Fact Sheet: Brazil

Duke students and scholars have a wide range of ties to Brazil, including longstanding work in medicine, the environment, and the humanities. In recent years, Duke has expanded its institutional focus on Brazil, with the addition of a Brazilian and Global Portuguese major, the Duke Brazil Initiative, the Global Brazil Lab, and more than a dozen new Brazilian studies courses.

Quick Facts

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<th>Current students from Brazil</th>
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<td>Alumni living in Brazil</td>
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<td>Scholars with expertise related to Brazil</td>
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Programs and Activities

Brazilian Clinical Research Institute (BCRI)

The BCRI, which is affiliated with the Federal University of Sao Paulo – Paulista School of Medicine, was established in 2009 as the first academic clinical research organization in South America. The BCRI was founded with the objective of enhancing, formalizing, and professionalizing both scientific and operational aspects of clinical research, respecting ethical principles, and national and international regulations. Renato Lopes, M.D., Ph.D., a Duke Clinical Research Institute faculty member, is also executive director of the BCRI. Several faculty members and staff from the Duke Clinical Research Institute and Duke Translational Medicine Institute serve on the BCRI advisory board.
Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies (CLACS)

The Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies provides students with the opportunity to travel and learn about Brazil by offering awards for field research, language training, conference travel, library research and other activities. It seeks to create a supportive, intellectually stimulating and interdisciplinary study environment by promoting collaborations with other universities and organizations and by coordinating a range of educational activities including hosting guest speakers and visiting artists.

Duke Brazil Initiative (DBI)

The Duke Brazil Initiative (DBI) aims to broaden exposure to and build deeper connections with Brazil; to support innovative student and faculty exchanges; to develop interdisciplinary research and partnerships; and to bring Brazilian scholars, public officials, and artists to Duke. DBI projects will focus on energy, environment, health and human development. With funding from the Office of Global Strategy and Programs, the initiative sent 13 faculty members, graduate students and undergraduates to Brazil in 2014 to start collaborative projects with researchers from a variety of fields and universities. In the future, the DBI hopes to bring Brazilian counterparts back to Duke to work with Duke scholars and students, participate in classroom activities and apply for larger research grants.

Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI)

DGHI researchers partner with colleagues at Barretos Cancer Hospital in Brazil to study cervical cancer.

Duke Law School

Duke Law offers a Wintersession (inter-term) course entitled Practice and Strategic Development of International Transactions: Investment in Latin America. This course is co-taught at Duke by a Brazilian attorney, Jose Meirelles, a partner in a major law firm in Sao Paulo.

Duke in Brazil Study Abroad

This four-week, one-course summer program is designed to provide intensive Portuguese language instruction while exposing students to the reality of social issues in Rio de Janeiro and environmental issues in the Brazilian Amazon. In both locations, students interact with NGOs that engage on issues of civics, citizens’ rights, culture, and sustainable development.
Duke Divinity School: Center for Reconciliation

Duke Divinity faculty members have developed growing global commitments to Africa, Asia, South Africa, Sudan, and Brazil. In the past, Duke Divinity School has hosted pilgrimages in Brazil.

The Fuqua School of Business

Fuqua Client Consulting Practicum (FCCP)

The Fuqua Client Consulting Practicum (FCCP) enhances students' business education by developing collaborative consulting engagements with businesses and nonprofit organizations. Under the supervision of Fuqua faculty, student teams engage with client organizations to address existing and emerging challenges and then work for two weeks, in-country, with the organization’s leadership. Brazil is a popular destination for FCCP groups, with students working with a diverse set of organizations ranging from social enterprises focused on improving women’s health to multinational corporations focused on food production.

Duke CFO Global Business Outlook

The Duke CFO Global Business Outlook is a quarterly survey of chief financial officers which identifies and predicts economic trends. The survey is directed by Fuqua Professor John Graham and is one of the longest-running and most comprehensive pieces of research about senior financial executives. The survey has enjoyed strong representation in Brazil and is conducted jointly with Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV). Brazilian media often report on the results, including such outlets as Estado de São Paulo.

