

# Brazil

## Semester Exchange Program



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An Environmental Studies option with scholarships

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*"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*

## Juiz de Fora

The city of Juiz de Fora, the site of the Brazil Exchange, is located in the southeastern part of Brazil, in the state of Minas Gerais.

Just 115 miles from Rio de Janeiro (two hours driving) and 315 miles from São Paulo, with a population of approximately 500,000, Juiz de Fora is a university town. With a pleasant climate and an active music and arts community, it is known as one of the most livable cities in Brazil and is a center of industry and trade for southeast Brazil.

Students get an inside look at Brazilian society by either living with a local family or sharing an apartment with Brazilian students.



Warren Takashima

Top: On the UFJF campus.

Right: A view overlooking Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro.

The Brazil Program is ACM's first exchange program. When a student from an ACM college studies at UFJF for the spring semester, a UFJF student then spends the following fall semester studying at that ACM college. The Brazil Program grows out of an exchange program with UFJF that Colorado College established and coordinated from 2001 to 2009.



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International students at UFJF.

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# Immersion in everyday life and culture in Brazil

The ACM Brazil: Semester Exchange Program offers students an exciting opportunity 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.

On the program, students directly enroll at one of the country's top universities, the Federal University of Juiz de Fora (UFJF), where they take classes, taught in Portuguese, with Brazilian students.

Direct enrollment at UFJF allows students to choose courses from any of the university's areas of study, which are wide-ranging and include the arts and humanities, sciences, and social sciences.

## Environmental Studies option in spring 2011

For students interested in Environmental Studies, a new option for direct enrollment at UFJF or the Universidade de Brasilia will begin in spring 2011. Participants in this option will have opportunities for scholarships. Go to [www.acm.edu/brazil](http://www.acm.edu/brazil) for more information.



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**Host institution** The Federal University of Juiz de Fora (UFJF) is one of Brazil's most highly-ranked universities. It enrolls approximately 11,000 undergraduates and offers degrees in 31 fields of study.

**Dates** 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** Students take three or four courses during the semester.

- **Portuguese language** The first two weeks of the program, prior to the start of the UFJF spring semester, are devoted to a non-credit, intensive Portuguese language class, which includes field trips and social activities. Following the two-week intensive course, students are required to enroll in a semester-long Portuguese course.
- **Elective courses** Students choose two or three elective courses from the university's departments. The UFJF International Relations Office assists exchange students in selecting and enrolling in courses.

**Extracurricular activities** Both academic and social life at the university 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.

**Language requirement** All courses at UFJF are taught in Portuguese. Participants will be expected to have completed advanced study in Spanish or beginning Portuguese before they enroll at UFJF.

**Living arrangements** Two types of student housing are available:

- **Family stay** These are arranged by the university's International Relations Office. Host families provide two 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.

**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.

## 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 **October 15**. Early application deadline: **March 15**.

Above: On the UFJF campus.  
Below: A view of Juiz de Fora.



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