

Pierce College Study Tour

Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

July 12 - July 29 2019



APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

Welcome

Thanks for your interest in studying abroad in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil!

What is the Study Tour Program and how is it different from Study Abroad?

Study Tour programs combine the excitement of study abroad with the academic expertise of classes taught by Pierce College faculty. You will have the opportunity to earn Pierce College credits while studying in your host country. We strive to create inclusive programming by offering 2-week courses abroad that cater to working students, students with family commitments, and those who are cost conscious.

Study Tour tuition fees are equivalent to the cost of tuition on campus, with the only out of pocket expenses being airfare, reduced lodging and some meals. Please see Pg. 5 for more details on pricing.

You will have the opportunity to earn 5 credits towards your degree during the 2 week program- either HUM 101 or HUM 107. Both can count as a GTE/GE. Please check with your advisor to make sure the program courses fit with your academic plan.

NON-Pierce College Students: you will be required to apply and register as a Pierce College Student in order to enroll in the Study Tour Courses. Please follow this link to apply:

<https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/apply-admission>

*Please fill out this Study Tour application and turn it, along with your payments, on time. After you have received your Pierce College ID you may register for the Study Tour Course. Being accepted into the program reserves your spot in the Study Tour Courses.

When will the 2019 Study Tour occur?

The dates are: July 12th SeaTac to Rio de Janeiro, return to Seattle July 29th

Weekly Schedule:

Study Tour is not a vacation, it is an academic program grounded in experiential learning first and foremost, and will be treated as such. Classes will be held in the morning at your residence, the Cultural Center. The rest of your day you will spend on unique excursions and outings that are related to the content of the course. You will spend time in local museums with Brazilians translating for you, go on walking tours of neighborhoods, attend dance and capoeira events, and visit tourist sites and historic locations around Rio. The goal is to provide an enriching cultural experience, while still meeting all of the course outcomes and credit hours.

Please be aware, in order to meet the academic objectives of this program we will have a very full schedule throughout the week. You can expect to have most of the hours in your day occupied by cultural excursions, class time, social outings, and specially planned tourist activities. If you want a truly unique cultural experience, with the opportunity to learn about your host nation with the locals, and earn 5 credits through an engaging course curriculum, then this is the program for you.

What Will We Be Doing?

Learning through unique cultural experiences, and instruction by a Pierce College faculty member and faculty, staff and students of the host institutions.

Expectations for the City of Rio:

- Lodging is dorm style, you will be likely sharing a dorm room with a student or maybe 2 students of the same gender. We have a private, secure conference center with lodging, surrounded by gardens and a high gate.
- Although the lodging and classroom space is private, it is in the middle of the city! We will be taking group excursions to museums and cultural venues, as well as trips to the white sand beaches and famous botanical gardens.
- The metro from the Cultural Center will cost \$3 round trip. There may be group pass discounts, if we can buy them in bulk this cost may be included in the trip cost, but count on about \$30 for transportation just in case. We will know more of these details by the first orientation.
- Most meals are included in the trip cost. Students are responsible for all meals not included in the trip cost. We will go over a cost breakdown for this in this application as well as at our pre-departure orientation. 1 meal per day may be eaten while we are out on program activities.

A Typical Day on the Study Tour:

A few of the days will be excursions only, no class, but most days will have both an excursion and a class.

- Meet at 8am for breakfast at the hotel, and discuss the upcoming day over

breakfast.

- Reconvene at the classroom in the Center from 9am-11:30am for an interactive teaching session by your professor, Kathy Swart, on Afro-Brazilian music and dance.
- Take the metro together to Catete station and walk to the Museu da Republica, a historical museum, where a Brazilian historian will conduct a guided tour. A local Brazilian will translate and help students ask questions of the historian.
- Walk one minute down the street to Cariocando, a cozy restaurant decorated with Rio history and home to locals. It serves traditional Brazilian food such as *feijoada*, traditional black bean stew, and *pasteis*, fried turnovers with a variety of fillings.
- Work off our lunch by visiting the Museum's Historical Gardens before catching the metro back to Botafogo station.
- Eat dinner back at the hotel, then watch a movie in our own classroom.

Other tourist and class visits include:

1. Museums: Museum of the Republic, Imperial Palace Cultural Center
2. Historical places such as Cinelândia
3. Botanical Gardens
4. Ipanema Beach
5. The famous statue of Cristo on the hill
6. Cultural events involving *capoeira* and Afro-Brazilian dance
7. The island of Sugar Loaf, reached by sky-car
8. A cultural center in Santa Teresa for local children and/or a community of people displaced by the Olympics
9. We will do a workshop at the Theater of the Oppressed, a worldwide movement founded by Brazilian activist and dramatist Augusto Boal. Through series of exercises, games, and audience participation dramatic forms, the aim is to understand social reality and then be able to change it.
10. The "Hippie Fair," a great place to get souvenirs.

