

**Summer in Brazil (Virtual)**  
**June 15 – July 24, 2020**  
**Tulane University**

**Program Overview**

This 6-week online summer program, sponsored by the Stone Center for Latin American Studies at Tulane, caters to graduate and undergraduate students who wish to achieve a high level of Portuguese fluency through intensive engagement in Brazilian language and culture. With language classes at the intermediate and advanced levels, it allows students to study with experienced Portuguese language faculty both in Brazil and in the United States. Each participant enrolls in two Tulane credit-bearing courses organized in collaboration with our partner institution CET. In their Portuguese language course, students polish their reading, writing, and conversation skills by engaging with Brazilian art, film, and literature. Meanwhile, they delve into the current cultural, social, and political landscape of São Paulo in “Contemporary Social Issues in Brazil,” a course co-taught in Portuguese by Tulane and CET professors. CET will also be organizing virtual activities outside of the classroom, where participants can explore São Paulo and its surroundings through organized on-line excursions to museums, virtual visits with artists and intellectuals, and interact on-line with their classmates and Brazilian university students with on-line *bate papos*. This program meets FLAS guidelines for contact hours and has been determined to be eligible for students to attend on summer FLAS fellowships.

**Courses Offered:**

All students enroll in 2 courses for a total of 6-7 Tulane credits transferable to other institutions.

**PORT 2050: Intermediate Immersive Portuguese (4 credits) OR**

**PORT 3050: Advance Immersive Portuguese (3 credits) AND**

**PORT 6130: Contemporary Social Issues in Brazil (3 credits)—see details below**

**Contemporary Social Issues in Brazil** provides a context for students to hone their aural, oral, and writing language skills through discussions of real-life issues and trends. The course provides an overview of the cultural, historical, sociological, and political forces that shape the experiences of 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Brazilian peoples. It will be co-taught by a Tulane faculty member and a CET instructor. The Tulane-led half of the course will focus on Brazilian popular culture with a particular focus on the art, literature, music, performance, etc of São Paulo. The CET-led half of the course will discuss social concepts like citizenship, religion, race, development in the local context and will provide an in-depth exploration of 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 5-page 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.

## Schedule:

- Orientation Dates: week of June 8, 2020
- Daily Class Schedule beginning June 15 to July 24, 2020
  - Language classes: 9:00am-12 pm CDT, Monday through Friday
    - Taught by CET language instructors, lead teacher is *Sérgio Duarte Julião da Silva*, CET Director of Portuguese Language, Ph.D, Universidade de São Paulo in Applied Linguistics.
    - Supervised by *Megwen Loveless*, Senior Professor of Practice & Director of the Portuguese Basic Language Program, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, Tulane University
    - 3 50-minute sessions with 15-minute breaks
    - Instruction delivered via Canvas and Zoom
  - Culture classes: 1:15pm-3:30pm CDT, Monday through Friday
    - Co-taught by *Mariana Jansen Ferreira*, CET Academic Coordinator & Assistant Professor at the Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP), PhD, Universidade de São Paulo in Public Health, and *Christopher Dunn*, Professor & Department Chair, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, Tulane University, and the Stone Center for Latin American Studies Academic Program Director of the “Summer in Brazil” program.
    - 2 50-minute sessions with a 15-minute break
      - Mostly lecture format, with some guest lectures
      - Some guest lectures may be asynchronous
    - Instruction delivered via Canvas and Zoom
  - Additional required activities - 3 hrs/week after 3:30pm CDT
    - Designed to supplement classroom activities by providing contexts for language practice, both reception and production, in applied settings.
    - Virtual excursions (Cooperifa poetry readings, online concerts, Online Museum exhibits, etc)
    - Weekly Bate Papo led by *Megwen Loveless*, Tulane University
    - View media (movies, TV, other), then discuss in breakout sections

## Contact Hours Analysis

Language Class- 100 % synchronous, 100% Portuguese

- 3 50-minute sessions per day = 150 minutes/day
- 150 minutes/day X 5 days= 750 minutes/week = 12.5 hours/week
- 12.5/week X 6 weeks = 75 hours total

Culture Class – 80-90% synchronous, 100% Portuguese (\*Some readings may be in English to accommodate Intermediate language learners)

- 2 50-minute sessions per day = 100 minutes/day
- 100 minutes/day X 5 days=500 minutes/week= 8.3333 hours/week
- 8.333 hours/week X 6 weeks = 50 hours total

Additional Required Activities – 70-80% synchronous, 100% Portuguese

NOTE: may require asynchronous viewing followed by synchronous discussion in Portuguese

- 3 hours/week X 6 weeks= 18 hours total

Total Program Hours

- Language Classes = 75 hours
- Culture Classes = 50 hours
- Additional Required Activities = 18 hours
- TOTAL CONTACT HOURS = 143 hours

**Program Cost**

Academic Program Fee: \$4,800

There are no Housing/Logistics fees associated with this program for the Summer 2020 virtual program.

**More Information**

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This program is capped at 30 participants. We will be accepting students on a rolling admissions basis until the cap is met.