



TIRADENTES UNIVERSITY

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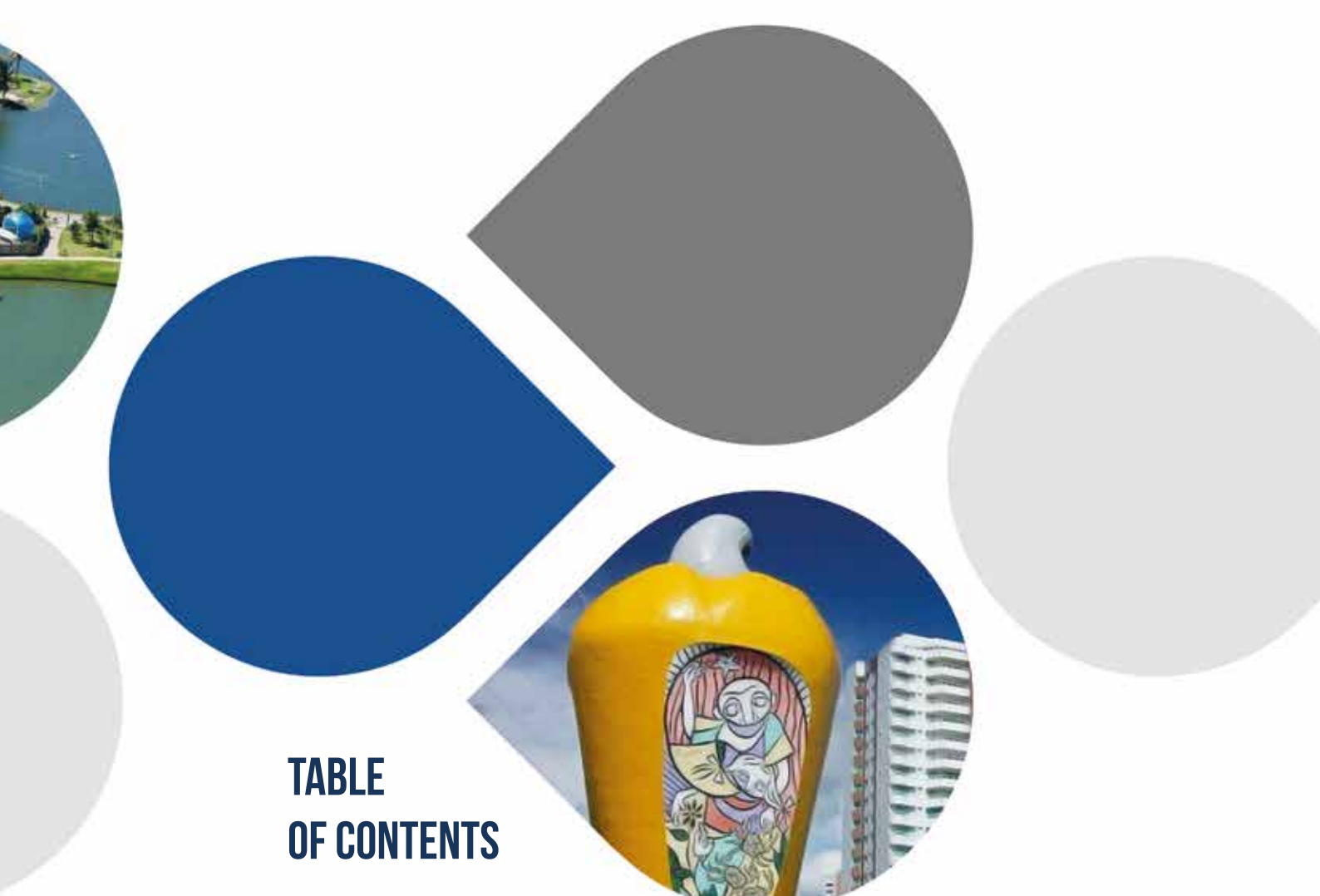
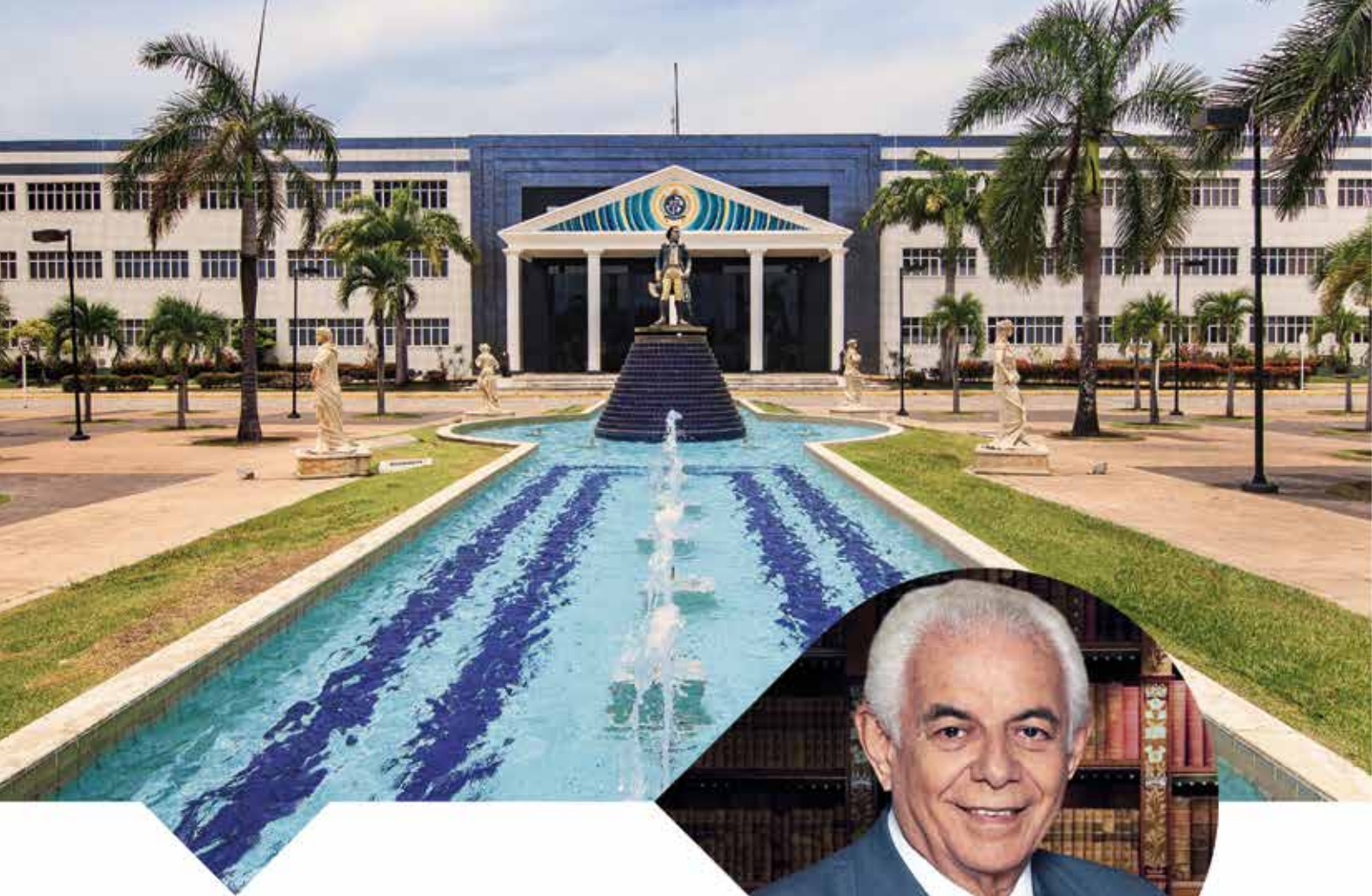


