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UFMG SUMMER SCHOOL ON BRAZILIAN STUDIES

About The Program

The UFMG Summer School on Brazilian Studies intends to give students from all over the world an understanding of key aspects of Brazil from distinct perspectives.

The instructors are professors from UFMG (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais), a leading Brazilian university, recently ranked 9th for best higher education institutions in Latin America by Britain's Times Higher Education.

Over two weeks of intense learning, meetings will cover the underpinnings of Brazilian politics, history, foreign relations, geography, law, economy, arts and culture.

The Summer School takes place at UFMG's main campus in Belo Horizonte – the capital city of Brazil's federal state of Minas Gerais – every month of July.

Lectures on selected topics will go from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, from Monday through Thursday. In the afternoons, there will be Portuguese for Foreigners classes. On Fridays, participants will be taken on field trips to places of historical and artistic relevance (Ouro Preto and Inhotim), not to mention the landmarks in Belo Horizonte and surroundings.

Language

All lectures will be given in English. Applicants are expected to be proficient in English. For students whose main medium of instruction during their education was not English, some proof of English proficiency will be necessary. Results of standard English proficiency tests (e.g., TOEFL or IELTS) will be preferable, but other forms of certification for language proficiency in English may be considered, at the Organizing Committee's discretion.



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Why You Should Take The Summer School

This course aims at providing students from around the globe with a solid background on Brazil and Brazilian studies, shedding light on crucial aspects of South America's giant country and the region in itself. As the world looks ever more interconnected and multipolar, Brazil strikes as a rising power whose understanding might become an asset for future generations of scholars and practitioners, decision makers and takers. Within the ambit of this program, lectures will be delivered on topics as diverse as politics, history, foreign affairs, economy, geography, law, arts and culture, creating a mosaic of highly qualified information and analysis. Introductory classes of Portuguese language – the sixth most spoken idiom in the world today – will help the course taker dig deeper into Brazil's complexities and make better sense of the country's subtleties.

Convenors

Prof. Dr. Aziz Tuffi Saliba (UFMG's School of Law)

Prof. Dr. Dawisson Belém Lopes (UFMG's School of Humanities)

Prof. Dr. Climene Arruda (UFMG's School of Letters)

Prof. Dr. Marcella Furtado de Magalhães Gomes (UFMG's School of Law)

Course Workload

60 hours (4 credits)

Total Course Length

15 days of duration (in July)

60 hours of academic activities, which include:

- 8 lectures delivered by world-class experts on Brazilian Studies
- Lessons of Portuguese for Foreigners
- 2 field trips (all-day long)
- Extra-classroom activities
- Brazilian movie festival



