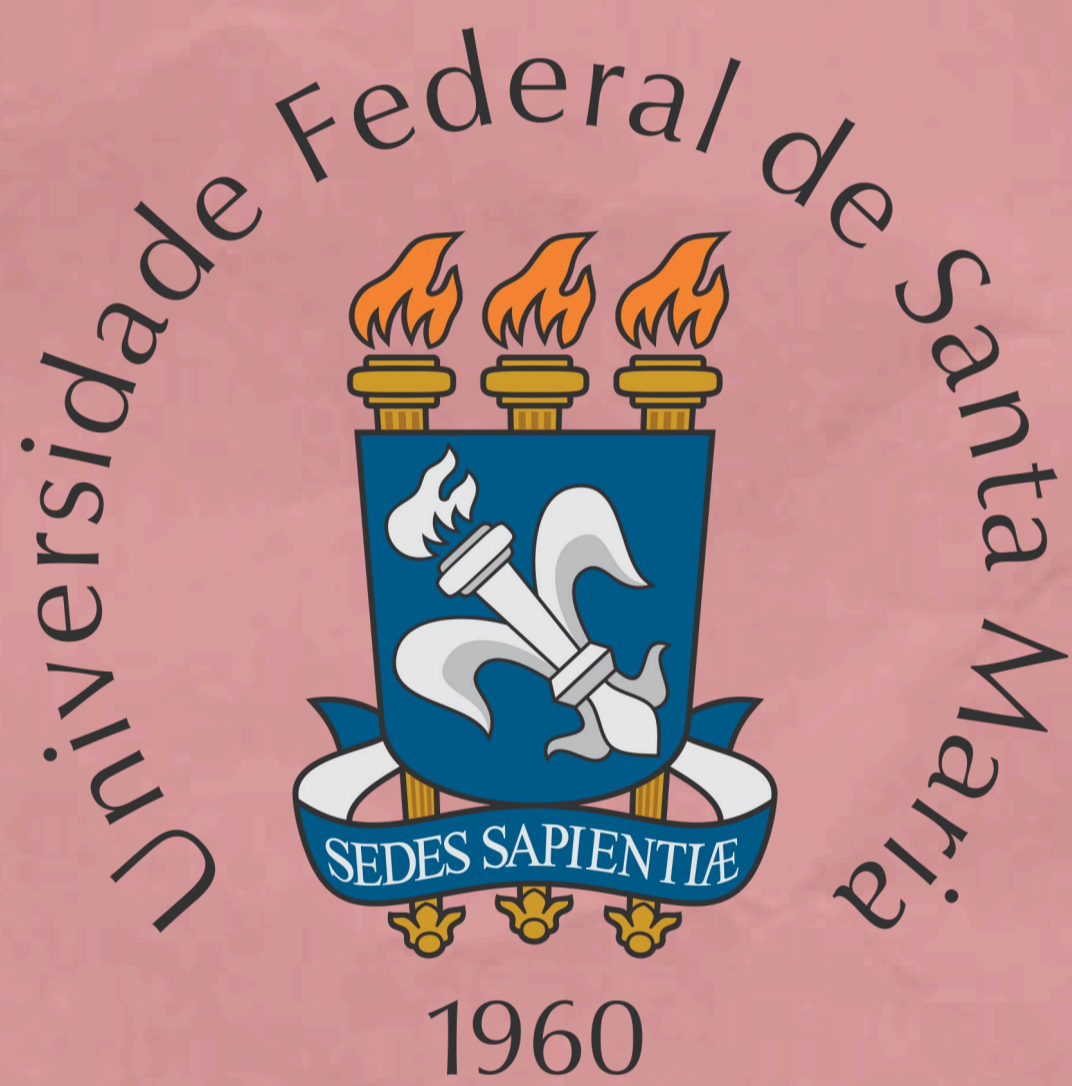
However, the academic transcript will only be issued if you have **no overdue charges or books on loan from the library and other UFSM services**. Therefore, be sure you return any books taken during the exchange period and don't forget to come by SAI to say **goodbye!**

Once again, we wish you a **pleasant stay** during your study period at UFSM!

