Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA) Program in Brazil

Students in the CASA-Brazil Program directly enroll in courses at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica (PUC-Rio). The first private institution in higher learning in Brazil, Puc-Rio enjoys a reputation as one of the top research universities in the country. CASA-Brazil students benefit from its rigorous curriculum and direct engagement with Brazilian students.

At A Glance

Program Dates: Fall semester (early July – mid December) or spring semester (late January – late June) or full year (early July – late June)

Language of Instruction: Portuguese

Housing: Local families selected by the on-site staff. Students may make alternate living arrangements after the orientation period, such as renting an apartment, with consent from the program coordinator.

Eligibility: Open to Brown undergraduates and students from other CASA member schools. Applications are encouraged and open to visiting students outside of the CASA consortium.

Requirements: Students must be in good academic standing and must have completed Writing and Speaking Portuguese/POBS 0400 (fourth-semester college-level Portuguese language) or the equivalent, before beginning studies in Brazil. Students are expected to have taken at least one course focusing entirely on Brazil in literature, history, or the social sciences.

Courses

Students directly enroll with local students in courses at Pontifícia Universidade Católica (PUC-Rio), including a mandatory Portuguese language course. Courses in all PUC departments are open to CASA-Brazil students, provided the necessary prerequisites can be met. Students have the opportunity to develop individualized course of study in areas as varied as history, politics, environmental studies, international relations, literature, economics, education, art history, and studio art. Non-credit, optional internship opportunities also may be available.

Host Institution

Founded in 1941, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) was the first private institution of higher learning in Brazil and is considered one of the top research universities in the country.

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The CASA-Brazil program is offered by the Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA), which is comprised of 11 leading research universities in the U.S. and abroad.

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