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WELCOME

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FOUNDER

For over half a century of existence, Tiradentes University has become an important center for educational development in Brazil. Located on the northeastern coast of Brazil, the largest country and economy in Latin America, Tiradentes University has campuses spread over three states: Sergipe, Alagoas, and Pernambuco, which allows for direct access to important historical and environmental sites and a vibrant cultural scene known for its arts, gastronomy, and literature.

We understand that institutions of higher education play a significant role in Brazil's development and in its engagement in the international community. Therefore, Tiradentes University's students, faculty members, researchers, and staff are ambassadors of our core values: ethics, cooperation, innovation, social responsibility, and the learning potential of each student.

The pursuit of excellence in our internationalization strategy is the result of a long period of planning, which gave us clear insight

into Tiradentes University's strengths and the challenges that lie ahead. Knowledge has an innate ability to cross borders and boundaries, create opportunities, and solve societal problems. When people are inspired to expand their horizons, they can begin to change their lives for the better.

Studying at Tiradentes University will allow international students to become fully integrated into our Brazilian academic and social life, thereby offering a unique opportunity for a quality experience at the undergraduate, graduate, or research level.

We look forward to welcoming more and more international students on our campuses where, like you, the students have the desire for knowledge and keenness to learn.



BRAZIL'S NORTHEASTERN REGION, AND SERGIPE



DISCOVER BRAZIL AND TIRADENTES UNIVERSITY

Brazil is a developing nation in the western hemisphere. With a population of over 203 million, an enormous bounty of natural resources, a mainly tropical climate, numerous urban areas, an immense hinterland, a strong network of higher education institutions, and an engaging and friendly population, Brazil has become a major force in the Americas. It is the largest country in Latin America; it has the second largest economy in the Americas after the United States; and geographically it is the fifth largest country in the world.

Brazil's northeast region is an area containing nine states and just over 53 million inhabitants. One of the very first areas of Portuguese contact, the northeastern littoral coast is tropical and lush and the location of the region's five centuries-old sugar industry. Westwards, there is an intermediary zone, the *agreste*, where varied agricultural and cattle-raising pursuits take place. Further to the west of the coast and the *agreste* is the Northeast's vast interior: a semi-arid area known as the *sertão*. The *sertão* is sparsely inhabited and is known as a cattle-raising area.

In recent years, the Northeast has experienced steady economic growth, improvements in infrastructure and business development, and a significant upward trend in important social indicators. The Northeast's leading cities, like Aracaju, are now homes to modern architecture and shopping malls, a growing middle class of educated professionals, and an immensely creative population for which the region is famous.

Tiradentes University's main campus is located in Aracaju, the capital of the Brazilian state of Sergipe, and where it was founded. This state has a population of 2.2 million, being the smallest state in the immense country of Brazil. Sun drenched and located on a long coast with lovely natural beaches, Aracaju, with a population of 570,000, is a vibrant urban center with a proud tradition of comfortable living, gracious boulevards, and excellent cultural and academic institutions. Currently, the leading private university in Sergipe is Tiradentes University.



