

60 YEARS PEC-G

Federal University of Uberlândia (UFU)

In 2025, the PEC-G (Undergraduate Student Agreement Program) celebrates 60 years of promoting international education and cultural exchange between Brazil and partner countries.

Timeline

Year	Milestone
1965	Decree No. 55,613 regulates the convention-student program
1981	Protocol between MRE, CAPES, and CNPq creates the PEC-PG (Graduate Student Agreement)
1998	Creation of Celpe-Bras (Certificate of Proficiency in Portuguese for Foreigners)
2024	Decree No. 11,923 officially creates the PEC-PLE and updates regulations
2025	60 YEARS!

Did You Know? — 2026 Edition

UFU's Ranking in PEC-G 2026

UFU was the **8th Brazilian university** to offer the most spots in the PEC-G program, with **188 slots** offered (allocation limit: 181).

Top Universities by Number of PEC-G Spots (2026)

University	Spots
UFMS	532
UFMG	456
UFF	366
UNESP	299
UFJM	233
UFGD	194
UEMG	191
UFU	188
UnB	181
UFSC	158

Top 3 Most Desired Courses by PEC-G Students

1st	Medicine
2nd	Business Administration
3rd	International Relations

843
Portuguese language course spots
offered via PEC-PLE

55%
of those selected for PEC-G
and PEC-PLE are students
from PALOP African countries

PEC-G Trends: 2016 to 2026

Source: MEC and MRE Report commemorating the 60th anniversary of PEC-G.

Available Spots — 2016 to 2026

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
3339	3511	2961	3409	3642	3463	3123	4288	6043	8256	8554

Applications — 2016 to 2026

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
743	659	677	834	755	496	280	402	867	1748	3291

Students Selected — 2016 to 2026

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
465	491	453	510	515	173	194	304	692	1397	1947

The data shows a remarkable growth trend: from 2023 onwards, both available spots and the number of applicants and selected students surged dramatically, with 2026 recording all-time highs.

PEC-G at UFU

**115 PEC-G STUDENTS HAVE STUDIED AT UFU
(2007–2025)**

Countries of Origin of UFU PEC-G Students

Angola	Benin	Bissau
Bolivia	Cape Verde	Cameroon
Colombia	Congo	Costa do Marfim (Ivory Coast)
Costa Rica	Ecuador	Gabon
Ghana	Guatemala	Equatorial Guinea
Guinea-Bissau	Honduras	Mozambique
Nigeria	Panama	Paraguay
São Tomé e Príncipe	Senegal	Venezuela

47%
of students received some form
of scholarship at some point
during their undergraduate studies

Top 5 UFU Courses Most Attended by PEC-G Students:

- 1. International Relations**
- 2. Biomedicine**
- 3. Medicine**
- 4. Economics**
- 5. Architecture & Urban Planning,
Computer Science,
Aeronautical Engineering,
Mechatronic Engineering**

Testimonials from UFU Alumni

MÁRIO WILSON DE NÓBREGA GOMES — Angola

Coordinator of Cultural Practices and Agricultural Aviation

"UFU is a world-class university. My wife was also a PEC-G student, and my graduating class honored me by naming the 45th Agronomy cohort after me."

ELISÂNGELA JESSICA VERA CRUZ BONFIM — São Tomé e Príncipe

Physician – National Program to Combat Tuberculosis

"With the skills I acquired, I have been able to achieve very satisfying professional results."

NUNO SILAS BENRÓS SANTOS — Cape Verde

Senior Data Analyst at iFood

"It opened my mind to new experiences and ways of living. It taught me to value multicultural production."

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