



# STUDY ABROAD IN LATIN AMERICA



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# DISCOVER LATIN AMERICA

**LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETIES** are rich in history and cultural diversity. What better way to learn more about these nations than to immerse yourself completely by studying abroad? From semester-long exchange programs that promote holistic language immersion in Chile, Argentina and Peru to more specialized programs of study in indigenous history in Guatemala or African diaspora studies in Nicaragua and Brazil, studying abroad in Latin America will provide invaluable academic experiences and preparation for future professional goals.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### PROGRAMS

Choose from more than 60 UT-approved programs in 13 countries that vary in focus and academic content.

### AFFORDABILITY

Consider the real cost of studying abroad. A semester in Latin America can cost less than a semester in Austin.

### CAREER

Gain invaluable experience that can help prepare you for research, graduate and professional pursuits in Latin America.

### CREDIT

Search the “My Credit Abroad” database of over 7,000 pre-approved courses with UT equivalents.

## CONSIDER THE REAL COST



Think of the REAL cost as the difference between studying on campus and studying abroad. The cost of studying abroad in Latin America may be equal to, if not significantly less than, your expenses in Austin!

#### SAMPLE PROGRAM - Argentina

Semester at UT Austin Cost	\$12,829
– Semester Abroad Cost	\$11,355
= <b>YOU SAVE!</b>	\$1,474

\*Costs provided are estimates for a Fall Session in San José, Costa Rica; Summer Session in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Spring Semester in Córdoba, Argentina. Cost estimates include tuition, housing, food, books, local and international transportation, and personal items. UT semester costs are based on estimates from the UT Office of Student Financial Services (2011-2012).



# PROGRAM MAP

With programs in more than a dozen cities across 10 countries, with both semester-long and 3- to 6-week programs in the summer, there are a lot of options to study abroad in Latin America. The regional diversity of Latin America is such that you can explore the Andes Mountains along the western coast of Argentina, the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru or the tropical rain forests of Costa Rica. Here is a map of the places in which you could study.

## MAP KEY

- FALL/SPRING SEMESTER PROGRAM
- SUMMER PROGRAM



THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
BELIZE  
NICARAGUA  
GUATEMALA  
COSTA RICA  
ECUADOR

BRAZIL  
PERU  
CHILE  
ARGENTINA



"Language immersion, cross-cultural exchange and hands-on learning in Latin America are absolutely central components of our curriculum in Latin American studies. As countless majors have found in past years, these experiences often turn out to be transformative, both in terms of personal growth and in practical knowledge gained. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities presented here, to let us know how we can help you make the best of the experience, and to give us your feedback when you return. Buen viaje! Boa viagem! Have a great trip!"


– Dr. Charles R. Hale, Director  
Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies

# SEMESTER PROGRAMS


GPA requirements vary by program; please check the online program descriptions before you apply.

## ARGENTINA


### IES: BUENOS AIRES

 The second largest city in South America, Buenos Aires is home to the IES: Buenos Aires Advanced Spanish Immersion program. Students are able to take courses at the IES Abroad Center and direct enroll in Argentine universities, such as the Universidad de Buenos Aires, the Universidad del Salvador, and others. Students must have at least five semesters of college-level Spanish. (IES Affiliated Studies)

### IFSA: ARGENTINE UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM

 The IFSA: Argentina Universities program is located at the center of Buenos Aires, one of the most exciting metropolises in South America. Specialized courses are offered to international students, but students can also direct enroll in four Argentine universities: Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Universidad del Salvador, and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Argentina. Students must have five semesters of college-level Spanish. (IFSA Affiliated Studies)

### UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE CÓRDOBA

 The Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (UNC) was established in 1613 as the first university in Argentina and one of the oldest in the Americas. Located in central Argentina in the city of Córdoba, UNC offers courses within nearly 90 academic programs. All courses are taught in Spanish. Students must have five semesters of college-level Spanish. (UT Austin Exchange)

## BRAZIL

### PONTIFÍCIA UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA DO RIO DE JANEIRO



The Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) was ranked as the top private university in Brazil by the Brazilian Ministry of Education in 2009. PUC-Rio offers numerous course options in multiple disciplines, all of which are taught in Portuguese. Students are required to have a minimum of five semesters of college-level Portuguese or advanced Spanish proficiency with at least two semesters of college-level Portuguese. (UT Austin Exchange)

### UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE MINAS GERAIS



Founded in 1940, the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) is based in Belo Horizonte, the sixth largest city in Brazil. Students have access to a variety of courses within multiple academic disciplines. All courses are taught in Portuguese. At least four semesters of college-level Portuguese or its equivalent. (UT Austin Exchange)

## CHILE

### PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE CHILE



Founded in 1888, the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC-Chile) is located in the heart of Santiago, within reach of both the Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. PUC-Chile offers access to a variety of academic disciplines. Courses at the university are primarily taught in Spanish, but there is a small selection of courses that are also offered in English. A minimum of five semesters of college-level Spanish is required. (UT Austin Exchange)




"My experience abroad was wonderful, one of those profound life experiences that afterwards never lets you look at things the same way."