BRAZIL'S NORTHEASTERN REGION

SERGIPE

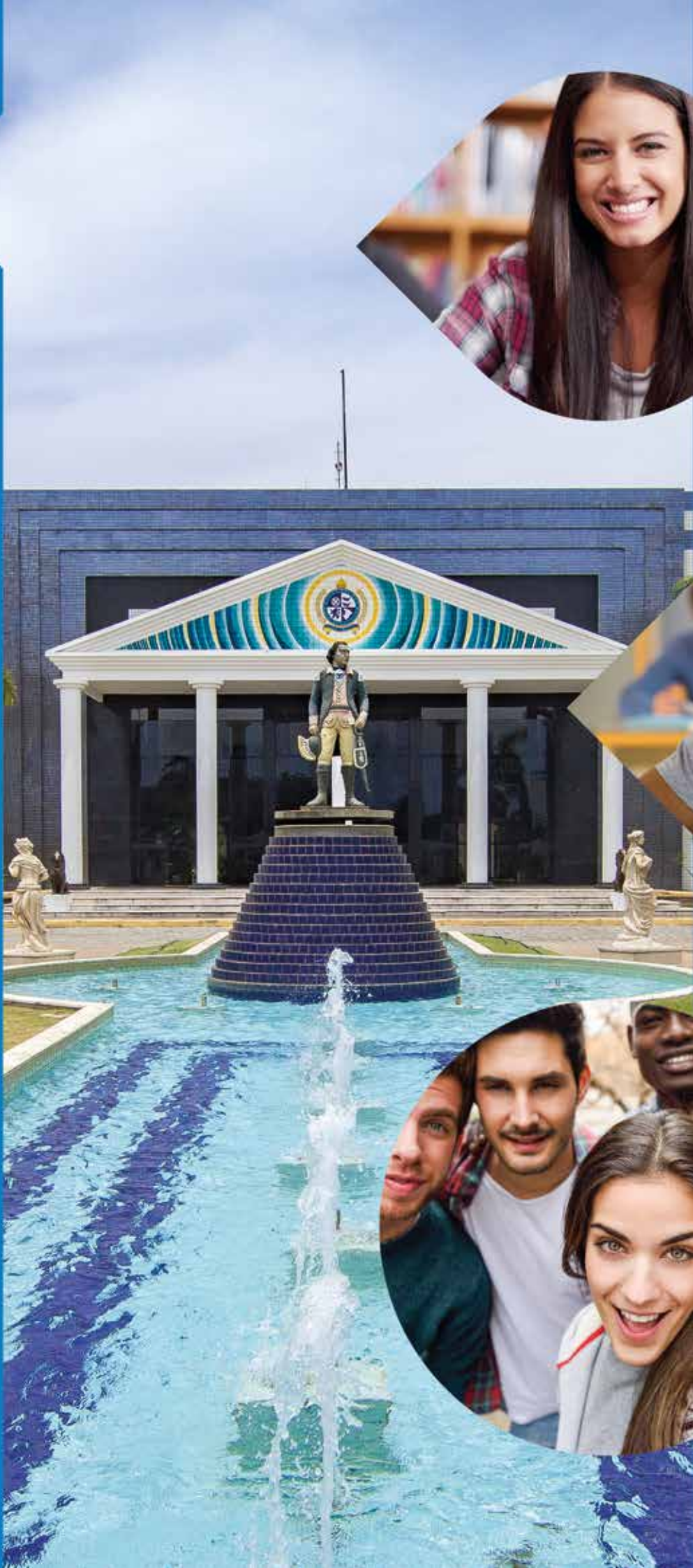
The Northeast region has an important place in Brazilian culture and economy. It is home to major technological initiatives and has the second-largest population in the country, with over 53 million people. The coastal areas are famous for their picturesque landscapes and beaches, making tourism one of the region's main economic activities.



TIRADENTES UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1962, Tiradentes University (known by the acronym "Unit" in Brazil) has grown into a large-scale, internationally-oriented institution of higher education with approximately 45,000 students. The institution provides three well-structured campuses in neighboring Brazilian states: Sergipe, Alagoas, and Pernambuco. The main campus is located in Aracaju, Sergipe; a second campus is located in Maceió, the capital of Alagoas; and the newest campus in the state of Pernambuco is located in the capital, Recife. There are also numerous "educational centers," or Tiradentes University outreach hubs, in the countryside of the northeast region, for students who face difficulties in gaining access to the major regional cities.

Tiradentes University has grown dramatically in the past decades. From the 1960's to the present, its founders transformed it from a primary school into a high school, from a high school to a college, from a college to a university, now with multiple campuses. Currently, it is an international university having established the Tiradentes Institute at UMass Boston in the United States. Students and faculty members study and learn in attractive and well-equipped laboratories and classrooms. Both members of the faculty and students are now poised to seek increasing opportunities in teaching, conducting research, and participating in international exchanges with foreign colleges and universities in Europe, Asia, and the United States.



INSTITUTIONAL TRAJECTORY

Founded in Aracaju in 1962, Tiradentes University started as a school offering primary and middle school education, originally named the "Tiradentes School." In July of 1972, it became the Tiradentes Integrated College (FITS), recognized by the federal Ministry of Education (MEC), launching the academic departments: Economics and Administration, Accounting, Law, Communications, and Library Science. In 1994, it formally became Tiradentes University.

An important milestone was the creation in 1998 of the Institute of Technology and Research (ITP), a non-profit independent organization equipped with excellent facilities for cutting-edge research in science and technology. Located on the main campus, the ITP became a new strong partner for the university.

In the year 2000, Tiradentes University began implementing e-learning or distance education (EAD), in order to reach populations that were previously without access to higher education. The first region it reached was Canindé de São Francisco, Sergipe. In 2003, following its growing experience of expanding services to the state's interior, the institution inaugurated its first regional branch in the city of Estância, Sergipe, enrolling 600 students.

