Education Abroad Resources: Brazil

Whether you have browsed the IDEA website or just know you would like to have an abroad experience in Brazil, you should be aware that there are many options. To help you narrow down your search, set goals and ask yourself what you want out of your abroad experience in Brazil. Doing a bit of background research to narrow down the number of programs you’re interested in will not only help your advisor but will make you feel much more prepared and less overwhelmed. Below are several tools to help you explore programs and the many wonderful cities in Brazil!

1) Research your program options

Study Abroad Program Website: http://oregonstate.edu/international/studyabroad/students
International Internship Website: http://oregonstate.edu/international/studyabroad/internships

2) Define your goals and ask yourself what you want out of the experience

- Are you looking to learn Portuguese or Spanish while abroad and to what extent? Do you meet the language (also GPA, coursework, etc) prerequisites for the program?
- In what language do you want your classes taught in (some programs offer Spanish and English options)?
- Who do you want to take your classes with? Host-country students, US or international students, or a mix?
- What do you prefer for housing: dorm-room, apt, home-stay, etc?
- Do you feel more comfortable in an urban/large city or a smaller town?
- Do you want to attend another university or a field station?
- How LONG do you want to go? (Not all programs are offered every term or for a full year).
- Do you want to travel during your program?
- Do you have a region of Brazil in mind (e.g. do you want to be near the ocean, near the Amazon, mountains, or in a certain climate)?

3) Research program locations

General Information

- General guide to Rio for backpackers and travelers: www.gringo-rio.com
- Official website for the Universidade de Sao Paulo: www.usp.br
- Helpful blog site for the traveler: www.gringoes.com
- The official website of the Universade Católica do Salvador- www.ucsal.br
Salvador da Bahia

- History: [http://www.bahia-online.net/history-bahia.htm](http://www.bahia-online.net/history-bahia.htm)
- News Website: [http://www.topix.com/br/bahia](http://www.topix.com/br/bahia)

Sao Paulo