

UF Connection in Brazil



Brazil is the largest country in South America. The US State Department estimates its population at 205,823,665. Its capital city is Brasilia. Information about travelling to Brazil is on the [Department of State](#) website. The [Centers of Disease Control and Prevention](#) also has useful travel information.

Brazil is a member of BRICS, a league of nations consisting of emerging economies including Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Brazil currently has the sixth largest economy in the world. The University of Florida engages with many universities and organizations in Brazil through a variety of initiatives.

Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers:

For the academic year (2013-2014), UF hosted 175 international students and exchange visitors from Brazil. Seven were undergraduate students, 60 were non-degree seeking students, 19 applied for Optional Practical Training (OPT), 89 were graduate students, and 203 were exchange visitors.

Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers				
Undergraduate	Graduate	Non-degree	OPT	Exchange Visitors
7	89	60	19	203

UF Students in Brazil

In the academic year (2013-2014), twenty University of Florida students studied abroad in Brazil. The table below includes Exchange and UF-Sponsored Programs.

Study Abroad Programs and Reciprocal Agreements			
Academic Unit at UF	Destination Institution or Program Name	Focus of program	Location
Agricultural and Life Sciences	ESALQ – Universidade de São Paulo	UF-Exchange	Piracicaba
University-wide	Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro – LATAM	UF-Exchange	Rio de Janeiro

Law	Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro – Law	UF-Exchange	Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo
Liberal Arts and Sciences	UF in Bahia – Race, Inequality, and Power	UF-Sponsored	Salvador
Business Administration	UF in Brazil – MBA	UF-Sponsored	Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo
Business and Center for Latin American Studies	UF in Curitiba – Business in Brazil	UF-Sponsored	Curitiba
Design, Construction and Planning	UF in Curitiba – Urban Planning	UF-Sponsored	Curitiba, Paraná
Study Abroad Programs and Reciprocal Agreements (cont.)			
Academic Unit at UF	Destination Institution or Program Name	Focus of program	Location
Liberal Arts and Sciences	UF in Rio – Language and Culture	UF-Sponsored	Rio de Janeiro
University-wide	UF in São Paulo – Challenge 2050	UF-Sponsored	São Paulo
Liberal Arts and Sciences	Universidade Estadual de Campinas	UF-Exchange	Campinas
Liberal Arts and Sciences	Universidade Federal de Pernambuco – LATAM	UF-Exchange	Recife
Agricultural and Life Sciences	Universidade Federal de Santa Maria – FIPSE	UF-Exchange	Santa Maria
Agricultural and Life Sciences	Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo – FIPSE	UF-Exchange	Vitoria
Agricultural and Life Sciences	Universidade Tecnológica Federal do Paraná	UF-Exchange	Curitiba

In addition to UF-Exchange and UF-Sponsored study abroad programs, there are also [Non-UF Programs](#).

Internships

The Center for Latin American Studies and the Warrington College of Business’ Miller Center for Retailing have partnered up to offer company placement in the [UF in Curitiba exchange program](#). Through this program, students work as consultants for a Brazilian firm, visit local business, and receive academic credit.

Cooperative Agreements

Cooperative Agreements are collaborative efforts between UF and international institutions with the intention to promote exchange of faculty and students between institutions, as well as collaborations on academics and research. Below is a list of cooperative agreements between UF and Chilean institutions.

Cooperative Agreements		
Academic Unit at UF	Institution Name	Focus
Engineering	Centro Estadual de Educação Tecnológica Paula Souza – Centro Paula Souza	Faculty and Student Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Horticultural Science	Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária – Departamento EMBRAPA	Exchange, Joint Projects
Engineering	Escola Politécnica da Universidade de São Paulo – Departamento de Engenharia	Faculty, Student, and Researchers Exchange
Law	Escola Judicial de América Latina – Departamento de Law	Research
Agriculture and Life Sciences	Federal University of Rondonia – Department of Nucleo de Tecnologia	Faculty, Student and Research Exchange
Center for Latin American Studies	Fundacao de Amparo A Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo – Department of Research, Science and Technological Development	Research
Center for Latin American Studies	Fundação Getúlio Vargas – Department of LATAM	Exchange
Cooperative Agreements (cont.)		
Academic Unit at UF	Institution Name	Focus
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	Fundação Pro-TAMAR – Department of Zoology	Joint Research Projects
Center for Latin American Studies	Grupo de Pesquisa e Extensão em Sistemas Agroflorestais do Acre	Graduate Research
Center for Latin American Studies	Institute for Conservation and Sustainable Development of Amazonas – Department of Climate Change and Environmental Services	Faculty, Student, and Researchers Exchange
Center for Latin American Studies	Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas	UF Faculty Visitation
Center for Latin American Studies	Ministério Público do Estado do Acre – Department of Centro de Estudos e Aperfeiçoamento Institucional	Graduate level Training and Research
Center for Latin American Studies	The Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education – Department of International Relations	Exchange
Medicine - Otolaryngology	The Hospital de Reabilitação de Anomalias Craniofaciais, Universidade de São Paulo, Fundação para o Estudo e Tratamento das Deformidades Craniofaciais – Department of Fonoaudiologia.	Faculty and Student Exchange, Research
Engineering	Universidade Estadual de Campinas – Rector’s Office	Faculty, Graduate/Undergraduate Student, Research Exchange
Engineering - Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	Universidade Federal de Itajubá – Instituto de Engenharia Mecânica (IEM)	Faculty, Student and Research Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Horticultural Science	Universidade Federal de Pelotas – Coordenação de Relações Internacionais	Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	Universidade Federal de Uberlândia – IFAS-Wildlife & LATAM	Faculty, Student and Research Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Soil and Water Science	Universidade Federal de Viçosa – CALS/Soil & Water Science	Faculty, Graduate Level Student and Researchers Exchange
Center for Latin American Studies	Universidade Federal do Acre	Faculty, Graduate Level Student Exchange
Center for Latin American Studies	Universidade Federal do Para	Faculty and Student Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Forest Resources and Conservation	Universidade Federal do Paraná – Setor de Ciências da Terra	Research

