



# Brazil & Argentina

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Session  
Brazil: July 12-29, 2012 • Argentina: July 29-August 8, 2012

Program Name: **Developing Societies in South America: Their History, Economy and Culture - Brazil and Argentina**

Course Number: **SOC 397**

Credit hours: **3** (undergraduate)

## Course Overview

Brazil is the largest nation in South America, with more land mass than the 48 contiguous United States. The country has become an economic, financial and diplomatic power over the past 10 years. It is one of the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China) nations, four powerful developing economies that are changing political and economic realities across the globe.

This course is designed to orient students to Brazilian culture, geography, language, economics and politics. In order to present an overview of this vast nation and its complex and dynamic society, we will visit four cities: **Salvador** (on the northeast coast); **Brasilia** (the national capital); **Rio de Janeiro** (the emblematic city of Brazil); and **Porto Alegre** (in the south and the heart of Gaucho culture).

Argentina, although still recovering from a decade-old foreign debt crisis, is slowly improving its economic position. For those who choose to continue the course in **Buenos Aires**, an introduction to Argentina also will be provided.

### Estimated Cost:

Brazil portion only: **\$4,825**  
Brazil + Argentina: **\$5,525**

**Includes:** Round-trip airfare from Springfield, air and land transportation in Brazil, all hotels and meals; Study Away student fee, including International Student Identity Card. Separated costs not available.

**Excludes:** MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit; passport and visa fees; various admission fees; misc. personal expenses. **Students who travel on to Argentina will incur additional expenses.**

**Nonrefundable deposit due with application by Fri. March 16, 2012:**

Brazil portion only: **\$725**  
Brazil + Argentina: **\$830**

(will be billed to your student account)

**Airfare due Mon., April 16, 2012:**

Brazil portion only: **\$2,150**  
Brazil + Argentina: **\$2,350**

**Balance due Fri., June 1, 2012:**

Brazil portion only: **\$1,950**  
Brazil + Argentina: **\$2,345**

Informational Meeting(s): **TBA**

Pre-travel Class Sessions:  
**July 9, 10 & 11, 2012**  
(Times & locations TBA)

Depart Springfield for Salvador, Brazil:  
**Thurs., July 12, 2012**  
(Arrive on Fri., July 13)

Brazil portion only:  
Depart Porto Alegre, Brazil, for Springfield  
**Sat., July 28, 2012**  
(Arrive in Springfield on Sun, July 29)

Brazil + Argentina:  
Depart Buenos Aires, Argentina  
**Tues. Aug. 7, 2012**  
(Arrive in Springfield Wed., Aug. 8)

## Interested in going?

Contact Dr. Marvin Prosono, Professor,  
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology:  
MProsono@missouristate.edu or  
836-5683



**Missouri State**  
UNIVERSITY

An EO/AA Institution

# Study Away!

Missouri State University Study Away Programs

Jim D. Morris Center for Continuing Education, Suite 403

301 S. Jefferson Ave., Springfield, MO 65806

P: 417-836-6368 • E: [studyaway@missouristate.edu](mailto:studyaway@missouristate.edu)

W: <http://international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/>

## Course Schedule & Itinerary:

### Three (3) Pre-travel Class Sessions (time & location TBA):

**Mon., July 9:** Orientation to travel in Brazil and Argentina; brief language instruction

**Tues., July 10:** Films - "Orfeo Negro" and "Central Station"

**Wed., July 11:** Brief Histories of Brazil and Argentina

**Thurs., July 12:** Depart Springfield for Salvador, Brazil

**Fri., July 13:** Arrive in Salvador, the first colonial capitol of Brazil

**Sat., July 14:** Walking tour of Salvador historic center (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and Pelourinho

**Sun., July 15:** Explore deep African heritage of city (food, music, capoeira, candomblé)

**Mon., July 16:** Explore Downtown, Comercio, cultural sites associated with literature

**Tues., July 17:** Travel to Brasilia

**Wed., July 18:** Walk the Federal District; take guided tour of the Congresso Nacional

**Thurs., July 19:** Take guided tour of city; visit American Embassy

**Fri., July 20:** Travel to Rio de Janeiro

**Sat., July 21:** Walk historic Rio; lunch in the Confeiteira Colombo

**Sun., July 22:** Tour Corcovado and Pao de Acucar mountains; walk Copacabana and Ipanema beaches

**Mon., July 23:** Spend day at the Federal University of Rio; lectures and exam

**Tues., July 24:** Visit a favela (shanty town)

**Wed., July 25:** Travel to Porto Alegre; visit local museum; lecture on the late Brazilian leader Getulio Vargas

**Thurs., July 26:** Walk the historic center; visit outlying districts; time with local entrepreneurs

**Fri., July 27:** Daytrip by bus to Gramado, a picturesque town along the scenic route called Rota Romântica

**Sat., July 28:** Students who take only the Brazil portion of the program depart for Springfield; free time for remaining students

**Sun., July 29:** Students who returned to the U.S. arrive in Springfield. Others fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina; visit museum if time allows

**Mon., July 30:** Walk historic center of city; visit Casa Rosada and Avenida Nueve de Julio; take guided tour of city; possible opera performance at Teatro Colon

**Tues., July 31:** Visit art museums; see tango performance

**Wed.-Sat., August 1-4:** Students may elect to attend the **Forum of the International Sociological Association (ISA): Social Justice and Democratization** (agenda and student registration information is available at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/>). Other students may explore Buenos Aires on their own.

**Tues., Aug. 7:** Argentina group departs Buenos Aires for Springfield; arrives **Wed., Aug. 8.**

## Course Credit, Requirements & Assessment of Learning:

Pending successful completion of the program, students will earn 3 hours of credit. Final letter grade will be based upon the following components:

- **Term Paper:** Up to 10 pages on one of the themes that emerge from the study of developing economies/societies. Topics will be selected pre-travel. (35%)
- **Examination:** Comprehensive exam over what has been studied/visited to take place in Rio (20%)
- **Journals:** Students will keep a daily journal of their impressions and observations during travel (25%)
- **Participation:** Attendance and active involvement in all class sessions and site visits (20%)

### Required texts:

- Levine, Robert M. and John J. Crocitti, eds. The Brazil Reader: History, Culture, Politics. Durham: Duke University Press, 1999.
- Portuguese Dictionary (Langenscheidt or other)
- Novel by Machado de Assis, Jorge Amado or Paulo Coelho

The Program Director will provide guide materials for walking tours, etc. Students also should become familiar with Brazilian websites.

## Application & Payment Procedures:

Missouri State University students who are approved by the Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application. A **non-refundable deposit of \$725 (Brazil) OR \$830 (Brazil + Argentina)** will be billed to your student account upon application (due by **March 16, 2012**). Airfare will be due by **April 16**, and the balance of program costs will be billed to your account on **June 1, 2012**.

The published program cost is based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change.

**Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% in the program fee if costs increase before or during travel.**

## Cancellation & Refund Policies:

- Students who withdraw prior to May 31, 2012, will receive a refund of fees paid, less their deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after May 31, 2012, for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less their deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after May 31, 2012, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. **Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.**
- Any plans by a participant not to travel with the group must also be submitted in writing to the Program Director and the Study Away Office.
- The program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 10 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.

## Voucher Eligibility & Financial Aid

If you entered MSU as a freshman in 2009 or 2010, you may use the **Study Away \$500 voucher**. Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at **836-5262** for more information.