



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TESTIMONIALS



Hi, I'm Nicole Braga, I'm 20 years old, I'm Brazilian and currently studying at the Instituto Politécnico de Tomar on the Building and Rehabilitation Degree programme (Civil Engineering).

I lived in Minas Gerais/Brazil and when I finished high school, I decided to come to Tomar/Portugal, because my mother was already living here. My dream has always been to start a degree course outside my home country so that I could have a better learning experience and better professional opportunities. So, I managed to enter the IPT as an International Student.

What were the main 5 reasons why you chose the Polytechnic of Tomar located in a small town in central Portugal to study?

I already lived in Tomar; Good location because there is everything I need nearby (supermarkets, hospitals, etc); Very beautiful and historical city; Because the IPT offers several degree course options; Faculty and staff very friendly and supportive.

What do you find most enjoyable about our Polytechnic and the city?

What excels about the Polytechnic is the good teaching and its good reputation. The campus facilities are excellent, and students have access to all available equipment and resources. Besides, there is easy access to necessary information and queries.

As for the city of Tomar, I was enchanted from the moment I first arrived: there is everything I need, I feel very safe, it is a very welcoming place and easy access for people without personal means of transport.





What were the biggest adjustment difficulties you experienced when you arrived?

At the beginning I had some difficulties with the language and especially during the course. But the friendships I formed made me feel welcome and the staff and faculty made my adaptation less difficult. My experience has been and will be crucial for my professional and personal future.

If you had to sum up in two sentences how this experience of yours is going, what would you say?

I'm loving it. With the support of the Polytechnic, I've fulfilled my dream of studying in Spain as part of an Erasmus Mobility programme, it is a great opportunity for my future career.

Would you recommend our Polytechnic to other students?

Yes, I would. It is crucial that you know how to choose an institution that will welcome us, so that our stay will be one of happy memories and positive experiences.

What message would you like to leave to other students who are now thinking of applying to our polytechnic as international students?

That they will have a good life experience, a good education regardless of the course they choose. It will be a big step to take but one that will benefit you in the future.