In 2004, CAPES, the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education, approved the first Master's degree program at Tiradentes University in process engineering. This was also the first engineering master's degree program in the state of Sergipe. In 2010, the university launched its first PhD program, also in process engineering. In that same year, the Center for Colloidal System Studies was inaugurated and it is dedicated to research in partnership with Petrobras, Brazil's national petroleum company.

In 2013, Tiradentes University launched its first undergraduate program in medicine at its main campus in Aracaju, and, in 2015, it opened two new distance-learning centers, operating in five states in the Northeast region of Brazil. Since 2016, Tiradentes University is the first educational institution in the Northeast of Brazil to use Google for Education, providing tools, technologies, and solutions to increase the productivity of students and faculty.

In 2017, Tiradentes University took a major step forward towards full internationalization, in partnership with the University of Massachusetts, Boston, establishing the Tiradentes Institute at the UMass Boston campus, in the United States.

Today, with its more than half-century of experience, Tiradentes University is the leading private institution of higher education in the state of Sergipe, Brazil, and is increasing its profile throughout Northeastern Brazil.

FACTS AND FIGURES

75.000+
DEGREES AWARDED

55+ 
YEARS OF DISTINCTION

#12
LARGER HIGHER EDUCATION
GROUP IN BRAZIL

HOPER, 2016

#01 
UNIVERSITY REFERENCED
BY GOOGLE FOR EDUCATION
IN THE WORLD


01 INNOVATION
CENTER 

45,000+
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS


320+
GRADUATE STUDENTS

+960
FACULTY MEMBERS

03 
CAMPI

60+ 
RESEARCH GROUPS

06+ 
MASTER'S PROGRAMS

500+
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN RESEARCH
PROJECTS

60+
NON-DEGREE
SPECIALIZATION
PROGRAMS

05+
PHD
PROGRAMS

20+ 
LABORATORIES

43+
UNDERGRADUATE
PROGRAMS

01 
MEDICAL CENTER

 **03+**
MEDICAL SCHOOLS

70+ 
STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

In general, in Brazil, undergraduate courses last between 4 and 6 years and, at the end of which, the student receives a degree. This degree, in turn, may be awarded for Bachelor's, Licentiate, or Technological programs. In Brazil, unlike the United States, fields of study such as law, dentistry, and medicine are taught as undergraduate programs.

[B] BACHELOR'S:

These degrees represent a generalist, scientific, and humanistic education, which gives the undergraduate competences in a specific field of knowledge. At Tiradentes University, the majority of undergraduate programs award Bachelor's degrees at their completion.

[L] LICENTIATE:

Licentiate programs are for students whose goal is to be teachers in primary education.

[T] TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAMS:

Technological programs are for undergraduates and, under Brazilian legislation, encourage the development of entrepreneurial capacity and the comprehension of technological processes, as well as production and scientific innovation, with their respective applications in the job market.

COMPARISON WITH OTHER EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

Compared to the U.S. system, Bachelor's degree, Licentiate, and Technological Programs correspond to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.), although certain graduate professional programs in the U.S. (law, dentistry, and medicine) are initiated at the undergraduate level in Brazil.

In accordance with the Bologna Declaration, which aims to unify the standards of academic training in European countries, the Brazilian degrees correspond to the sum of the "Bachelor" and "Masters" degrees in that continent.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Accounting

Advertising

Architecture and Urbanism

Digital Media

Fashion Design

Graphic Design

History

Human Resource Management

Interior Design

Journalism

Languages/English

Law

Management

Pedagogy/Education

Social Work

HEALTH AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Aesthetics and Cosmetology

Biology

Biomedicine

Dentistry

Gastronomy

Medicine

Nursing

Nutrition

Pharmaceutical Studies

Physical Education

Physiotherapy

Psychology

Radiology Technology

EXACT SCIENCES/ENGINEERING

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Computer Network

Computer Science

Digital Games

Electrical Engineering

Environmental Engineering

Information Systems

Internet Systems

Mathematics

Mechanical Engineering

Mechatronics

Petroleum and Natural Gas

Petroleum Engineering

Production Engineering



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER'S AND PHD

The graduate programs at Tiradentes University offer degrees at two levels (Master's and PhD) and aim to develop science, technology, and innovation, as well as training of qualified human resources for research. Tiradentes University is the main provider of this level of education in its regional environment.

Tiradentes University is a major reference in the Brazilian Northeast in graduate education, given its impact on the economic and social development of the region. The university offers **13** areas of advanced research and over **60** research groups, recognized by the CNPq, the national council of research.

Society, Technologies and Public Policies [Master's and PhD]

Education [Master's and PhD]

Process Engineering [Master's and PhD]

Human Rights [Master's]

Health and Environment [Master's and PhD]

Biotechnology [Master's and PhD]

Note: In Brazil, Master's and PhD programs are open to candidates who have completed an undergraduate degree and meet the requirements of respective educational institutions. At Tiradentes University, student are selected through an open admission process, with some scholarships available for the selected candidates.



GRADUATE NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Graduate Non-Degree Programs (PNDP) at Tiradentes University play an integral role in students' continuing education, widening their possibilities in the job market. In this regard, Tiradentes University offers several programs through its campuses, spread across three states. There are in-class programs as well as e-learning options from different departments in the following areas:

- Social Sciences, Business and Law;
- Health and Social Well-Being;
- Engineering, Production and Construction;
- Education;



These programs aim to meet community needs, as well as strengthening professional networks for Tiradentes' students in the job market, by offering opportunities focused on professional and academic advancement. At the same time, they encourage the graduates to participate in actions that drive development and social improvement using both theoretical applications and practical knowledge acquired in the classroom.

