Summer in Brazil 2012

Language & Culture
SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL, June 16—July 27, 2012
APPLICATIONS DUE by March 2, 2012

The Stone Center for Latin American Studies invites students interested in Portuguese language and Brazilian studies to participate in a summer program in Brazil during the summer of 2012. São Paulo, the largest metropolis in Latin America, is an exciting center for fine arts, theater, music and cultural life. This city is a medley of Brazilians from all the country’s 26 states and from multiple ethnic groups (Japanese, Italian, Jewish, Syrian and Lebanese, etc.) which makes for an exciting mix of traditions and fabulous food on every street. Plunge into the vibrant entertainment scene and explore an extraordinary nightlife. When tired of the fast pace of São Paulo, head to the beaches which are just a couple of hours away.

While São Paulo can sweep you off your feet, you need to keep standing to attend the exciting and vigorous academic program organized by Tulane and Vanderbilt Universities. In the summer of 2012 classes will be taught by a team of prominent scholars, including Christopher Dunn, Associate Professor of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies at Tulane University, as well as by several professors from PUC São Paulo (Catholic University of São Paulo, one of the top rated academic institutions in Brazil). The classes will provide for immersion into Brazilian language and culture and supplemented by field trips in São Paulo and beyond.

After a first visit to Brazil, you will be tempted to go back and when you do, you will have a command of Portuguese and an in-depth understanding of this country’s people, culture and society. Such experience and knowledge may prove useful for your career aspirations. Brazil is gaining in international reputation and will host the 2014 Soccer World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics. With a thriving economy and a steady consolidation of its democracy, Brazil is one of the leading nations of the new global order. The 2012 summer program will allow you to witness this transformation first-hand.

Courses
All students enroll in two courses for a total of 6–7 credits. Language courses include: Brazilian Portuguese: Language and Culture–Intermediate Level (PORT 2030; 4 credits), or Brazilian Portuguese: Language and Culture–Advanced Level (PORT 3040; 3 credits). The second course is Perspectives on Brazilian Culture (BRAZ 4130; 3 credits; in English) OR Brazilian Cultural Imaginaries (PORT 6130; 3 credits). This last option is especially designed for FLAS fellowship graduate students.

Cost of the Program
The cost of the six-week program is $6,500 (FLAS breakdown: $4,800 for tuition and $1,700 for housing/board), which includes: six or seven Tulane University credits (transferable to other universities); home stays; daily breakfast and some meals; medical insurance; field trips and events, and an approximately $170 fee for registration with Federal Police of Brazil.

This program does qualify as a FLAS-approved program with the required number of instructional hours. Interested students are advised to visit the Stone Center web site at http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/ (see “Grants & Funding” section) for information regarding application procedures and deadlines.

Applying to the Program
Applications are available at the Stone Center or at the Stone Center’s website. Student applicants 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 (application form, transcript, and recommendations) and a $300 non-refundable deposit are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2012.

For More Information
Please consult the “International Programs” page of the Stone Center’s web site at http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/. Or, contact Natalia Porto at 504.862.8629 or nporto@tulane.edu

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