Useful contacts



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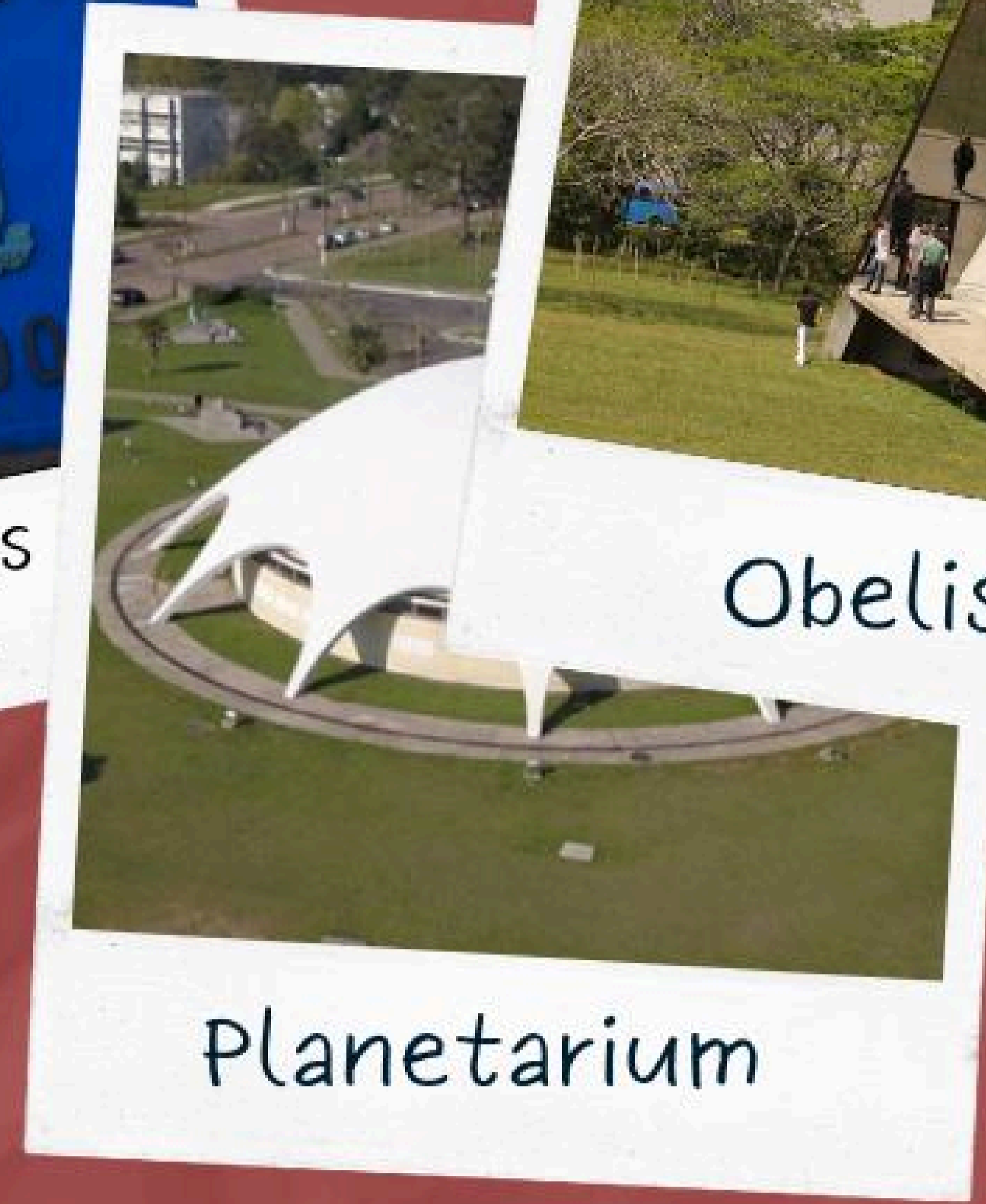
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