

**Summer in Brazil 2008**  
**Communication, Media, and Culture**  
**Paraty, and Rio de Janeiro**  
**May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> (June 27<sup>th</sup> for Service Learning), 2008**

The Stone Center for Latin American Studies invites students interested in communication, media and Brazilian studies to participate in a summer program in Brazil during the summer of 2008.

The program begins in the historical city of Paraty, in the state of Rio de Janeiro. A world heritage city, Paraty is one of Brazil's oldest settlements and an architectural and historical marvel. The group will stay in the city center – where vehicular traffic is banned – to begin its exploration of Brazil's history and culture, combining classroom work with field trips throughout the city and the region. The second phase of the program will be in Rio de Janeiro, *a cidade maravilhosa* (the marvelous city), an exciting center for the arts, theater, music, exhibitions, street performances, and cultural debates. From 1763 to 1960, Rio was consecutively the capital of the colony, the empire, and the republic of Brazil. Today *cariocas* enjoy their colonial and nineteenth-century architectural heritage as well as their impressive museums, libraries, and historical archives. With its vibrant cultural life, famous beaches, gorgeous bay, and wonderful climate, Rio de Janeiro provides students with the ideal atmosphere for a full final immersion into Brazilian culture.

Senior Associate Provost Ana López, who is also the director of the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute, will lead the program. A faculty member in the Communication department, Prof. López's research focuses on Latin American film and popular culture. Prof. Vicki Mayer, also a member of the Communication department, will co-direct the program. Prof. Mayer's research explores the ways people construct a sense of community from their cultural practices in everyday life, with a special emphasis on Latin American and Latino communities.

Participating students will have a unique opportunity to observe and study Brazilian culture, history, and society, with a particular emphasis on media and communication. Guest lectures by local specialists in conjunction with field trips will enhance the courses offered. Students may also enroll in an optional one credit Service Learning component of the program (which satisfies part of the public service requirement of the core curriculum). This will entail staying in Rio de Janeiro for an extra week and devoting approximately 40 hours to collaborating with a community television station.

### **The Curriculum**

All students will enroll in two courses, *Brazilian Culture and Society* (LAST 313) and *Intercultural Communication* (COMM 460) for a total of six credits. The first course will explore the history, culture, society and economy of Brazil. The second course examines how identities mediate communication both within and among cultures, in historical and daily contexts, and paying particular attention to the social power dynamics that influence intercultural communication. As a special focus, the course will take up case studies from various cultural spaces in the Americas and will investigate sites of intercultural communication in your own study-abroad experience. The Service Learning option will be COMM 489 and carries one credit hour. Please note: Tulane University students will not need to transfer their credits after the program is completed; all credits will be earned as Tulane credits.

### **Costs and Application**

The cost of the three-week program is \$4,000, which includes:

- 6 Tulane University undergraduate credits
- Hotel stays, daily breakfasts and some meals
- Medical insurance
- Field trips and events

The cost of the Service Learning option (including an additional week's stay) will be an additional \$600 and includes:

- 1 Tulane University undergraduate service learning credit satisfying part of the public service requirement
- Hotel stays, daily breakfasts and some meals
- Transportation to and from service learning sites

Knowledge of Portuguese is not required. Applying students must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5. The application requires two letters of recommendation and a transcript. Please note that non-Tulane students are also welcome to apply to this program.

Complete applications (including application form, transcript, and recommendations) and a \$200 non-refundable deposit are due **no later than 5:00pm on March 31, 2008**, in the Stone Center for Latin American Studies Summer Program Coordination Office located in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute in Caroline Richardson Hall. The **final** payment (balance of \$3,800) may be made by MasterCard, Visa, check, or money order. Checks should be made payable to **Tulane University** and submitted directly to the SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office.

Tulane students seeking loans to cover costs of this program should make early, specific arrangements with the Financial Aid Office, being sure to indicate that they are seeking a loan for a SUMMER PROGRAM. **All students who will be receiving Financial Aid are still individually responsible for submitting the full payment directly to the Stone Center (via the Summer Program Coordination Office in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute); the indication of an available balance in a student's Accounts Receivable balance will not be sufficient.** (You can now cover part of your cost through a TULASO Scholarship for Summer Programs. [Check it out!](#))

Additional pre-printed applications are available at the Stone Center for Latin American Studies office in 100 Jones Hall or at SCLAS Summer Program Coordination office in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute in Caroline Richardson Hall. Or download electronic applications by visiting <http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/html/International.htm#Summer> or request one via email by contacting [nporto@tulane.edu](mailto:nporto@tulane.edu).