Study Tour Expectations

What You Can Expect:

In order for us to fulfill our program's mission and goals, it is imperative that all participants fully engage in all aspects of their Study Tour. Being a Study Tour participant requires time, energy, and commitment, including meeting requirements before, during, and after the Study Tour.

We Expect That You Will:

- Attend ALL pre-trip activities, meetings and the pre-departure orientation. Please note, these pre-trip meetings are mandatory for all participants.
- Begin the passport process as soon as you confirm your enrollment in the program. It can take several weeks to get your passport; you are financially responsible for the costs associated with obtaining your passport. Failure to get your passport in time and a copy turned into the IEO office by the indicated deadline will result in termination of your enrollment in the program. You will be held financially responsible for any portion of the program paid according to the cancelation schedule.
- You will need a tourist visa in order to gain entry to Brazil. You will need your passport before you can begin the visa process, it is imperative you begin this process early! Please visit the following website for instructions on obtaining your visa: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/brazil/online/home/index>
- Adhere to the Pierce College Code of Conduct at all times. You are a representative of the College while abroad and should conduct yourself appropriately at all times. We have a zero tolerance alcohol and drug policy on all program sponsored activities, outings and events. We will review the terms of the Code of Conduct at our pre-departure orientation.
- Participate actively in any pre-trip fundraising events with your group to assist in covering the cost of the trip. Scholarships are available on a need basis.
- Participate actively in all aspects of your trip, including classes, reflection, and activities. You will respect others in your group and be willing to cooperate. You will be flexible, open-minded, and responsible as a representative of Pierce College.
- Understand that the use of drugs and alcohol is strictly prohibited. You will be expected to abide by the Pierce Code of Conduct throughout the trip.
- Insurance is MANDATORY, and is included in your deposit
- Adhere to the curfews and use of the “buddy system” policy for this program. Safety is our number one priority on all Study Tour programs, however safety and the policies and procedures associated with safety on the Brazil program are even more critical. Sneaking out, breaking curfew, excessive partying, and any other behavior that violates the Code of Conduct or interrupts the program in any way is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the students expense.
- Every student is individually responsible for the success of the trip and must exercise good judgment and cultural sensitivity, respect the rights and feelings of others, and observe the laws and customs of the host country.

In Return, You Can Expect To:

- Receive all imperative trip information leading up to your departure.
- Be educated about your trip location and host site.
- Have a once in a lifetime experience.

Due Dates: IMPORTANT

Milestone	Date
Application and Acceptance	
Application Deadline	April 19
Interviews (Scholarship App DUE)	April 23-24
Participants Notified of Acceptance	April 25
Apply for	April 25
Apply for Visa	As soon as you get your passport
Passport Copy Due	June 28 LATEST
Payments and Deposits Due	
Agreement Packet Due - with Deposit	May 8
Final Trip Payment Due	May 23
Class Tuition Due	June 13
Departure Dates	
Pre-Departure Orientation	June 21
Departure from Seattle to Rio de Janeiro	July 12
Departure from Rio de Janeiro to Seattle	July 29

Cost, Payments and Fundraising:

Study Tour Fees	\$2500.00
Tuition	\$560.00

**Study Tour Fees Include: Airfare, lodging, some meals, entrance fees for excursion sites & mandatory travel insurance

Additional Costs:

Meals	\$250.00 (Estimated)
Transportation	\$100.00 (Estimated)
Personal Expenses (souvenirs, gifts, incidentals)	\$200-\$400 (Estimated)

Scholarships: Limited scholarships are available and awarded based upon financial need. Scholarship participants are still required to pay the deposit amount + insurance with their agreement package.

Due May 8th – Deposit: \$500, (includes insurance)
(This payment is non-refundable)

Due May 23rd – Final Trip Cost Payment: \$2,000.00

Due June 20th – Class Tuition (estimated \$560.80 for 5 credits. Scholarships available!)

Once your first payment and your agreement package is received, you will be given the Pre-Departure Orientation dates. You may register for the course at the first orientation.

By filling out the following application you give Pierce College Department of International Ed permission to view your academic history at Pierce College.

Participant Application: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete all required information and be sure to write legibly. Return this form in-person with attached short responses to the International Education Office

Basic Information: (Please list name as it appears on license or passport)

Full Name: _____ Student ID #: _____
Last First M.I.

