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The ACM Brazil Exchange Programs offer two distinct options to fit students' academic interests.

### Liberal Arts & Sciences Exchange Program

Designed for students from any academic major, this exchange with the Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (UFJF) offers elective courses throughout the arts and humanities, sciences, and social sciences.

The program is ideal for students interested in Latin America who would like to learn or improve their Portuguese, particularly students who already know another Romance language.

### Environmental Studies Exchange Program

This program brings an international perspective to environmental studies and enables students to better understand how environmental issues and outcomes vary across different natural, policy, and cultural settings. For example, students can explore the interaction among environmental resources, agriculture, and the push for bio-fuels and other alternative energy sources, a set of issues pertinent to both Brazil and the Midwestern U.S.

Participants enroll at either the Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (UFJF) or the Universidade de Brasília (UnB).

**Scholarships of up to \$5,000 are available for this program** through a four-year grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) of the U.S. Department of Education, and students chosen for the program will be named as "ACM-Brazil FIPSE Environmental Fellows."

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The Brazil Semester Exchange Programs are ACM's first exchange programs. For every student from an ACM college who studies at UFJF or UnB for a semester, a student from the Brazilian university studies at that ACM college to complete the exchange. The programs grew out of an exchange program with UFJF that Colorado College established and coordinated from 2001 to 2009.



International students at UFJF.

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# Brazil

Semester Exchange Programs



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at Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora

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at Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora  
or Universidade de Brasília

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## Immersion in everyday life and culture in Brazil

The ACM Brazil: Semester Exchange Programs offer students exciting opportunities to immerse themselves in the everyday life and culture of Latin America's largest and most populous country. With the world's eighth largest economy, Brazil is at the heart of economic, political, and social affairs in South America.

Students directly enroll at one of ACM's two partner institutions in Brazil — the Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (UFJF) or the Universidade de Brasília (UnB) — where they take classes, taught in Portuguese, with Brazilian students. Direct enrollment allows students to choose from among a wide variety of courses and academic departments in the arts and humanities, sciences, and social sciences.



*“When I arrived in Brazil, I knew less than ten words in Portuguese. Luckily, I caught on quickly and after about two months, I was completely conversational; after six months, I was fluent. Juiz de Fora had few tourists, so I was a total celebrity!”*

Eve Aguilar, Colorado College  
Brazil Exchange, Spring 2008



Above: On the UFJF campus.  
Photo courtesy of the UFJF Communications Dept.

## ACM's partners in Brazil

ACM's partner institutions in the Brazil Semester Exchange Programs are two of the country's best-regarded universities. Admission to these public research universities is highly selective, and only a fraction of those who apply are admitted.

### Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (UFJF)

UFJF offers undergraduate majors in over 30 fields. The university has about 11,000 undergraduate students, 4,000 graduate students, and over 1,000 professors and lecturers. The UFJF International Relations Office assists students in both ACM programs as they select and enroll in courses.

The UFJF campus is in the city of Juiz de Fora, a university town of 500,000 located two hours north of Rio de Janeiro in the low mountains of the state of Minas Gerais. With a pleasant climate and an active music and arts community, Juiz de Fora is known as one of the most livable cities in Brazil and is a center of industry and trade for southeast Brazil.

### Universidade de Brasília (UnB)

Located in the heart of the capital city of Brasília, UnB has more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students and about 1,500 professors. It is comprised of 22 institutes and schools, with over 60 undergraduate programs. The university boasts a wide variety of research and experimentation facilities, including an ecological station, a seismological observatory, and a farm dedicated to ecological and forestry research.

Built in the late 1950s to move the capital from Rio de Janeiro to a more central location in the country's interior, Brasília is famous as a planned city. The principal urban planner, Lúcio Costa, laid out the city with large avenues — intended to keep traffic flowing smoothly — and areas designed for specific uses. The city is the seat of all three branches of the Brazilian government and hosts the headquarters of many Brazilian companies. Originally planned for a population of 500,000, Brasília has grown steadily since it was established and is now a cosmopolitan city of more than two million.

**Scholarships** Scholarship funding is available on a competitive basis to students participating in the Environmental Studies Exchange Program. Scholarships are available for Portuguese language study (up to \$1,000) and for personal program expenses (up to \$4,000).

To be considered for a scholarship, students must apply by the March 15 deadline.

For more details, go to [www.acm.edu/brazil](http://www.acm.edu/brazil)

**Dates** ACM Fall semester (*late July - mid-December*)  
ACM Spring semester (*mid-February - mid-July*)

**Eligibility** Students enrolled at ACM colleges who will be sophomores, juniors, or seniors during the program are eligible.

**Courses** For the first two weeks after arrival in Brazil, students in both programs take a non-credit, intensive Portuguese language course. Once the university semester begins, students enroll in three or four classes.

- **Liberal Arts & Sciences Exchange Program** Students are required to enroll in a semester-long Portuguese language course. They also choose two or three elective courses from the university's departments.
- **Environmental Studies Exchange Program** Students are required to enroll in a semester-long Portuguese language course. They also choose two or three elective courses in areas related to Environmental Studies.

**Extracurricular activities** Both academic and social life at the universities are organized around students' courses of study. Program participants are encouraged to take at least two of their classes within a single department so they will be more likely to meet faculty with common interests and make friends with other students with whom they share multiple classes.

## Living arrangements

**Juiz de Fora** Two types of student housing are available in Juiz de Fora. Both choices are comfortable and offer opportunities to get to know Brazilians and to practice Portuguese.

- **Family stay** These are arranged by the university's International Relations Office. Host families provide one or more meals per day for the students.
- **Living in a república** *República* is the Brazilian name for an apartment in town rented by a group of students who share living expenses and household responsibilities. The students are primarily Brazilian, but may include other international students.

**Brasília** Students will stay in an apartment building on the UnB campus that is reserved for international students, graduate students, and some faculty. There will typically be two students per room, with 3 or 4 bedrooms per apartment.

**Language requirement** All courses at UFJF and UnB are taught in Portuguese. Participants will be expected to have completed advanced study in a Romance language (Spanish, French, or Italian) or beginning Portuguese before they enroll in one of the programs.

**Costs** For information about program costs and an expense budget, go to [www.acm.edu/brazil](http://www.acm.edu/brazil). Students also should check with their Off-Campus Study or Financial Aid Office for information about their college's pricing policies for off-campus study.



Above: The Cathedral of Brasília.

Below: A view of Juiz de Fora.

## How to apply

- Access the ACM application at [www.acm.edu/apply](http://www.acm.edu/apply).
- Students should check with their Off-Campus Study Office about their college's application procedures and deadlines.
- ACM must receive completed applications by:
  - March 15 — Fall semester deadline
  - Early deadline for spring semester Environmental Studies program scholarship deadline (for both fall and spring semesters)
  - October 15 — Spring semester deadline

