CIÊNCIAS: A BRIEF SURVIVAL GUIDE

(Available at the Ciências website)

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Explore the new world

- Get useful information from the locals.
- Chart the territory (track food and science supply sites).
- Set your watch to the local time.
- Browse through Ciências and ULisboa websites.
- Discover the wealth of Ciências knowledge by engaging with the local communities and attending seminars and classes that may apparently seem unrelated to your favourite subject.
Be a full part of the Ciências community

- Without giving up your creativity, adopt some of the habits of the Ciências community.
- Participate in recreational and sports activities.
- Make friends for life!
- Never fail to criticise situations that seem wrong - contact the local authorities.
- Whenever required (e.g. filling in questionnaires), be sure to express your opinion.
Take learning seriously

- Those who are not eager to know are in the wrong place!
- Those who are eager to know but do not bother looking for answers are also in the wrong place!
- Studying is essentially asking ourselves (good) questions and looking for (good) answers.
- And to learn, one needs to study!
Never be afraid to ask! There are no stupid questions. Only answers can be stupid.

Difficult questions are the most exciting ones.

Those who are satisfied with simple questions are in the wrong place!

Attend classes - never think they are useless even when the teacher is (apparently) “boring”.
Pursue success

- Learn every day! Studying only a few days before a test or an exam is a great recipe for failure.
- Be a perfectionist. Very good is not good enough.
- Be different! Difference (even when it involves features that are not related to your professional activity) is often a deciding factor for getting a job.
Consider Ciências as your home and be a role model

- Do not let anyone damage Ciências property.
- Help keeping all facilities clean.
- Inform maintenance services when you notice something that needs intervention.
- Stay in absolute silence during lectures - unless you want to ask a question.
Use some of the time spent at Ciências to develop very important skills

- Learn to be an entrepreneur!
- Perfect your personal and professional rules of conduct.
- Actively combat all types of fraud. Have in mind that honesty cannot be quantified. You are either honest or dishonest.

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- Plagiarising answers in a test or exam is a fraud.
- Plagiarising texts, results or conclusions is a fraud.
- Distorting scientific findings is a fraud.
- At Ciências we live by an honour code - we always assume that everybody is honest. Help us to get there!
Welcome to Ciências!
What we don’t know today we will tomorrow

Garcia de Orta, 1563
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