**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND PROGRAM SCHEDULES GUIDE**

**SUMMER IN BRAZIL (VIRTUAL)**

**SUMMER 2021**

**June 7 – July 30, 2021**

This document contains more detailed information about the structure and schedule of courses. **Students should review it fully and carefully prior to the program start date.** Please direct all questions to the Program Manager, Dr. Hannah Palmer at sclassum@tulane.edu or (504) 862-8629.

**LANGUAGE COURSES**

Before the program start date, students will complete a language assessment to be placed in one of the following.

- PORT 2050: Immersive Intermediate Portuguese (4 credits)
- PORT 3050: Immersive Grammar and Writing (3 credits)

**CULTURE AND SOCIETY COURSE**

All students will be enrolled in PORT 6130: Contemporary Social Issues in Brazil (3 credits). This year, the program will host two sections of the course, one for advanced and another for intermediate learners. Co-taught by two CET instructors, the course provides an overview of the cultural, historical, sociological, and political forces that shape the experiences of 21st-Century Brazilian peoples. Students will discuss social concepts like citizenship, religion, race, development in the local context and explore in-depth some of the various Brazilian social welfare programs (health, retirement, education, etc). All class meetings will be conducted in Portuguese, though appropriate accommodations will be made for less advanced language learners. Students will engage with course materials through daily readings (in English and Portuguese), lectures, discussions, and cultural excursions. Their performance will be evaluated on attendance, participation, and a final paper written in Portuguese. By the end of the class, students should be able to identify the social and cultural currents that shape Brazilian realities, to connect these currents to their political, historical and philosophical roots, and to assess and debate the Brazilian welfare state. More importantly, they will be able to engage in these discussions in the target language both amongst themselves and with native Portuguese speakers.

**CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Each week, students will be asked to participate in 1-2 co-curricular activities designed to supplement the lectures, readings, and assignments. Generally, these activities will take place during scheduled class meetings but may occasionally be assigned as homework to be completed on the students’ own time.

**Brazilian Buddies:** U.S. students will be partnered with Brazilian students at the PUC-SP with whom they can correspond via WhatsApp, email, phone, social media, etc. The arrangement intends to provide a cultural exchange, and instructors may ask students to talk to their buddies about particular topics as a way of engaging students with Brazilian practices, attitudes, and customs.

**Supplementary Activities:** Students may be invited to participate in supplementary, social activities that take place outside of class time. These activities are optional and do not contribute to required contact hours or affect students’ grades.
SCHEDULE

Classes meet between June 7 and July 30, 2021 according to the schedule below. All times are listed in Central Daylight Time; students in other time zones should make the proper accommodations to attend classes at appointed times.

Block 1: PORT 2050 or PORT 3050 (5 days/week; 12.5 hrs/week; 100 total contact hours)

**Monday-Thursday:** synchronous

**Friday:** asynchronous activities with professor available for individual consultation *(contingent on approval by FLAS Program officers)*

9:00 - 9:50 am CDT: Session 1  
9:50 – 10:05 am CDT: Break 1  
10:05 - 10:55 am CDT: Session 2  
10:55 – 11:10 am CDT: Break 2  
11:10 am-12:00 pm CDT: Session 3

Block 2: PORT 6130 (3 days/week; 5 hrs/week; 40 total contact hours)

**Tuesday-Thursday:** synchronous

Students will participate in either the early or the late section, depending on language level.

**Early Section: Intermediate Contemporary Social Issues in Brazil**

1:00 – 1:50 pm CDT: Session 1  
1:50 – 2:05 pm CDT: Break 1  
2:05 – 2:55 pm CDT: Session 2

**Late Section: Advanced Contemporary Social Issues in Brazil**

3:15 - 4:05 pm CDT: Session 1  
4:05 – 4:20 pm CDT: Break 1  
4:20 - 5:10 pm CDT: Session 2