Summer in Brazil 2012  
Language and Culture  
São Paulo, Brazil  

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. 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. Also please note, that to attend the program a student should complete at least a semester of Portuguese.
Cost of the Program
The cost of the six-week program is $6,500, 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. FLAS breakdown is the following: $4800 for tuition and $1700 for housing/board.

If you are an undergraduate at Tulane, you can now cover part of your cost through a TULASO Scholarship for Summer Programs. Check this and other scholarships on our website.

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
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. Please bring applications to the Stone Center in Jones Hall of the Uptown campus or send it by mail to the address below. The balance of the program costs is due upon acceptance into the program. The final payment may be made by MasterCard, Visa, check, or money order. Checks should be made payable to Tulane University and submitted to Natalia Porto at the Stone Center of Latin American Studies. Note that airfare is not included in the official program costs.

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. The price of the program does not include visa cost which is currently $140.00, but is subject to change. After you are accepted to the program, we will assist you with more detailed information on how to obtain a visa.

For more information, please contact:
Natalia Porto
Stone Center for Latin American Studies
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118-5698
504-862-8629 / EMAIL: nporto@tulane.edu
or Visit International Programs at http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
to the Tulane Summer in Brazil 2012 Program
June 16th–July 27th, 2012

A. All application materials must be submitted to the following address no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2012.

Stone Center for Latin American Studies
Jones Hall, Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118
TEL 504 862-8629
FAX 504 862-8678
EMAIL 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 Letters/Forms (2 needed - your professors can email them to nporto@tulane.edu; please note that at least one of your recommendation letters should attest to your command of Portuguese.)

____ Current Official Academic Transcript

____ Application Fee of $300 (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 $300 is non-refundable. I understand that I must pay the program balance upon acceptance into the program. (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 to the Stone Center; the indication of an available balance in a student’s Accounts Receivable balance will not be sufficient.)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: ______________________________________________

PRINT NAME: ________________________________________________________

DATE: __________________________________________________________________

Application Forms for Tulane Summer in Brazil 2012
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
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(cont.)

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: _________________________ 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, which school are you in? _________________________________
If not a Tulane student, which university do you attend? _______________________________

Are you an undergraduate or graduate student? ________________________________

What is your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) as of the Fall 2011 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)? _________________________________________________
What year are you? When do you expect to graduate? _____________________________
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Please elaborate on number of language courses taken and at which level. Please note, that to
attend the program, you should complete at least a semester of Portuguese and one of your
recommendation letters should attest to your command of Portuguese.

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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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How did you hear about our program?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Do you or have you applied for a FLAS fellowship to attend this program and from what
institutions? If answered YES: Have you been awarded a fellowship and from what institution? If
you have not been informed yet, when will you know?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Please provide the names of the two people submitting letters of recommendation:
1.______________________________________________
2.______________________________________________
**Statement of Purpose:**

Please describe, in a paragraph or two, why you are applying to this program. Be sure to include your interests in the topics presented in the course work: Brazilian Studies, Latin American Studies, Portuguese Language, etc. . . .
RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION  

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Student Name: _____________________________________________________

REFERENCE PERSON: Please place the completed form in an envelope, sign it across the seal and return either to the applicant or to Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Jones 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. (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.
- Please comment on the applicant’s command of Portuguese.
- 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.

Please feel free to use the space provided, attach your comments to this form, or send via email to nporto@tulane.edu.
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