

Brazil

Brazilian Culture and Portuguese Language

Fortaleza and Rio de Janeiro
May June 2 – July 10

Fee: \$3875 Tuition Included

IMPORTANT NOTE:

It is possible that not all TnCIS programs or all TnCIS courses are available at your institution. Courses may also have slightly different titles and numbers at your institution. Contact your TnCIS campus representative for exact course and program offerings and instructions for registering and paying fees.

Program Location:

From glistening beaches of Fortaleza to the tropical marvel of Rio de Janeiro, the TnCIS program in Brazil offers students the chance to experience an incredible diversity of landscapes and peoples. Brazil is the largest country in Latin America (roughly the size of the continental USA). It is the only Latin American country to speak Portuguese (seventh most spoken language in the world - which places it ahead of French, Japanese, and German). It is home to one of the world's largest industrial economies (tenth in the world); at the same time it has the world's largest tropical rain forest. It boasts lively music and dance (from samba's entrancing rhythms to the Northeast's axé -charged beats), as well as a long list of truly distinctive cultural traditions formed through a blend of European, African, and Indigenous antecedents.

The TnCIS program will take place in two locations. First is the Northeastern city of Fortaleza. Located just 3 degrees south of the equator, the city of two and one-half million (fifth largest in Brazil) is surrounded by miles of sandy tropical beaches. Founded over 500 years ago, the city today is the political seat of the state of Ceará, an important sea port, and a recreational retreat for Brazilians. The TnCIS program will be affiliated with Federal University of Ceará and classes will be held on its campus. The program will be in Fortaleza for just over 4 weeks.

The second location is Rio de Janeiro, a vibrant mega-city famous for its natural beauty (ocean, beaches, and escarpment), culture (from samba to umbanda), and history (Brazil's capital for 125 years). The TnCIS program will visit Rio for three days, staying in Copacabana. Excursions are planned to Sugar Loaf and Corcovado.

Program Description:

This program is designed to provide students with a basic introduction to Brazilian culture and society, as well as elementary and intermediate Portuguese language instruction. Through homestays with Brazilian families, class work, and excursions, students will be exposed to a wide variety of cultural traditions and practice that make Brazil a truly unique experience.

Excursions: There will be several excursions while in Fortaleza to nearby towns and beaches. Trips to important points of interest within the city will occur on a weekly basis. While in Rio, the program will visit Sugar Loaf and Corcovado, as well as tour historical sites downtown.

Classes: Classes will be held three hours per day, five days per week.

Accommodations: While in Fortaleza, students will live and eat three meals per day with local families (two students to a household). While in Rio, students will be housed in hotels, three to a room, with breakfast provided.

Academics:

There will be two sessions of courses offered, each lasting 2 ½ weeks. Students must take 1 course for each session, resulting in a total of 6 credit hours for the program.

Session 1: May 28 – June 17

LAS: 2020-01 – Introduction to Brazilian Culture and Portuguese Language

PORT: 1010 – Elementary Portuguese I

PORT: 2010 – Intermediate Portuguese I

Session 2: June 18 – July 5

LAS 2020-02 – Race, Class, and Gender in Brazil

PORT: 1020 – Elementary Portuguese II

PORT: 2020 – Intermediate Portuguese II

ANTH: 3710 – Topics in Anthropology: Race, Class and Gender in Brazil

Language courses will be taught by qualified native speakers of Portuguese using standard college level Portuguese texts and instructional materials.

Financial Aid:

Applications for financial aid (scholarships, grants and student loans) must be made through your home institution. Please consult your TnCIS campus representative for information and instructions.

Mandatory Orientation:

A thorough pre-departure orientation is an essential part of your preparation to study abroad. The mandatory TnCIS orientation for all programs will be held **Saturday, March 29, 2008, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM**. Exact time and place will be announced at the beginning of March. Please plan to attend.

Application:

Applications are due on February 28th. **APPLY NOW**

Late Applications will be considered on a space available basis.

A complete application consists of:

1. The completed on line application
2. The deposit of \$100 (paid to the cashier at your home institution).
3. An official transcript sent to TnCIS at the address below directly by the registrar at your institution.

Complete applications will be considered beginning February 29, 2008 and you will be notified of acceptance shortly after that date.

Program Fee and Payment:

Students will register and pay fees on their home campuses. The cost to the student will be \$3875. The fee to the student includes tuition, round-trip air travel from Tennessee to Brazil, all excursion transportation in Brazil, room and board in Fortaleza, and hotel accommodations and breakfast in Rio de Janeiro. *Expenses not covered by the fee include: passport, visitors visa, health insurance, textbooks, lunch and dinner in Rio de Janeiro and personal spending money.*

Payment deadlines are:

February 28:	Deposit of	\$ 100
March 20:	Full payment of	<u>\$3775</u>
Total:		\$3875

Cancellation Policy:

Before February 28: Full refund.

Between February 28 and March 20: Full refund except for \$100 deposit.

Between March 20 and April 28: \$1,400 cancellation fee.

After April 28: No refund.

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