Brazil
UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective
This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad (BSA) Adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for a UCEAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA Adviser for this program.

COVID-19 Information
The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges related to health concerns and international travel. Please check UCEAP’s Pandemic Updates for the most up-to-date information about program cancellations for the 2023-24 academic year and additional resources and information.

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Resources

Advisor Contact Information

For BSA Adviser name, email and advising availability, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising

UCEAP Alums

EAP alumni are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in touch with alums, simply send the BSA Adviser an email with your list of questions and the contact information of returnees who have agreed to be contacted will be shared.

UCEAP Alum-Created Resources

Some of our returnees have created presentations to share with others. You can look at their work through the Student Created Resource Google folder that we will continually update.

Center for Latin American Studies

Being more informed about the history and current affairs of Brazil and Latin America can lead to a more fulfilling study abroad experience. In addition to keeping up with Portuguese language study prior to departure, you are also highly encouraged to attend lectures and events put on by the Center for Latin American Studies at UC Berkeley. You can join CLAS email list for event reminders.
Useful links shared by host university PUC-Rio

Below are a series of links shared by our partner institution, PUC-Rio. This is information the university created for all incoming foreign students. Please note that some dates and activities mentioned may differ for UCEAP participants.

General information:

http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/cccc/incoming/

Brazilian Debates

http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/cccc/incoming/brazilian_debates.html

Admission Procedures/Nomination guide:


Activities and Support for international students

http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/cccc/incoming/special_activities.html

Video: Buddy System "Brother Carioca"

Academic Departments:

http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/cccc/incoming/centers_courses.html

International Calendar:

http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/cccc/calendar/index.html

Living in Rio:

http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/cccc/incoming/living_rio.html


PUC-Rio & Student Testimonials

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgCjeyVRw1E&feature=emb_logo

http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/cccc/incoming/testimonials.html

Programs
BRAZILIAN SEMINAR (Summer)

This newer program in Rio de Janeiro was offered for the first time to UCEAP students in summer 2018. Students take a Portuguese language course along with the Brazilian Seminars, which consist of a series of lectures on contemporary society. Lectures have a multidisciplinary and broad range focus including: Race Relations, Public Policy, International Relations, Doing Business in Brazil, Environmental Challenges, the Oil Industry and much more! Each lecture is taught in English by Brazilian scholars and experts in their field. This is a good option for students who wish to learn more about Brazil, Latin America, and the world from the lens of the fifth largest country in the world.

The program is open to international participants beyond the UC system, so it is likely that students will attend the seminar course with other international students and young professionals.

PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIV. OF RIO DE JANEIRO (Semester)

The semester program at PUC-Rio has two tracks: English Track and Immersion Track.

The English Track allows students without prior Portuguese or Spanish background to take limited course offerings in English. Traditionally, there are 20-30 courses offered within this option and approximately half are offered per semester. These courses in English are meant for international students and have a focus on Business, Design, Engineering, International Relations, and Social Sciences. The English track caters to those without prior Portuguese or Spanish skills and is best intended for a student who wants to make significant progress in learning the language while taking limited English-taught courses.

The Immersion Track allows students with a minimum of one year of university-level Portuguese or two years of university-level Spanish training by the start of the program to take courses in a variety of subject areas. The courses in the immersion track will be taught in Portuguese.

Both tracks start with a 4-week ILP (Intensive Language Program) that is worth 2 semester units and students continue to study the Portuguese language during the semester.

A note about academic planning flexibility

Keep in mind that the courses you find in the UCEAP Course Catalog or on the host university’s web site may not be offered the semester(s) you will be abroad. Oftentimes, you will not have concrete information about what courses will be offered until a couple months before departure or only upon arrival in Brazil. Be prepared for the possibility that you will have to modify your academic plans.
Other Important Details

Important Visa Information

While you will not be applying for your visa until after you are selected, there are some important things you should be aware of now to ensure you do not have problems later on:

Names

It is critical that your full name matches on official documents (passport, birth certificate, visa application form, etc.). The Brazilian Consulate and other government agencies are very particular about the names presented on official documents. For example, if your name is Jorge Amado da Silva, you cannot apply for a visa using the name Jorge A. da Silva, or Jorge Silva.

Check your official documents now and take action if there is any inconsistency in how your name is written on your passport, birth certificate, driver’s license, etc. In addition, if there is any potential for future inconsistency in how your name is written, decide before you begin your UCEAP application how you will write your name.

Non-US passport holders plan ahead.

If you hold a passport from a country other than the US, please be sure to contact the Brazilian Consulate to find out what documents you will need for studying in Brazil well in advance.

Back-to-Back programs

Due to the complicated nature of student visas for Brazil, students are discouraged from participating in UCEAP Brazil as the second of their back-to-back study abroad programs. If you are able to start with the Brazil program before moving to your second study abroad destination, that would be advised.

Calendar

The semester/year options are close to a 6 month participation period. The fall program runs between early July to mid-December. The spring program runs between mid-January to early July.