Current Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Passport Number: _____

Where do you currently attend class? (circle) Puyallup Fort Steilacoom Online Military Other
*must enroll as a Pierce College student for Summer Quarter to participate in Study Tour

Have you already applied to Pierce College? (circle) Y / N
How long do you plan to remain enrolled as a student at Pierce College? _____

Program of Study: _____ GPA: _____, Gender: _____,

Please circle yes or no to the below questions:

-Do you have any criminal history? (circle) Y / N (If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper. This is important, as some countries will not allow people with certain charges on their records to enter into the country).

-Are 18 years of age or older? (circle) Y / N (You must be 18 years of age on or before July 8, 2019)

-Are you a US citizen? (circle) Y / N (If not, what country are you from? _____)

-Do you currently have a Passport? (circle) Y / N

How did you hear about this trip? _____

Written Responses: Please attach answers to the following question on a separate typed sheet of paper. Please answer each question thoroughly in no more than 2 pages per question.

1. Why are you interested in participating in the Study Tour Program in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and what do you hope this experience will help you learn about yourself, others, and the community?
2. What does cultural competency mean to you? Share a story about a time where you learned about another culture, or experienced a different culture.

References

Please see attached instructions and forms. As a participant you are responsible for including **one** sealed reference form with your application. Your reference should be from a current Community College faculty member or administrator. You are also required to meet with your advisor in order to assure the course you are selecting aligns with your academic plan and that you understand the use of financial aid used to pay for tuition during Summer Quarter.

Advisor's Signature X _____ Date: _____

Advisor Comments: _____

Please return this form with attached short response & sealed reference form to: ATTN Julia Woodworth at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom CAS 509 or Puyallup CTR 290F.

Reference Form

To the student:

After completing this "To the student" section, please give this form to a current Community College faculty or administration member, or a job/volunteer supervisor who can accurately describe you. They must return the reference form **to you** in a sealed envelope. You must turn in **one** sealed reference form **with your application** to the International Education Office - Fort Steilacoom @ Cascade 509 or Puyallup @ College Center 290F.

Applicant Name: _____ ID Number: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

To the evaluator completing this form:

The Study Tour Program uses these evaluation forms to help us choose our Study Tour applicants from among highly-qualified applicants. You are requested to seal the completed recommendation in an envelope and provide it to the student in a timely manner. The student's application packet, including your recommendation form, must be submitted to the International Education Office **No Later Than April 19th 2019**.

Background Information:

How long have you known this student and in what context?

What are the first words that come to your mind to describe this student?

Ratings:

	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
Quality of work/service				
Willingness to Work				
Cooperative Attitude				
Acceptance of Feedback				
Takes Initiative				
Works well with others				
Punctuality & Dependability				
Reaction to Setbacks				
OVERALL				

Additional Comments: We welcome any additional comments you would like to include. Please feel free to write on back of this form or attach a separate sheet.

Evaluator's Name: _____ Email: _____

Evaluator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the completed reference form to the student applicant in a sealed envelope, allowing enough time for the student to turn it in with **their** application.

Student Commitment Statements

Please initial next to each statement signifying your agreement and commitment.

_____ I have voluntarily chosen to participate in this program and therefore will treat my participation in service, group activities, and educational events as my first priority during my trip.

_____ I pledge to abide by the Study Tour Program no alcohol and no drug policy, the Study Tour safety guidelines, and the Pierce College Student Code of Conduct while on the entire trip. If I choose to violate this agreement I may be **sent home from the trip at my own cost** and my participation in future Study Tour trips may be temporarily or indefinitely suspended.

_____ I agree to all posted deadlines.

_____ Upon my selection as a Study Tour trip participant, I also understand that I will be required to attend and fully engage in all meetings and special events leading up to the trip, all of which I will make a top priority to attend.

_____ If selected to participate in the Study Tour trip, I understand that I will be required to make payments on the scheduled payment due dates.

_____ I understand that if I am not currently a Pierce College Student I will apply to Pierce College for Summer Quarter as soon as I am accepted to the program in order to meet all registration deadlines.

By signing as an applicant for Study Tour, I hereby give permission for Pierce College administration to check my academic, judicial, and public records that may be seen as relevant to ensure the safety and security of myself and the group with which I am traveling. I recognize that any information that is received as a result of the aforementioned will be handled in the strictest confidence and with the utmost discretion. Further, discoveries will not necessarily preclude participation but will warrant a conversation with the Pierce College administration.

Student Signature

Date

If you have questions or concerns please contact Julia Woodworth at jwoodworth@pierce.ctc.edu or (253) 912-2339