At Tiradentes University PNDP students are eligible for international executive programs in the United States, Spain and others partner countries, focused on the improvement of practices learned in-class as well as the strengthening global networks in leadership areas.

Note: Locally known as "specialization" (*especialização*), Graduate Non-Degree Programs must meet the minimum workload of 360 hours. They aim to complement academic training, updating, incorporating technical skills and developing new professional profiles, with a view to improving the performance of public and private companies and organizations. At the successful completion of the program, the student obtains a certificate.

RESEARCH

At Tiradentes University, alongside with teaching and extension/outreach, research is a central structural base for higher education development. It plays an important role in developing new patterns of knowledge production and drives innovation for students, scientists and future members of the workforce.

Regional development is one of the core strategies of research at Tiradentes University. It impacts undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as faculty members focusing on topics considered important for Brazil in different fields of knowledge as well as for global issues.

Main Goals of Research at Tiradentes University

- Contribute to the training of human resources
- Contribute to reduce the average time to complete graduate degree programs
- Introduce and disseminate a culture of research in undergraduate studies
- Awaken vocations in science and encourage potential talents
- Provide proper techniques and the development of the creativity in the science, through orientation of qualified researchers
- Foster the internationalization process

Research Policies

In order to consolidate the culture of scientific research in our institution and support the insertion of Brazilian researchers in global networks, our research policies are structured by the understanding that academic knowledge should take into account community needs.

At Tiradentes University, investigative practice is a decisive element for learning. We understand the acquisition of scientific knowledge and its dissemination as one of the critical stages of the learning/teaching process that consolidates a process of lifelong education.



INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT

To support academic research, Tiradentes University invests in several important programs, including the Institutional Program for Scientific Scholarships (PROBIC) and the Institutional Program for Technological Development and Innovation (PROBITI). Our students also receive scholarships from government funding agencies, such as CAPES, CNPq, Petrobras, and Fapitec. These programs support the work of our researchers (students and faculty) from all departments. The Events and Training Support Program (PAEC) provides financial assistance for researchers to present the results of their work at national and international scientific events.

In order to maintain standards of high quality, the university supports those who work in research groups and institutional committees, such as the Research Ethics Committee with Human Subjects (CEP/Tiradentes), the Tiradentes University Ethics Committee in Animal Use (Ceua/Tiradentes), and the Technological Development and Innovation Committee, an advisory group within the Research Committee, among many others.

In addition, the Tiradentes University has a visiting professor program, which supports foreign faculties in our institution as well as our own faculty members who have the opportunity to spend a year in another research institution, in order to internationalize their research.



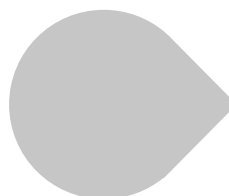


ITP – INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH

In 1998, the Institute for Technology and Research (Instituto de Tecnologia e Pesquisa - ITP) was launched as a non-profit organization in response to the demands for an appropriate structure to develop science, technology, and innovation in the state of Sergipe, and to contribute to the development of the northeastern region of the country. It provides an institutional setting for highly-qualified professionals interested in working with cutting-edge research.

In its first two decades of existence, the ITP has managed more than 500 projects for research and innovation, funded by several kinds of institutions throughout Brazil. In the last ten years alone, more than \$20 million has been raised to consolidate ITP actions both through specific projects and through the provision of specialized analytical services. These funds were fully invested in equipment and supplies for research development and in the training of human resources through support for scientific and technological activities.

Tiradentes University and the ITP are part of the same Tiradentes Group of institutions. This allows interactions of faculty members and students of both institutions to participate in projects in correlated areas. The ongoing training of faculty and researchers at ITP, as well as the strengthening its network with the public and private sectors across Brazil and abroad, has allowed the ITP to create partnerships with research universities, strategic networks, national and international technological and scientific institutions, and companies such as Petrobras (Brazilian state-run oil company).





ITP's international dimension plays an important role in its development. Throughout ITP's trajectory, several international partnerships for research projects and scientific publications have been conducted with high-ranking institutions, including:

- **In North America:** Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Wayne State University, and the Autonomous University of Mexico.
- **In Europe:** Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Instituto Superior Agronômico and the University of Aveiro, in Portugal; the Complutense University of Madrid; Barcelona and Alicante, Spain; University of Lyon, France; Technical University of Prague, Czech Republic; Technical University of Vienna, Austria; Hort Fr. Schroder, Germany; University of Southampton, England;
- **In Latin America:** University of Chile, in Chile; Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina, in Peru;
- **In Asia:** National Chemical Laboratory, India.

The ITP offers access to scientific research and innovation to about 360 students per semester. Because of its growth, ITP opened another facility in the city of Maceió, in the state of Alagoas, in 2016. This expansion is in line with our new institutional strategic planning, which supports the opening of other branches throughout the Northeast region.

ITP provides services in the following areas:

- Projects in Basic Sanitation;
- Sustainable Agribusiness Support;
- Environmental Studies and Monitoring;
- Food Analysis and Development;
- Water and Soil Analysis;
- Analysis of Petroleum and Constituents;
- Microbiological Analysis;
- Spatial Evaluation Studies;
- Analysis of Gases and Atmospheric Constituents;
- Energy Efficiency Study.

ITP's institutional indicators

55 researchers

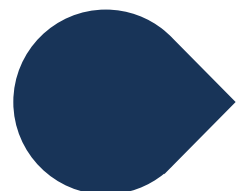
82 patents granted

19 laboratories

600 + academic publications

570 + public and private sector customers

500 + research projects funded



EXTENSION / OUTREACH

At Tiradentes University extension outreach covers the educational, cultural, and scientific activities that articulate practices of teaching and research. This enables the transformative relationships between the academic institution and the greater society. It also promotes interaction between the university's social services and the job market, with an emphasis on the creation, development, and diffusion of scientific and technological knowledge aimed at sustainable socioeconomic development.

