Your future begins now.
Polytechnic Higher Education in Guarda is now a determining factor in the qualification of the Interior and in the interaction of the productive system, promoting the valorization of human resources, applied research, the transfer of knowledge and innovation.

The Polytechnic of Guarda (PG) promotes regional development and the social economy, perfecting its own institutional culture, enhancing the quality and public visibility of excellence, based on projects and collaborations of recognized national and international merit.

The PG is committed to the quality of its training and research, in connection with the business, cultural and social sectors of the region, as well as in cooperation with Portuguese universities and polytechnics and foreign institutions, which is expanding across continents.

The quality and rigour of the teaching provided in the various training courses (Professional Technicians, Undergraduate and Master’s courses), the excellent working conditions, the excellence of the laboratories, the means of research, the transfer of knowledge, social action and the high index of employability of our graduates are reasons that lead us to state that the Guarda Polytechnic is a prestigious institution where it is worth studying.

The PG is composed of 4 schools: School of Education, Communication and Sports; School of Technology and Management; School of Health; School of Tourism and Hospitality.
SERVICES

Accommodation
The Social Services have 5 student halls of residence. This sector’s policy is to give absolute priority to those who need it most. All the student halls of residence have single, double and triple rooms, with private bathroom, except for the Men’s Residence II, which consists of single and double rooms. All floors of each Residence are equipped with a kitchen and study room. The student halls of residence have central heating, cleaning services, bed linen and towels, general and self-service laundry, telephone in the rooms and public telephone, security/surveillance and internet.

Sports, Leisure and Culture
The Polytechnic of Guarda is an institution with a broad participation in the activities of the University Sports Federation (Federação Académica do Desporto Universitário - FADU), with a good performance level obtained as a result of its organization and collective work. For this purpose it has 1 Sports Complex, open to the whole academic community, 2 gymnasiums, 1 indoor pool, 1 multi-purpose sports hall and 1 football pitch.

Food Services
PG has 3 canteens that serve daily meals, (meat, fish and vegetarian for lunch and dinner), a barbecue restaurant and 5 bars, distributed throughout the campus and its schools.
International Mobility
The Portuguese Higher Education Institutions have been attracting an increasing number of international students either through mobility and exchange programmes or through a general system of access. The intake of foreign students encourages an increase in internationalization and promotes a wider cooperation and learning space. The PG attracts students from different continents, among whom students from Lusophone countries stand out. According to the international student statute, all students who do not have Portuguese nationality are included in this category. Admission of these students can take place exclusively through a special access admissions procedure and only those who have a diploma that allows access to higher education and who have concluded the Portuguese secondary school or an equivalent study cycle. For more information about procedures, please check the following site:
ipg.pt/estudantes_internacionais/

Programme: Programme Erasmus +
Erasmus + is the new EU programme for education, training, youth and sport, which was started on 1 January 2014. This programme consolidates the areas of education, training, youth and sport and other international programmes, including Jean Monnet and Erasmus Mundus under a single support framework.

The Erasmus + programme is designed to support education, training, youth and sport in all sectors of lifelong learning, including Higher Education, Vocational Training, Adult Education, School Education, Activities for Youth and Amateur Sport Training.
COURSE OFFERING

Bachelor’s degree (1st cycle)

School of Education, Communication and Sports
- Recreational and Social Planning
- Communication and Public Relations
- Multimedia Communication
- Sports
- Sport, Fitness and Health
- Basic Education

School of Technology and Management
- Accounting
- Equipment Design
- Energy and Environment
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Topographic Engineering
- Management
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing
- Mechanical and Industrial Informatics

School of Health
- Medicinal Biotechnology
- Nursing
- Pharmacy

School of Tourism and Hospitality
- Hotel Management
- Catering & Food Service
- Tourism and Leisure
COURSE OFFERING

Master’s degree (2nd cycle)

School of Education, Communication and Sports
Sports Sciences
Pre-School Education and 1st Cycle of Basic Education

School of Technology and Management
Mobile Computing
Civil Construction
Management
Marketing and Communication
Integrated Management Systems (Environment, Quality, Safety, Social Responsibility)

School of Health
Applied Health Sciences
Community Nursing
Child Health and Paediatric Nursing

School of Tourism and Hospitality
Tourism Management and Sustainability

Postgraduate studies (does not award academic degree)

Project Management
Education and Organization of School Libraries
More than eight centuries of history and a vast natural and cultural heritage make the highest city in Portugal an obligatory place to visit and a point of reference for the central region of the country. Apart from its unquestionable historical value, the municipality offers a range of thematic routes with a surprisingly rich patrimonial and cultural heritage that favours contact with the natural world supported in a sustainable urban structure.

To add to the history of the city and its excellent quality of life (Iberian Bioclimatic City), Guarda has a wealth of hospitality to offer and a rich and varied gastronomy, based on the traditions of Beira Alta that give it international notoriety.

Guarda has a deep industrial tradition linked to the textile and car industries, which gives the city an important position in the regional economy and in the Iberian context.

Currently, Guarda has several hotels that take advantage of the proximity to the Serra da Estrela, the Historical Villages and the Douro wine region that position Guarda as an ideal base for the discovery of these destinations.