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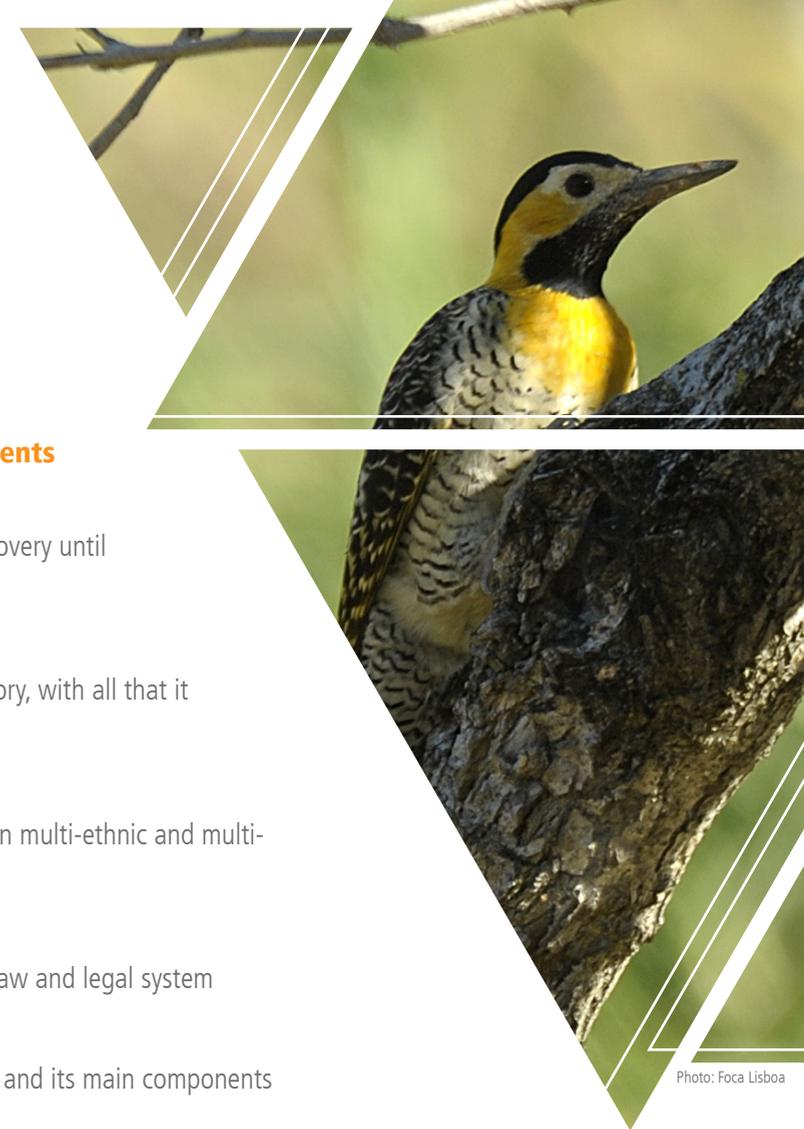


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Brief Description Of Contents

1. Brazilian History

From the age of European discovery until these days

2. Brazilian Geography

A huge and most diverse territory, with all that it entails

3. Brazilian Culture

The cultural richness of Brazilian multi-ethnic and multi-racial people

4. Brazilian Law

Key elements of the Brazilian Law and legal system

5. Brazilian Society

Ultra-complex Brazilian society and its main components

6. Brazilian Politics

Polity and policies in the largest Latin American national community

7. Brazilian Economy

The engines of Brazil's gigantic economy

8. Brazilian Foreign Policy

How an emerging power connects itself with the outside world

9. Brazilian Cinema

The unknown strength of the Brazilian cinema

10. Brazilian Arts

The artful Brazilians and their most talented interpreters

11. Portuguese Language for Foreigners

A taste of Brazil through the language



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Buddy Program

In order to promote further integration of international students into the Brazilian life and UFMG academic atmosphere, the UFMG Summer School will provide a buddy program, in which each Summer School student will be welcomed and accompanied by a UFMG student, under the general supervision of UFMG staff.

Application

Participants are responsible for their own transportation costs to/from Belo Horizonte, personal expenses, and health insurance (mandatory).

Accommodation will be provided by UFMG at the University Housing for all participants.

Applications are open to students and professionals who wish to gain a wide and multifaceted view of Brazil. The Organizing Committee will select up to 40 (forty) students among the batch of applicants. Preference will be given to undergraduate students from institutions that have international cooperation agreements with UFMG. Accepted applicants will receive additional information regarding housing, meals, transportation, safety, weather and visas.

Applications can be submitted via e-mail to summerschool@dri.ufmg.br. Please include "Summer school application" in the subject.

Application materials:

- a) Letter of motivation
- b) One letter of recommendation
- c) Curriculum vitae
- d) Certification of English proficiency



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Cost

For the package including:

- The 15-day Summer School on Brazilian Studies participation fee
- Accommodation at the University Housing during the entire program duration
- Three daily meals served on campus restaurants

Each course taker is due to disburse USD 1,000 (one thousand US dollars).

Contact

For further information, please contact us via e-mail: summerschool@dri.ufmg.br



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