Because of these activities, Tiradentes University enjoys a well-earned reputation as a responsible institution supporting the citizens in the cities and states where it is located. The concern with social development promotes activities through a wide range of outreach programs in order to integrate students into the local community.

Several outreach activities include community services programs such as:

- Central Laboratory of Biomedicine
- Psychology Clinic
- Psychosocial Support Center
- Children's Orthodontics Clinic
- Clinical Psycho-pedagogy
- Orthodontics
- Implant Dentistry
- Dental Prosthesis
- Legal Counseling (*Reformatório Penal*)
- *Ninota Garcia* Health Center - Physiotherapy Services
- Environmental Practices Awareness
- Legal Practices Laboratory
- Comprehensive Attendance Program for Elderly





SERVING TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Tiradentes University prides itself in being a socially responsible institution in its neighborhoods; in the three northeastern states where it is located; and internationally in academic and research exchanges across the continents where it has numerous partnerships.

Its outreach programs to the communities in which its facilities are present are many and varied. Students and faculty members use their technical and academic backgrounds to offer many activities that promote social responsibility and community well-being.

High-quality free services range from the provision of, physiotherapy, and professional orientation services. In addition, a wide range of public health and orthodontic services are offered through university health services facilities.

The Legal Counseling (*Reformatório Penal*) provides pro bono legal services, while engineering specialists offer the public orientation on how to deal safely with kitchen gas equipment. Teachers offer innovative recreational ideas. The Gastronomy department offers guidance on how to safely use foods from all food groups. Ongoing activities and short-term programs cover many areas of interest to the public in general.





THE TIRADENTES INSTITUTE AT UMASS BOSTON





Tiradentes University and the University of Massachusetts Boston inaugurated, on December 15, 2017, the new Tiradentes Institute. Located on the UMass Boston campus it serves as a center for international education in the United States of America. Jouberto Uchôa de Mendonça, Founder and Rector of the Tiradentes University, declared at the Institute's inaugural ceremony: "Throughout its 55 years of existence, our institution has made important steps. By installing this Institute in Boston, we show the importance and dignity of the state of Sergipe in the Brazilian educational scene, as a genuinely progressive university that will be able to share with other institutions around the world the excellence it has developed in teaching, research, and outreach."

The Tiradentes Institute is fostering an atmosphere favorable for interaction, exchange, and cooperation, serving as a platform for educational and research collaboration between the two universities, and other partners. The main objective is to promote opportunities and experiences for academic mobility, learning, and interaction among both faculty and students. In addition it will contribute to the launching of new international programs combining teaching and research.





ACADEMIC AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS



Tiradentes University is aware of the multidisciplinary character of teaching, as well as the importance of educational commitment and quality. Thus, it offers international students multiple opportunities to take part in exchange programs at our institution. They may choose from either academic or internship experiences.

The Academic Exchange Program involves undergraduate and graduate students who wish to take courses that fit into the requirements of the curriculum of their home institutions. We also provide opportunities to participate in research projects and community outreach activities. This allows exchange students to fine-tune their skills through an experience in Brazil, specifically in the northeastern region. Additionally, graduate students can conduct their research within one of our graduate programs, working in Tiradentes's laboratories when appropriate.

The International Internship Program enables international students to have a transformative and inclusive experience within four different modalities:

- The Global Citizenship Internship
- The On-Campus Internship
- The Laboratory Internship
- The Clinical Internship

These programs will enable international students feel connected to Brazilian students and professors, strengthening their capacity to understand multiple perspectives while developing new skills that can help dealing with their academic, professional, and humanitarian goals. Immersion in our different programs will prepare these researchers to tackle a variety of challenges.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

To participate in either an academic or an internship program, your home institution needs to take the first step: nominate you to become an international student. The International Relations Office (IRO) at Tiradentes University will ask you to fill out an application form as well as provide certain documents: passport, grade transcript, a letter describing why you would like to participate, a photograph, as well as documents specific to the program that you would like to undertake at Tiradentes.

Following the completion of these initial steps, the IRO will provide support to develop your Learning Agreement/Work Plan, aligning the necessary arrangements to host you during your experience at Tiradentes University. Then, you will need to purchase health insurance, apply for a student visa at the nearest Brazilian Consulate, and arrange for your travel to Brazil.



ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMS

To create more opportunities for international students and researchers at Tiradentes University, we have initiated the International Professor Program to prepare selected members of the Tiradentes faculty to receive international students from non-Portuguese speaking countries. Through this program, we have expanded the offerings available in English, including:

Clinical Parasitology	Molecular Biology
Health Research Practices	Thermodynamics
Epidemiology Applied to Dentistry	Research Methodology
Bioethics	Clinical Interpretation III
Taxation and Economic Development	Differential Equations
Project Management	Physics of Electricity and Magnetism

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

In order to welcome our international students, Tiradentes University offers two support programs: the Buddy Program and the Host Program.

THE BUDDY PROGRAM

The Buddy Program intends to help with the transition and adaptation of international students while on our campus. This program is part of the International Relations Office, which promotes connections between overseas visitors and Tiradentes students. The goal is to provide social and academic support necessary to enhance the study-abroad experience for students while in Brazil.

