### Practical Information

#### Public Transport

There are UFRJ campi in Ilha do Fundão, Praia Vermelha, and Macaé. Besides, there are several off campus UFRJ academic units, located, mainly, in Rio de Janeiro downtown area.

Rio de Janeiro’s public transport system comprises bus lines, subways, trains and ferryboats. Municipal bus tickets cost R$ 3.00, subway tickets cost R$ 3.50, train tickets cost R$ 3.20, and ferryboat tickets cost R$4.50.

The city has a reduced fare system called Bilhete Único Carioca (that can be roughly translated to Carioca’s Single Card), also known as RioCard. Using Bilhete Único Carioca’s electronic card (RioCard) one can take up to two city buses, within 2 hours, paying a single ticket for both. Bilhete Único Carioca (RioCard) can be used in city buses, ferryboats, trains, subways and official vans. To acquire a Bilhete Único Carioca (RioCard), look for a RioCard store or go to an Itaú bank agency.

**TIPS:** Buses are the easiest and least expensive way to get around Rio. Keep in mind that they are harder to find at night as many of the bus routes shut down.

⚠️ **When taking public buses, be sure to stay alert. It is best to remove money from your wallet prior to boarding the bus so pickpockets cannot see where you keep it.**

The main bus lines that pass through Cidade Universitária campus are:

**From/to Ipanema/Copacabana/South Zone/Downtown**
485 – Penha/Praça General Osório (Ipanema)
This bus line passes through the same bus stations on the way to and from Cidade Universitária, covering different routes. It is worthy finding out about its route prior to boarding.

**From/to North Zone**
634 – Saens Peña/Freguesia – via Cidade Universitária
913/616 – Del Castilho (Metrô)/Cidade Universitária
663 – Méier/Praia do Dendê – via Cidade Universitária

💡 You can design custom public transportation routes through **Vá de Ônibus website** and mobile phone application ([iOS](#) / [Android](#)) or through **Moovit** mobile phone application ([iOS](#) / [Android](#)).

📍 The UFRJ offers intercampus buses that run from Monday to Friday (except on holidays) and facilitates the arrival to and departure from Cidade Universitária in times and routes not covered by commercial bus lines. Click here for further information. (in Portuguese only).
Opening Hours
From Monday to Saturday, shops open between 8 AM and 10 AM and shut between 6 PM and 8 PM. On Sundays, some shops do not open, but it is always possible to purchase what is needed on supermarkets or department stores that open every day.

Several drugstores are open 24/7 and the restaurants close around midnight.

Bank agencies are open from 10 AM to 4 PM, while there are 24/7 ATMs available all around the city.

Telephone
Most exchange students buy GSM chips to activate their mobile phones in Brazil.
To purchase a GSM chip, you may go to a mobile operator store with a valid passport or simply to a newspaper stand. There you can purchase prepaid cards with credits to use the voice and data services offered by the mobile operator of your choice.

The Brazilian mobile operators also offer prepaid cards that can be used on public phones or landlines.

The Brazilian international telephone code is +55.
✓ Intercom calls: 0 + operator’s code + city code + phone
✓ International calls: 00 + operator’s code + country code + phone
✓ To make a collect call, substitute the first 0 for 90.
✓ To call to service phones (900, 0800, 0900, etc) it is not needed to include the operator’s code.

Service tariffs vary depending on the mobile operator.

Climate
Rio de Janeiro has a tropical climate, warm and humid, with local variations, due to changes in altitude, vegetation, and ocean proximity; the average annual temperature is 22°C Celsius, with higher temperatures during the summer (around 30° - 32° Celsius). During the high summer – from December to March – on the warmest days usually there are fast and vigorous rains.

If you are not used to warm weather, you will get used to it quickly in Rio de Janeiro! Do not forget to bring light clothes and bathing suits – so you can enjoy some wonderful beaches.

Regardless of the season, it is advisable to bring over a jacket or a sweater, because the weather can change very suddenly in some places, especially in mountainous and coastal regions.

To stand the winter in Rio de Janeiro, a sweater shall be enough.

Electricity
The power voltage in Rio de Janeiro is 110 Volts and the power outlets, in general, are of type C or N. If you are coming from a country with different power outlets, ensure to bring over plug adaptors to avoid any trouble (or simply buy one upon your arrival).

Emergencies
Fire Brigade 193
Police 190
First-aid (SAMU) 192
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