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PROGRAM DETAILS

DATES
Fall semester (early August – December)
An optional pre-term Intensive Portuguese course is offered in July.

HOST INSTITUTION
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), one of Brazil’s top private universities.

COURSES/CREDITS
Recommended credit is 16 semester credits or the equivalent.
• Portuguese as a Second Language: Required course offered at beginning to advanced levels.
• Elective Courses: Choose two or three courses focusing on Brazilian topics in anthropology/sociology, art and design, history, business and marketing, and international relations. Students with advanced language skill may enrol in courses taught in Portuguese.
• Independent Study Project: Choose a topic and conduct research in the community, including interviews and observation, under the direction of a faculty member.

HOUSING
Homestay with a Brazilian host family.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
No language prerequisite. Except for the required Portuguese language course, all classes are conducted in English.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15
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For the first two weeks after arrival in Brazil, students take a two-credit, intensive Portuguese language and orientation course. Once the university semester begins, students enroll in three or four classes of their choosing. A semester-long Portuguese language course is recommended.

HOUSING
Students live in rental apartments in Juiz de Fora, typically sharing apartments with Brazilian or other international students.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
All courses are taught in Portuguese. Students must have completed formal study of a foreign language, preferably Portuguese or another Romance language, and have strong motivation to develop advanced level proficiency in Portuguese.

ELIGIBILITY
Only students enrolled at ACM colleges are eligible for this program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
March 15 — Fall semester deadline
October 15 — Spring semester deadline

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