As soon as an international student or researcher arrives in Brazil, the Buddy, a person with an institutional link to Tiradentes University, and who is in a similar position to the visitor, will offer orientation regarding various aspects of campus and city life. The Buddy will help with academic matters, the organization of necessary documents, the securing of an optimal living arrangement. The Buddy will be available to introduce visiting students and researchers to the important places in the city, and, most importantly, ensure that our visitors have the best possible experience.

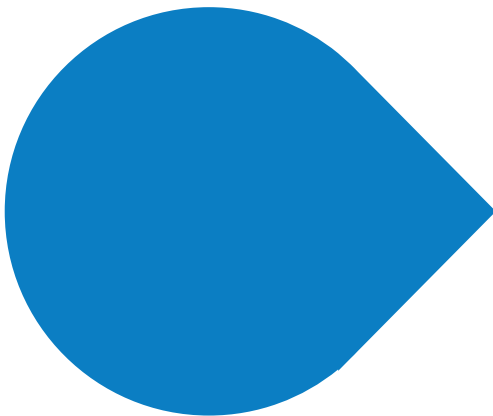
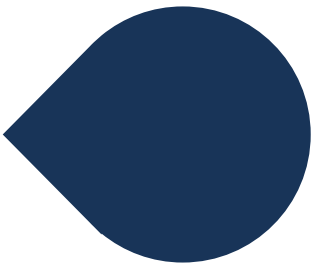


THE HOST PROGRAM

This Program consists essentially of a group of professors and students who have volunteered to make their homes available to international students and researchers coming to Brazil to study and work with us. The international student would have the benefit of living with a family who has agreed to receive international students. To stay in a family home can truly help the international visitors learn Portuguese more rapidly, understand Brazilian customs, as well as integrate themselves into the reality of our cities.

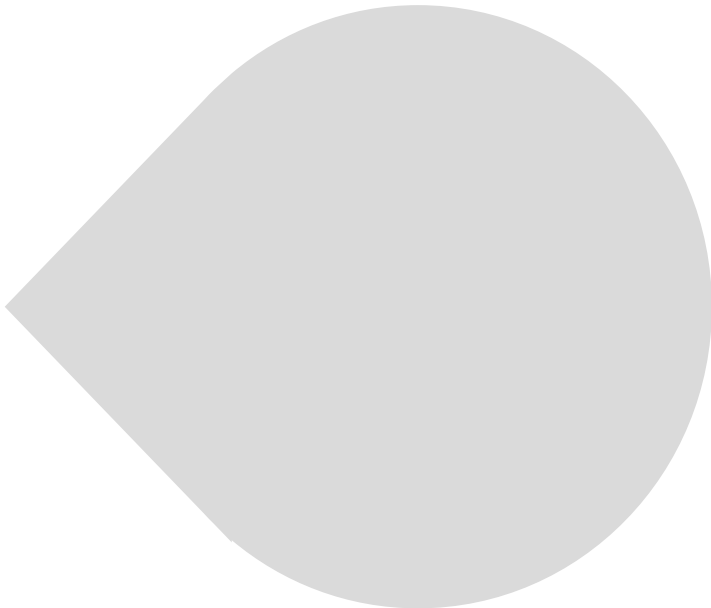
In case appropriate hosts are not available or the visitor chooses an alternative arrangement, the International Relations Office will support their efforts to find satisfactory and secure residence.





LIVING IN BRAZIL – GENERAL INFORMATION

For the international student to choose with confidence how to embark upon a rewarding experience in Brazil, he or she should learn about the range of local possibilities and opportunities available. In the following section, you will find some of the possible answers for students and researchers who choose Tiradentes University.





ACCOMMODATION



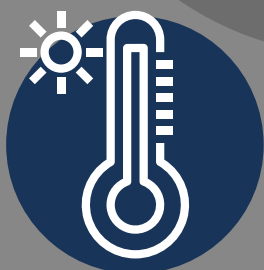
It is possible for some visitors to live with a Brazilian family in the Host Program. However, because of limited supply, some international students will still need to opt for renting apartments near Tiradentes University, with support from the International Relations team.

Upon arrival, if students have not rented a residence or secured a guaranteed Host, we recommend that they stay at local hostels until they find a suitable place. In Aracaju, there are a variety of condominiums close by Tiradentes University where it is possible to rent a complete apartment – costing, on average, R\$1,500 (Brazilian currency) per month – or rent individual rooms while sharing the apartment with other students. In Recife, Pernambuco, and Maceió, Alagoas, rents, as well as the cost of living, is slightly higher than in Aracaju. In Maceió, the Tiradentes campus is located near shopping malls and residential neighborhoods. In Recife, the main campus is located in the attractive Soledade neighborhood, near the Historic Center of the city and the city's principal tourist attractions.



ARRIVAL

There are many international points of entry in Brazil; the main international airports are located in São Paulo, Brasília, Recife, and Rio de Janeiro. Aracaju and Maceió are regional hubs with daily connecting flights to Brazil's main points of entry.



CLIMATE

The climate in our three cities is tropical: warm and humid. The dry season begins toward the end of a given calendar year and stretches into the early months of the following year. Aracaju is a coastal city with various rivers running through it. The average temperature in Aracaju is 26 degrees Celsius/79 degrees Fahrenheit, with annual precipitation of about 1,500 millimeters (just under 60 inches). In Recife, the average temperature is 27 degrees Celsius (81 degrees Fahrenheit), while Maceió on average has a cooler temperature of approximately 24 C (75 F). Opposite to the northern hemisphere, our winter arrives in approximately June through August and our summer goes from December to May. This also creates for us an academic calendar distinct from that found in the northern hemisphere. Northeast Brazil's tropical climate and the proximity of beautiful beaches allows for an abundance of outdoor activities in our cities.

