



Pontifícia Universidade Católica
do Rio de Janeiro

The Central Coordination for
International Cooperation of the
Pontifical Catholic University of Rio
de Janeiro – PUC-Rio is proud to
announce the **eighth** edition of the
Brazilian Seminars.

July 17 - August 1 , 2025





ABOUT RIO DE JANEIRO

- City area - 485 square miles (1,255 square km)
- Greater Rio, 2,079 square miles (5,384 square km)
- Population (2021 est.) 6,775,560
- Greater Rio, 12,763,305
- Rio de Janeiro is well known for the beauty of its beaches and of its peaks, ridges, and hills—all partly covered by tropical forests.



ABOUT PUC-RIO



- PUC-Rio was the first private higher education institution in the country, created by the Catholic Church. It was founded in 1940 and, beyond providing education, PUC-Rio undertook the task of assisting the community, based on Christian ethical values, solidarity and human respect. It represents a space for achievement, overcoming challenges and development of its students.
- The university operates under the supervision of the Society of Jesus and under the supreme authority of the Cardinal Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro as its Grand Chancellor.
- PUC-Rio is a non-profit philanthropic institution and a Catholic university based in Christian humanistic principles.
- It welcomes students, staff members, teachers, researchers and administrators of all religions, nationalities, ethnic groups and social classes.
- The referential starting-point of PUC-Rio is the complete development of the human being in two main perspectives: the philosophical and the theological. Besides that, it is an intense doctoral research institution that focuses primarily in the development of academic and scientific knowledge.

BRAZILIAN SEMINARS PROGRAM

- The Brazilian Seminars developed by PUC-Rio is an international summer school which provides students, young scholars and international administrators with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge about Brazil.
- It's an interdisciplinary program meant to give a broad perspective of Brazilian issues which are currently in the global scenario.



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- The Brazilian Seminars Program has a total of 60 contact hours.
- Program's structure: 52 class-hours offered through 19 lectures on different topics + 8h dedicated to technical visits + cultural and social activities.



PROGRAM NEW FEATURES

Introduction to capoeira

Field lecture on an environmental topic



COURSE CONTENT

- Brazilian arts
- Brazilian Music
- Interact with Brazilians
- Challenge for Brazilian democracy: trending topics in Brazilian politics
- Brazilian history: from Brasilia`s foundation to the current years
- Doing business in Brazil,
- Innovation ecosystem for sustainability
- Education: policies and challenges
- Favelas in Rio: Spaces of segregation or integration?
- Environmental issues and renewable energy
- Energy: Brazil in the global market
- Media and democracy in Brazil and Latin America
- Social inclusion and social movements
- Race relations: Racism in Brazil
- Migration flows: The formation of the Brazilian people
- Trending topics in Brazilian politics, BRICS and international relations
- The Brazilian agenda of economic development
- Urban planning, mobility and integration

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Airport pick up: July 14, 2025
- Portuguese language intensive course - Part I (20h): July 14-17, 2025
- Brazilian Seminars course dates: July 17–August 1, 2025
- Portuguese language intensive course - Part II (20h): August 4-8, 2025
- Application deadline: May 31, 2025
- Course duration: 60h
- Contact hours: 52h
- Company visits & excursions: 8h

HOUSING

- PUC-Rio does not provide dormitory facilities on campus but offers an enriched opportunity for students to experience the Brazilian way of life by placing them in a home-stay program.
- International students are placed in home-stays located in the south zone of the city, the same as the university. Most families live near PUC-Rio, within 30 - 40 minutes distance from campus by city bus.
- It includes a private room with a bed, a fan, a weekly change of sheets and towels, access to light and gas and a Brazilian breakfast (coffee, milk, bread, butter, jelly and fruit). Access to kitchen and laundry facilities is also included.

WEATHER IN RIO IN JULY

- July is known not as a warm month. The average maximum daytime temperature in Rio de Janeiro in July lies at 25.4°C (77.72°F). Usually it is the coldest month of the year. The average minimum temperature goes down to around 17.1°C (62.78°F) (often the minimum temperature is noted at night).
- Rainfall during July is moderate with an average of 31mm (1.2 inches). This makes it the driest month of the year. There are generally around 9 rainy days. The sun will show itself now and again, with 183 hours of sunshine during the entire month.

WHAT TO PACK

- The winter can get chilly in the evenings though so layers are a great way to keep your luggage light.
- The dress code in Rio de Janeiro is casual and given the climate, this tends to mean shorts and t-shirts.
- Think about your comfort in the humid conditions. Light clothing, cotton tops, shorts and flowing skirts will help keep you cool.
- Long sleeved lightweight shirts and blouses will help prevent mozzie attacks in the evenings.
- When thinking about how much to pack, just bear in mind you'll only get 1 wear out of any outfit before it needs laundering because of the humidity.
- It can rain in Rio de Janeiro anytime of the year so a light jacket and maybe even an umbrella won't go amiss.



TRANSPORTATION

- Buses
- Taxi and other mobility apps
- Subway
- Bike



MORE TO KNOW

- Cost of living in Rio - <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Rio-De-Janeiro>
- Currency – Brazilian Reais (US\$ 1.00 = R\$ 5,90)
- Banking – there are two banks and ATM machines on campus
- Safety – Gavea neighborhood, where PUC is located is safe
A full orientation will be held on PUC-Rio before classes start



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU HERE SOON!



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