## **Flight**

The price of the program does not include airfare; all students must make their own travel arrangements.

## **Passport and Visa**

The Stone Center for Latin American Studies requires all students to possess a valid passport in order to participate in this program. For information on applying for a passport (U.S. citizens), please visit the U.S. State Department web site at <http://travel.state.gov/>.

American citizens are required to obtain a visa for travel to Brazil directly from one of the eight Brazilian Consulates in the U.S. To check for your jurisdiction, see [http://www.brasilemb.org/consulado/consular\\_jurisdictions.shtml](http://www.brasilemb.org/consulado/consular_jurisdictions.shtml). Visa application forms can be downloaded from each of consulate's web sites. Please note that you should apply for a tourist visa and indicate in the Comments section "university sponsored trip." The cost for a Brazilian tourist visa is currently \$110.00, but subject to change.

For more information, please contact:

Natalia Porto /SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office  
Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute / Caroline Richardson Hall  
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118-5698  
504-862-8629 / EMAIL: [nporto@tulane.edu](mailto:nporto@tulane.edu)  
or visit *International Programs* at <http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/>

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION  
to the Tulane Summer in Brazil 2008 Program  
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- A. All application materials must be submitted directly to the following address by MARCH 31, 2008, 5:00 P.M.**

SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office  
Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute  
Caroline Richardson Hall  
Tulane University  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
TEL 504 862-8629  
FAX 504 862-8678  
EMAIL [nporto@tulane.edu](mailto:nporto@tulane.edu)

- B. Please review the checklist before submitting your application for the program and sign the following:**

Enclosed are the following documents:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application Form (including Statement of Purpose)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation Forms (2)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Current Official Academic Transcript  
\_\_\_\_\_ Application Fee of \$200 (check or money order payable to Tulane University)

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the delivery of any documents missing at the current time in order for my application to be considered. I also understand that application fee of \$200 is non-refundable. I understand that I must pay the program balance upon acceptance into the program.

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name (last, first): \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing Country of Passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Valid Until: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Valid Until: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If your parent/guardian is a Tulane employee, will you be paying for the program through the Tulane Tuition Waiver Program?      Not applicable      Yes      No

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

If you are a Tulane student, what school are you are at? \_\_\_\_\_

If not a Tulane student, which university do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) as of the Fall 2007 semester? \_\_\_\_\_

*(if you are not on a 4.0 scale, please provide an explanation of the system at your school)*

What is (are) your major(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is (are) your minor(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

How many semesters do you have left to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Have you previously studied Spanish/Portuguese?      *yes*                      *no***

**If yes, please elaborate on number of language courses taken and at which level.**

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**Have you previously participated in a study abroad program?      *yes*                      *no***

**If yes, please identify the program name, country, and date of participation**

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**Please provide the names of the two people submitting letters of recommendation:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Purpose:**

Please describe, in one paragraph, why you are applying to this program. Be sure to include your interests in the topics presented in the course work: Communication, Media, Brazilian Studies, Latin American Studies, etc. . . .

**RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION  
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**STUDENT APPLICANT:** This form must be completed by the person recommending you for this program. Please write your name and social security number in the space provided below before giving this form to the person filling it out. The completed form should be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered together with your application or you can ask your recommender to send it directly to us at the SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office by March 31, 2008.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE PERSON:** Please place the completed form in an envelope, sign it across the seal and return either to the applicant or to the SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office in the *Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute, Caroline Richardson Hall, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118*. If you are Tulane Faculty and Staff, you can email your recommendation for admission to Natalia Porto at [nporto@tulane.edu](mailto:nporto@tulane.edu). (This recommendation will remain confidential and will be used by the program staff only in its procedures relative to admission to the Tulane Summer in Brazil program).

*Please address the following:*

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- What are the applicant's qualifications for this particular program?
- Please comment on attributes such as motivation, adaptability, intellect, and maturity.
- If possible, please comment on applicant's scholarship and preparation in Communication, Media, Brazilian Studies, Latin American Studies, etc.
- Please sign and date the form.
- Please give your full name and title/position.

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*Please feel free to use the space provided or attach your comments to this form.*

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