Pharmacy	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – Department of Pharmacy	Faculty, Student, Technical-Administrative Staff Exchange, Research, Joint Projects
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Forest Resources and Conservation	Universidade Federal dos Vales do Jequitinhonha e Mucuri – Departamento de Engenharia Florestal	Faculty, Student and Research Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Animal Sciences	Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco	Faculty and Student Exchange, Joint Research Projects
Design, Construction, and Planning - Urban and Regional Planning	Universidade Positivo – Department of Architecture and Urbanism	Faculty and Student Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Entomology and Nematology	Universidade Regional de Blumenau – Department of Agriculture	Faculty and Student Exchange, Research, Joint Projects
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Horticultural Science	Universidade of Roraima – Post Graduation in Agronomy	Faculty and Graduate Student Exchange in Joint Projects

Highlights

- [TELETANDEM Workshops](#)

Teletandem is a virtual context of foreign language teaching and learning that involves pairs of native speakers of different languages working collaboratively in order to learn the language of the other through Skype. By means of online computer mediated video-conferencing software, each student plays the role of learner for one hour by speaking and practicing the language of his/her partner. After an hour, they switch roles and languages. In conjunction with the Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP), students at UF practice Portuguese through the use of technology. (Pulled from the [CLAS website](#).)

- [Amazon Dams Program](#)

This program is in the initial stages of development. The Amazon Dams Program builds on UF's Center for Latin American Studies and Tropical Conservation and Development Program (TCD) thirty plus years of experience and excellence in research and collaboration in the Amazon region. The Program will be initially developed in a partnership between University of Florida and three Brazilian Universities: Federal University of Rondonia (UNIR), Federal University of Tocantins (UFT) and State University of Mato Grosso (UNEMAT).

Research Projects

Below is a table of funded research projects with an international component involving Brazil.

Funded research projects						
Principal Investigator (PI)	PI department	Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)	Co-PI department	Project title	Funding agency/Sponsor	Project funding
William O. Dawson	ALF – Citrus Research and Education Center and Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.			Characterization of CTV Populations in Brazil for Production of Infectious CDNA Clones	Fundecitrus	\$163,649

Patrick Concannon	Pathology & Laboratory Medicine			Long Term Impact and Intervention for Diarrhea in Brazil	University of Virginia/ National Institutes of Health	\$14,580
Karen Bjorndal	Biology			Extensive Hybridization Among Endangered Sea Turtle Populations in Brazil: What is the threat?	PADI Foundation	\$2,817
Daniela Oliveira	Electrical & Computer Engineering			A Workshop US-Brazil on Cyber Security and Privacy	National Science Foundation	\$42,741
Funded research projects (cont.)						
Principal Investigator (PI)	PI department	Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)	Co-PI department	Project title	Funding agency/ Sponsor	Project funding
Michael Heckenberger	Anthropology	Stephanie Aleman	Anthropology	Participatory Mapping and Landscape among an Indigenous Population	National Science Foundation	\$109,770
Bette Loiselle	Center for Latin American Studies	Simone Athayde	Tropical Conservation and Development	Developing an International Network on Indigenous, risk Interpretation and Action	INTL Start Secretariat	\$15,000
Robert Buschbacher	Forest Resource & Conservation			Amazon Conservation Leadership Initiative	Moore, Gordon & Betty Foundation	\$840,746
Bette Loiselle	Center for Latin American Studies	Robert Buschbacher	Forest Resource & Conservation	Training and Networking to Strengthen Municipal Environmental Governance in the Amazon	Porticus Latin America	\$215,425
Robert T Walker	Geography	Williams Castro	Geography	Impacts of Mechanized Agriculture on Smallholders and Landscapes in the Central Amazon Basin	National Science Foundation	\$11,498

Robert Guralnick	Natural History			Dimensions US-Biota- Sao Paulo: Assembly and Evolution of the Amazonian Biota and its Environment: An Integrated Approach	National Science Foundation	\$107,437
Cynthia S Simmons	Geography			Collaborative Research: Contentious Land Change in the Eastern Amazon	National Science Foundation	\$3,559

Key Connections

- [Rosana Resende](#), PhD, is a cultural anthropologist who received a Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar award in 2014 when she studied the impact of the shrinking availability of domestic workers in Brazil on the middle class women who employed them.
- [Brazilian-Portuguese Club](#) – This is a language club for students to enhance their proficiency in Portuguese-speaking students and interact with international students.
- [Capoeira Academy of Gainesville](#) – Capoeira is part dance, part martial art.

Adding information to this brief

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email ogre@ufic.ufl.edu.