HEALTH INSURANCE



Travel insurance is a form of health coverage whose objective is to support health care needs of international travelers during their trips abroad. Should there occur an unforeseen need, traveler's health insurance, acquired before traveling to Brazil, is necessary. To avoid unnecessary additional expenses, travel insurance is the best solution.

For students and researchers joining us on international exchanges, it is essential to present travel health insurance certificates or documentation to the International Relations Office at Tiradentes University before departure for Brazil, along with other required documents. Documentation showing possession of an active travel insurance policy will also be part of the exchange student's application for a student visa at the nearest Brazilian Consulate.



TRANSPORT

Besides the three airports mentioned, the three cities where campuses are located are along major highways linked to the national highway grid. All three also have extensive systems of public transportation. It is possible to travel across each one of the three cities by bus.

In Aracaju, students all have the benefit of the Aracaju School Card (Cartão Mais Aracaju Escolar). This card gives students a 50% discount on the normal bus fares in greater Aracaju. In Maceió, the same discount is available with the School Card (Cartão Bem Legal Escolar) card, available to individuals with student ID's, which is also the case in Recife. These cities have large taxi fleets, as well as having active app-generated transportation, such as Uber and 99 Pop. Most visitors find the app-driven transportation modalities rapid, efficient, and relatively inexpensive.



COST OF LIVING

The cost of living in Aracaju, Maceió, and Recife is relatively low, compared to that of Europe or the USA. It is also lower than that encountered in other areas of Brazil, such as São Paulo or Rio de Janeiro. Among the three cities, Aracaju has the lowest cost of living and Recife the slightly higher, although the differences between the three are negligible.

For in-city transportation, bus fares are reasonably priced: Currently about R\$4 (approximately US\$1), and they will be discounted 50% with a student ID in each of the three cities. Food, both in supermarkets and restaurants, is relatively inexpensive when compared to Brazil's overall costs; and certainly lower when compared to averages prices overseas. The exceptions are the large and famous restaurants in Recife, which can be as expensive as other international venues.



BANKS AND CURRENCY

Brazil's national currency, since 1994, is the Real. It is quite easy to check the daily rate of exchange at currency exchange houses as well as at various online sites.

There are currency exchange house in all of our cities, as well as banks which provide similar services. Unlike in some other countries of Latin America, it is not possible, in Brazil, to use dollars or other international currencies in local commerce. Besides national banks such as Banco do Brasil, Itaú, and the Caixa Econômica Federal, there are international banks such as Santander. On the Tiradentes University main campus in Aracaju, there is a Santander Bank agency and various ATM machines to attend to our students' needs. Major credit and debit cards can be used.



WHAT TO DO IN ONE'S FREE TIME



ARACAJU

Among the tourist attractions of Aracaju, a beautiful city where the ocean waters are warm and the urban space well organized, you may find: the long ocean-side stretch of beach known as the *Orla de Atalaia*, considered the largest leisure and entertainment center in the Northeast of Brazil; the *Orla Pôr do Sol*, on Vaza Barris River, whose encounter with the ocean is a spectacular feature of the region; the *Calçada da 13 de Julho*; the *Parque dos Cajueiros*; The *Passarela do Caranguejo*; the *Parque da Cidade*; the *Palácio Museu Olímpio Campos*; and much more. Aracaju has a rich and diverse folkloric tradition, including dance groups, theaters, music, literature, and cinema. Among the more famous local cultural icons is Tobias Barreto, the philosopher and poet and there are many different monuments to him distributed throughout the city. Last but not least, we have the Museu da Gente Sergipana, a world-class museum dedicated to the people of Sergipe and their cultural traditions. A visit to this museum opens the doors for appreciating the living history of Sergipe.





MACEIÓ

For tourists, the Alagoas capital features the Centro Cultural & de Exposições Ruth Cardoso; the São Miguel dos Milagres and Maragogi beaches; the outdoor market in Pajuçara; the Memorial da República; the Mirante São Gonçalo, and much more. On the cultural landscape, Maceió has a rich folkloric tradition, and Alagoas is the birthplace of artists, writers, and musicians such as Djavan, Hermeto Pascoal, and Graciliano Ramos. Among the folkloric traditions are the folguedo dance groups, including many well-known ones: Caboclinho, Carvahada, Chegança, Coco Alagoano, Festa de Reis, Guerreiro, Pastoril, Reisado, Quilombo, and Zabuma. Artisan work features Alagoas' ceramic art, which enchants all who see it because of its creativity, originality, and beauty. Furthermore, Alagoas played an important historical role in the liberation of slaves, including the leadership of Zumbi dos Palmares.





RECIFE

Among important tourist destinations, Recife's beaches and its historical center are the areas most visited in Pernambuco's capital. The *Marco Zero*, the Artisans Market, the Rua do Bom Jesus with its brightly colored buildings; the *Embaixada dos Bonecos de Olinda*; the Jewish Cultural Center; and the Malakoff tower are only a few of the city's major attractions. Culturally, Recife is known for the colors and sounds associated with the Frevo and *Maracatu* dances; the street parties during Carnaval; the Mangue Beat movement, which had as its main singer Chico Science; as well as the city's literary and architectural traditions. The beaches, as is true for Aracaju and Maceió, are a major feature of the area, with Porto das Galinhas, and Praia dos Carneiros being favorites. Among the most renowned individuals from Recife is Paulo Freire, one of the major innovators in pedagogical thinking anywhere in the world acclaimed for his role in creating critical education. He has won more awards than any other Brazilian, including 41 honorary degrees from universities such as Harvard, Cambridge, and Oxford.





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