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. Brazil is at the heart of political, economic, and social affairs in South America.

Students directly enroll at one of ACM’s two partner institutions — the Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (UFJF) or the Universidade de Brasília (UnB) — where they take classes, taught in Portuguese, alongside Brazilian students. With direct enrollment, students choose from among a wide variety of courses and fully participate in the extracurricular life of the campus community.

The experience of learning Portuguese and watching the world of Brazilian culture open was amazing. I found myself falling in love with the people and their hospitality, the food, and the music.”

Brazil Exchange participant

An environmental studies student with a professor in the field.

Downtown Juiz de Fora.

On the cover and above: Students on the UFJF campus.
For more details, go to acm.edu/brazil

Living arrangements

Juiz de Fora Three types of student housing are available in Juiz de Fora, all of which are comfortable and offer opportunities to get to know Brazilians and to practice Portuguese. The university’s International Relations Office helps facilitate the process of choosing a housing option.

• Apartment Students can rent an apartment with one or two other student roommates.
• Living in a república This is the Brazilian name for an apartment in town rented by a group of students, who live in a community and share living expenses and household responsibilities. The students are primarily Brazilian, but may include other international students.
• Host family Students live with a local family, with one or more meals provided per day.

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