College of Charleston Summer 2011
Study Abroad Program
Brazil

Program Dates:
May 12 - May 30, 2011

Program Fee:
$4,375*
(*subject to change and does not include tuition)

Program Courses:
Students enroll in both courses

LACS 105: Contemporary Brazil

LTPO 250: Brazilian Literature in Translation—Rain Forest Literature

Program Information:
This intensive two-and-a-half-week study abroad program will examine the way in which Brazil's historical background has contributed to its rich regional diversity of Brazilian culture, and how literature can provide a coherent point of entry for broader esthetic and other questions surrounding images of tropical places, and the Amazon in particular. This will be done in three ways: by sending a few days in Manaus, Belém, and Marajó Island. In Manaus, there will be short boat-visits to its vicinities to see the encounter of the waters of the rivers Solimoes and Rio Negro (named Amazon after then), to visit an indigenous tribe, and to visit national parks of the Amazon. Then the group will take a boat excursion on the Amazon River, from Manaus city to Belém city. From Belém, the program will go to Marajó Island, the world's largest fluvial water island. Students will have an opportunity to gain insight into the infinite expanses of the Amazon. Guided study excursions to museums, cultural centers, historical sites, and natural parks will also be included in the program. At the end of the program, students will stop in Rio de Janeiro, where they will have the opportunity to experience life in a highly populated, urban area to one of the least populated areas on earth.

Program Directors:
Dr. Luci Moreira, Hispanic Studies Department, moreiral@cofc.edu, 843-953-6753
Dr. Moreira was born in Brazil. She received her Ph.D. in Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Education from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where she was the Resident Director of the study abroad program in Brazil for two years. Dr. Moreira is currently an Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies at CofC, and the Director of the Portuguese School at Middlebury College in Vermont.

Mr. Jose Moreira, Hispanic Studies Department, moreiraj@cofc.edu, 843-953-5318
Mr. Moreira teaches Spanish and Portuguese at CofC. He has extensive knowledge of Brazil and has worked for the federal government in Brazil. He will assist Dr. Moreira in Brazil. Both faculty have directed programs to Brazil in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2010.

To Apply:
Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, www.cofc.edu/international, or picked up in the CIE office. All applications must be submitted to Julie Swigert, Study Abroad Coordinator, Center for International Education, swigertj@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.

The Program Fee of $4,375 includes a non-refundable application fee of $50 (CofC students), round-trip airfare, lodging, transfers, two meals a day (breakfast and either lunch or dinner), medical insurance, and entrances into museums and sites. Tuition for the courses is not included.

Application deadline is March 15, 2011. Deposit of $550 will be posted to the student's MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to $1500 are available to CofC students for study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need and academic merit.