Global Academic Travel Experiences (GATE)

In Fuqua’s Global Academic Travel Experience (GATE) courses, students study the business, culture, economy, and politics of a country or region for six weeks before traveling to the area studied. As an important economy globally, Brazil has been a popular destination for GATE programs. Previous programs to Brazil have visited Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Manaus, where Fuqua students and faculty have engaged with high-level regional experts and prominent alumni; and conducted
visits to multinational corporations, local enterprises, government agencies, and exchange program partner schools. Patrick Duddy, former U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela and current Fuqua Scholar in Residence, frequently leads Fuqua’s GATE programs in Brazil.

**John Hope Franklin Institute: Humanities Lab**

The Franklin Institute launched a new humanities lab in Fall 2014: *Global Brazil: Culture, Nature, Politics*. This lab aims to generate new conversations among the humanities, the social sciences, and the sciences by including students in research focused on Brazilian arts, social movements, and natural environment. The lab is directed by an interdisciplinary team of faculty and is funded by the campus-wide Mellon Humanities Writ Large grant.

**Nicholas School of the Environment**

**Division of Earth & Ocean Sciences**

Earth & Ocean Sciences Professor Paul A. Baker was awarded a $4.3 million grant by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a multidisciplinary scientific project in the Amazon Rainforest. The project, “The Dynamics of Mountains, Landscapes and Climate in the Distribution and Generation of Biodiversity of the Amazon/Andean Forest,” is currently underway, with an interdisciplinary team of geologists, climatologists, and biologists developing an integrated understanding of how climate and geology interact to shape the distribution and generation of biodiversity in these forests.

**Division of Marine Science & Conservation**

Professor Michael Orbach has been instrumental in creating the Marine Management Area Science (MMAS) program in Brazil. MMAS conducts scientific research and science-to-action activities to enhance management and protection of Brazil’s vital coral reefs. As part of a global network, MMAS uses research in Brazil to identify successful marine conservation practices.

**Environmental Sciences & Policy**

Professor Stuart Pimm, Doris Duke Chair of Conservation Ecology, works on biological diversity and the management of endangered species and ecosystems. Part of his current work includes setting priorities for protected areas in the Atlantic coast forest of Brazil, one of the world’s "hotspots" for threatened species.
Sanford School of Public Policy

Environmental and resource economist Alexander Pfaff, an associate professor of public policy, economics and environment, focuses on how economic development, the environment and natural resources affect each other. His research examines how deforestation affects roads, protected areas and ecopayments in the Brazilian Amazon, and how Brazilians respond to climate and water shocks in production.

Duke Center for International Development

Brazil is one of 65 countries represented in the network of Master of International Development Policy (MIDP) alumni. The MIDP is a unique interdisciplinary program dedicated to training mid-career professionals who plan to devote their careers to policy-making and public service in and for developing and transition countries. The mission of the program is to provide top-quality, personalized education in international development policy and to make contributions to international social, political and economic development. Current MIDP scholar and peace fellow at the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center, Luiz Pinto, a native of Brazil, is focusing his master’s work on sustainable development in the Brazilian Amazon. Upon completion of the Rotary World Peace Program, he intends to return to the Brazilian Amazon to resume work and activism in support of local suppliers and communities.

Trinity College of Arts & Sciences

Faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences whose work focuses on Brazil include John French, a historian of modern Latin America with an emphasis on Brazil; Lamonte Aidoo, who works on Brazilian literature, history and sociology among other topics; and Brazil native Gustavo Furtado, whose areas of expertise include Portuguese and Spanish history and literature.

Brazilian and Global Portuguese Studies

In the fall of 2014, Duke launched a Brazilian and global Portuguese major within the department of romance studies. The major is designed for students who wish to acquire competency in spoken and written Portuguese, as well as familiarity with the literature and culture of Brazil and Portuguese-speaking regions.
Photography

*Students travel to Brazil with Duke Global Education for Undergraduates.*

*Students of the Duke Brazil Lab course, Capoeira: Culture and Practice, train in this Afro-Brazilian martial art.*

*Global health student Rollin Say works on a telemedicine project with local partners in Brazil.*

*Duke in Brazil student John Massie spends time with his homestay family in Pará in northern Brazil.*