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CENTER FOR BORDER STUDIES

Opened in July 2010, the Center for Border Studies is a unit connected to the Center for Integration of Mercosul. It is being settled in the main square of *Santana do Livramento* and its main focus is on cross-border integration policies, educational exchange programs and the encouragement of socio-cultural relations between Brazil and the Mercosul countries.



The Center is an accomplishment resulting from an agreement established in 2006 between the education ministers of Mercosul countries, aiming at the strengthening of education at the borders. Many agencies and entities have expressed their interest in using the structure of the Center, among them the *Comitê Binacional de Integração em Saúde* (Binational Committee on Health Integration). This place also has the purpose to host several events, such as joint activities of the School of Letters of UFPel with the Center for Foreign Languages of Rivera (Uruguay), restoration project meetings of the historical heritage of Livramento and Rivera and the organization of museums for the Museology School of UFPel.

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MORE INTEGRATION

Regarding international relations, the actions at UFPel are developed in either of two ways: through the *Department of International Programs and Exchanges* (DIPI), which has cooperation agreements with dozens of universities from different countries, and the Center for Integration of Mercosul, which handles relations with the neighboring countries.



Law School



THE ORIGINS

The Federal University of Pelotas (UFPel) was established just over 40 years ago upon the transformation of an early institution named Federal Rural University of Rio Grande Sul. Initially formed by the centenary College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine and College of Domestic Sciences, it later included the Law School and School of Dentistry, originally linked to the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul.

Private institutions that already existed in Pelotas also came to be part of UFPel, as it is the case of the Conservatory of Music, School of Fine Arts, the Medical School and the Agrotechnical School. The agrarian sector, of great importance for the development of the region (predominantly of rural and agronomic economy), was highly benefited by the Schools of Agriculture Engineering and Meteorology.



College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Eliseu Maciel



It is worth emphasizing the important role played by the Schools of Medicine and Nursing in the developmental process of the University, as both gave rise to the whole structure of health care at UFPel. Through the clinics of the Medical School and the Teaching Hospital of the University, such structures have decisively contributed, up to the present day, for the health of those who live in Pelotas and neighboring cities, due to the large number of health care services provided to public patients.



Clinic of the Medical School



MORE ART AND CULTURE

Visual arts, theater and music are also part of the university. Through the Art Museum Leopoldo Gotuzzo and initiatives such as the formation of the UFPel choir, the development of the University Theatre Project (with permanent workshops), and the University Theatre Festival of Pelotas, the university has taken entertainment, information and culture to the academic community and the population in general.



THE CONTEXT

Located in the city of Pelotas, in southern Rio Grande do Sul, the University is 250 kilometers from Porto Alegre, capital of the state. Primary, secondary and tertiary activities are developed in the region. Pelotas preserves traces of a European cultural heritage, as manifested in the architecture and cuisine. The city also stands out for its production of sweets, a Portuguese heritage, whose taste and fame have surpassed boundaries.



Inside the Museum Leopoldo Gottuzzo

Additionally, Pelotas is marked by the junction of five roads (BRs highways) that cross the neighboring countries Uruguay and Argentina, causing it to be seen as an important pole of development in the south. Therefore, it is in this context that UFPel promotes its activities, having as partners public and private institutions that, likewise, have focused on local, regional, national and international development.

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Since its formation, UFPel has made major contributions to preserve the architectural heritage of the city. These actions can be seen both through the work of reconstruction and repairing of historical buildings that have housed, for quite a long time, courses of the university, and through the remodeling of buildings that, since 2007, have been purchased in order to expand and improve the physical infrastructure of the institution.



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MORE STUDENTS

The Federal University of Pelotas has currently 2,000 graduate students and 13,000 undergraduate students (10,000 presentially and 3,000 in distance learning). The total number of students in the institution is expected to reach 25,000 in 2012.

THE EXPANSION

Always in search of new ways to provide hundreds of youth and adults with the opportunity of public education and to contribute for the overall improvement of the economical, social and cultural needs of the region, the Federal University of Pelotas has been increasingly investing in teaching, research and extension.

Ever since it joined, in 2007, the Program for Restructuring and Expansion of Federal Universities (REUNI) developed by the Ministry of Education, UFPel has seen substantial advances expressed in the growth of its academic performance, through an increasing number of seats offered and the creation of new undergraduate and graduate courses, along with the expansion of its patrimony.



Aerial view of Campus Capão do Leão



Aerial view of Campus Porto



Currently, the university has five campuses: Campus Capão do Leão, Campus da Palma, Campus da Saúde, Campus das Ciências Sociais and Campus Porto, housing the Dean's Office and other administrative units. Several other scattered units are also part of the present structure of the university. Among them are the School of Dentistry, the Law School, the service of Legal Aid, the Conservatory of Music, the Center of Arts (CA), the Center of Engineering (CEng), the School of Physical Education (ESEF), the Center for Open and Distance Education (CEADE), the Art Museum Leopoldo Gottuzo (MALG), the Museum of Natural Sciences Carlos Ritter and the Agency for the Development of Lagoa Mirim (ALM).

MORE EDUCATION

Nowadays the institution offers more than 90 undergraduate courses, 13 doctoral programs, 27 masters programs, 22 specialization programs (5 off-campus) and 7 medical residencies. Besides its presential courses, UFPel also participates of a Federal Government program, namely *Universidade Aberta* (Open University UAB), in which it operates with distance education, providing higher education access to an even larger community. Together with the local councils of the municipalities from the states of Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina and Parana, UFPel coordinates the 31 points proposed for the courses of Pedagogy, Mathematics, Spanish, Education on the Field, and Administrative and Financial Management.



MORE EXTENSION

In over 40 years of activity, UFPel has been playing an important role in the local community, not only with regards to the social aspect, but also the cultural one. Living proof of that is the more than 500 extension projects registered, all resulting from the inseparable connection between teaching and research.

MORE RESEARCH

In the research field, considering projects that have been concluded, that are in progress or waiting for approval, UFPel totalizes nearly 2,500 works distributed in different areas of knowledge. Annually, UFPel also hosts the Congress of Undergraduate Research (CIC) – the largest scientific event in the region.

The scientific research on health is gaining ground through the Center for Health Research Dr. Amilcar Gigante, which houses the Center for Epidemiological Research, a partner agency of UNICEF. This Center counts with a service of nephrology in partnership with the *Santa Casa de Pelotas* (Holly House Hospital), where hundreds of patients with severe kidney disease are served in three shifts, and also has an area for the care of diabetic and hypertensive patients.

In the area of Nanobiotechnology, we highlight the development of various health products, such as vaccines and new nanostructured materials for dental treatments, developed by researchers from the Biotechnology, Material Engineering and Dentistry Center. Researches for alternatives in cancer treatment are also being carried out.



MORE SOCIAL INCLUSION

Since 2009, the academic community of UFPel, through the Project “*Vizinhança*” (“Neighborhood”), has been in charge of carrying out different social activities in the old area of the city named *Várzea*, next to the former slaughterhouse *Anglo*, where nowadays is located the new campus *Porto*. The project, which aims at the social inclusion of the neighboring population around the campus, has as its strategy the social inclusion of individuals, the development of a work towards history rescue and memory of the neighborhood, the practice of sports, artistic and cultural activities and the promotion of health and environmental education.



Project *Vizinhança*

