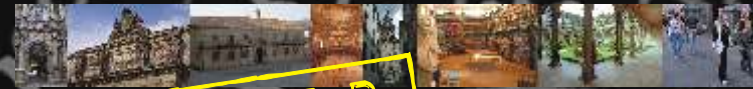


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The University of Santiago has a history stretching back more than five hundred years. It first opened its doors in 1495, and was consolidated in the first third of the sixteenth century. Its development throughout this whole period is divided into three clear periods. The first was between the sixteenth and mid-eighteenth century, when the university was controlled by ecclesiastical powers and its Colleges. From the reign of Fernando VI and Carlos III onwards, the foundations were laid for the contemporary university, a scientific institution controlled by the central government, which would continue until the twentieth century. The 1960's saw the university become a much more popular institution, changing the rhythm of the city as a whole, and multiplying the number of students and professors on the campus.



After the Church, the University of Santiago is the most important property owner in the city's historical centre. Its three most important buildings are Fonseca College, the College of San Xerome (today the Rector's offices), and the central university building (today the faculty of Geography and History). Fonseca College dates from the sixteenth century, with a magnificent renaissance cloister, chapel and salon with a stuccoed ceiling, as well as the extraordinary 'American Library'. San Xerome is built on a smaller scale, with a late Gothic façade and offices from where the institution is currently controlled (including the offices of the Rector and Vice-Rectors, and the meeting chamber of the Governing Council). Finally, the Faculty of Geography and History has a splendid monumental auditorium and reading room in the library.



Today the University of Santiago has nearly 40,000 students and more than 2,000 professors. It is Galicia's main centre of investigation, organised into four campuses, three of which are in Santiago and the fourth in Lugo, mainly dedicated to agricultural studies. The campuses in Santiago stretch southwards beyond the city's Alameda park, where the majority of the faculties and other services are concentrated, and to the north of the city next to the municipal Auditorium and the 'Burgo das Nacións' halls of residence. The historical centre of the city contains the university's central services, the faculties of Medicine, Geography and History, several university institutes, the General Library and the Historical Archive, as well as a large student population.



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