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Located in the industrial belt of São Paulo – Brazil’s largest city – in an area known as ABC, *Universidade Federal do ABC* (UFABC) was created to contribute directly and indirectly to the education of Brazilian people, to advance knowledge in engineering, mathematics, computing, natural and human sciences; and to meet the demands of regional industrial activity and public administration.

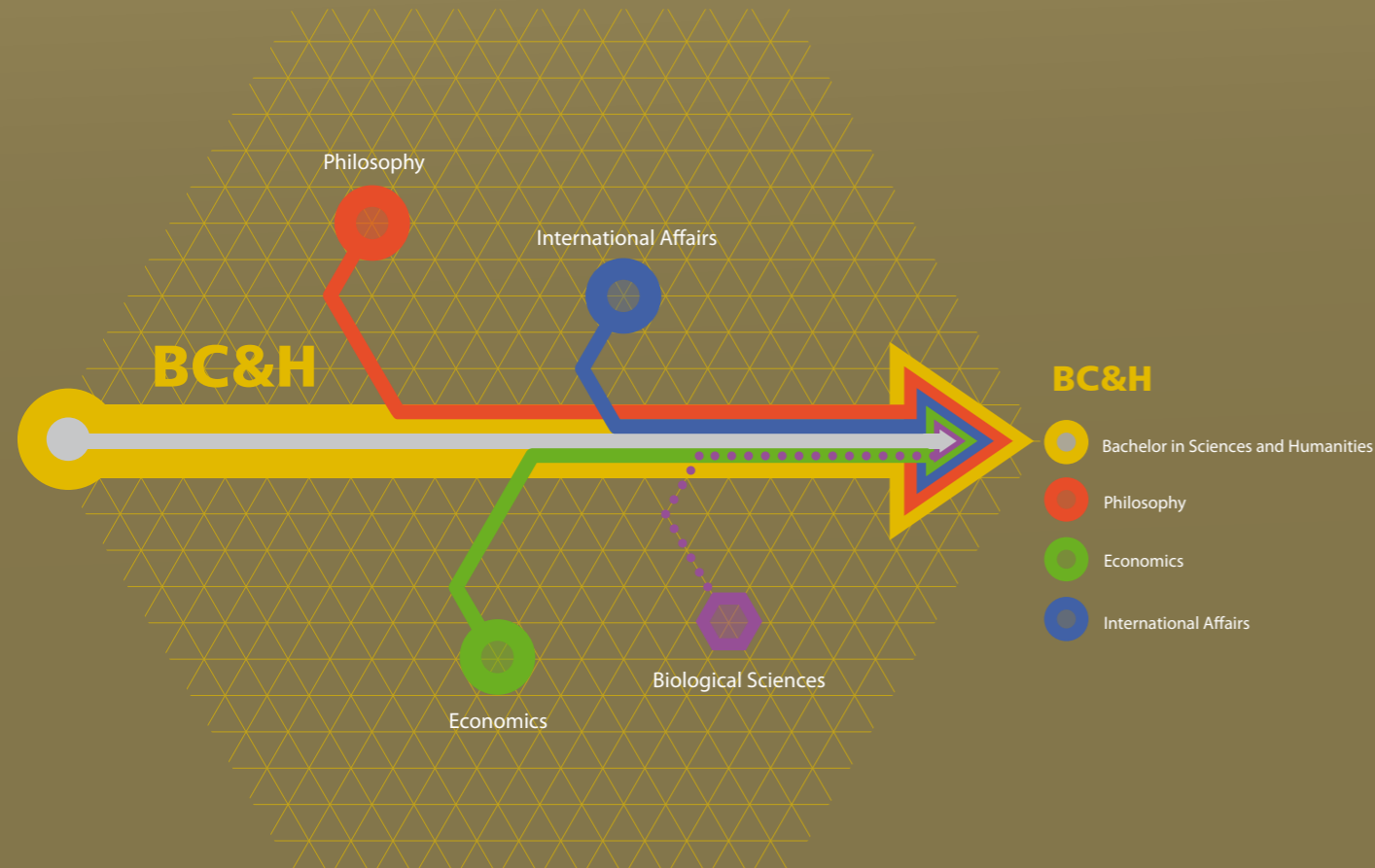
Founded in 2006, today it operates two campi, both still partly under construction, and has already established a reputation for high-level interdisciplinary research and teaching.

- Interdisciplinarity
- Social Inclusion
- Excellence
- Internationalization

UFABC is a fairly new university, created only nine years ago. Its creation answered to a call for a revolution in scientific progress in Brazil, inspired by new trends in academic innovation, such as interdisciplinarity, excellence based on rigor and creativity, and social inclusion.

A completely novel academic plan was proposed with innovative foundations for two interdisciplinary bachelor's degrees, the Bachelor in Sciences and Humanities (BC&H) and the Bachelor in Science and Technology (BC&T). All students are admitted into one of the two interdisciplinary programs, but they are allowed to choose their courses freely – even from the other interdisciplinary bachelor –, and being admitted into a specific program is not a requirement to enroll in courses offered by that program.

The curriculum of the Bachelor in Sciences and Humanities is personalized in a way that allows students to exert control over their own academic career, according to their aspirations and calling.



Required credits are accomplished in all 5 of the following dimensions of knowledge:

- ✔ **State**
- ✔ **Society and Markets**
- ✔ **Thought, Expression and Meaning**
- ✔ **Spaces, Culture and Temporality**
- ✔ **Science, Technology and Innovation**

The courses interact through their interdisciplinary nature, combining more than one dimension in their content.

Only a little over 37% of courses are required, the rest are elective courses that can be chosen from those offered in the bachelor or teaching programs the student is interested in, and they are not imposed with the need for prerequisites to enroll in said courses.

The structure of the program considers the fact that Sciences, Humanities and other means to express knowledge are instruments designed to build thinking individuals. Students are presented with content from the Natural Sciences, the Formal Sciences, Social Sciences and Philosophy.

This model provides students with flexibility in the way they manage their academic careers. They can choose to graduate from the BC&H alone, in which case over 60% of earned credits come from elective courses; they can choose also to graduate from one or more specific programs – as do most of our students – and they earn a diploma for each completed program, including the BC&H.

Areas of knowledge offered to students of the BC&H

- Economics
- International Affairs
- Philosophy (B/T)
- Public Policy
- Territorial Planning

(B/T) Bachelor and Teaching degrees; if not specified, only Bachelor

The pedagogical plan is in constant review, following new directives from the Faculty bodies, who must always look for changes in the way knowledge is organized.