– Trevor Partney  
Córdoba, Argentina

## COSTA RICA

### API: UNIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA

 San José, the capital city of Costa Rica, serves as the home for the API: Costa Rica Spanish Language, Business and Liberal Arts program. Along with several excursions into the Costa Rican countryside, this program offers courses to students in both English and Spanish. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required. (API Affiliated Studies)

### UNIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA

 While offering access to Costa Rica's extensive Pacific and Caribbean coastlines, San Pedro serves as the home for the Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR). Students can take courses within nearly 100 major areas of study offered at UCR and at least five semesters of college-level Spanish or its equivalent is required. (UT Austin Exchange)


## THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### CIEE: PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA MADRE Y MAESTRA

 Located in Santiago, the second largest city in the Dominican Republic, the CIEE: Santiago Liberal Arts program is specially designed for students interested in Caribbean studies. Along with courses taught at the CIEE Study Center, students can also direct enroll in courses at the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra. Students must have two years of college-level Spanish. (CIEE Affiliated Studies)


## ECUADOR

### IES: QUITO

 The Quito Direct Enrollment program is centered in Ecuador's capital, only 22 miles from the equator and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Students are able to directly enroll in the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, one of Ecuador's most prestigious universities, as well as participate in IES-sponsored field trips to the Galápagos Islands and the Amazon Region. A minimum of six semesters of college-level Spanish. (IES Affiliated Studies)


## GUATEMALA

### CASA HERRERA

 Based in Antigua, a stunning colonial city, this semester-long program is in an ideal location to study Latin America, Mesoamerica and Maya writing. Students will take four courses taught by UT faculty that count towards in-residence credit. Courses include Ancient Maya Writing and History, Archaeology of Mesoamerica, History of Guatemala, and Religion in Latin America. Courses are taught in English and Spanish. (UT faculty-led)

## PERU

### PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DEL PERU

 The Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru (PUC-Peru) was established in 1917 and is in the capital city of Lima. Located less than two miles from the Pacific Ocean, PUC-Peru provides students access to courses within 44 academic disciplines. All courses are taught in Spanish. Students must have at least five semesters of college-level Spanish or its equivalent. (UT Austin Exchange)




# UT FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

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## ARGENTINA

### GEOGRAPHY AND CULTURE IN BUENOS AIRES

 While centered in the heart of Buenos Aires, students will have the opportunity to explore both the physical and cultural geography of this city. This six-week summer program offers a homestay experience, an array of coursework and various excursions in Argentina. Student must earn six credits by taking a Geography course and one Spanish course. *Courses are taught in either English or Spanish.*

## BELIZE

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL


 Based in northwestern Belize, this four-week summer program provides opportunities for excavations at Mayan archaeological sites, field surveys and laboratory experience. Field techniques, lectures on Mayan cultural history and instruction concerning artifact analysis are also provided. Students may obtain up to nine credit hours: six hours from Archaeological Field Techniques and three hours from Conference Course in Anthropology. The program is available in Summer I, Summer II, or both. *All courses are taught in English.*

## BRAZIL

### ANTHROPOLOGY IN RIO

 This six-week summer program in Rio de Janeiro offers students a first-hand opportunity to study the African diaspora in Brazil, as well as conduct their own research project. Courses for this program include: Political Theories & Questions of the African Diaspora in Brazil. Participants will also volunteer with CRIOLA, a local NGO focusing on the empowerment of Afro-Brazilian women. Students may also register for a conference course. *All courses for this program are taught in English.*

### LANGUAGE & CULTURE IN SALVADOR

 The 500-year-old coastal city of Salvador da Bahia is a cultural, historic and architectural jewel. The program offers all levels of Brazilian Portuguese language and culture courses, housing with host families and service learning projects. Students have the opportunity to take courses from both UT and local faculty. *All courses are taught in Portuguese.*

"There's no replacement for pursuing Latin American Studies in Latin America. Learning about Latin America in a classroom, then going out, feeling it yourself, and hearing it from people who live the experience daily is incomparable."


– Lauren Adele Rife, Santiago, Chile

## COSTA RICA

### INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL PERFORMING ARTS


 This four-week summer experience in San José is designed for students who wish to learn and work with new technologies for performing arts. Areas of study include how to make video games, animations, light emission and automated/digital lighting. Students will have the opportunity to obtain hands-on experience and work on productions as both artists and technicians. **Courses for this program are taught in both English and Spanish.**

### MAYMESTER: STUDIES OF SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION IN COSTA RICA

 The biodiversity of Costa Rica makes it an ideal location for this five-week Maymester program. Students will be able to explore issues of ecotourism and its effectiveness as an alternative model for economic development. Students may earn four hours of in-residence credit. **All courses are taught in English.**

## GUATEMALA

### CULTURE, DIVERSITY AND EDUCATION AT CASA HERRERA


 This six-week summer program in Antigua, Guatemala provides students the opportunity to explore the complexities involved in studying language, culture and society in Latin America. Students take Sociocultural Influences on Learning plus a lower-division Spanish language course or Intro to Mayan Language. **Courses for this program are taught in English plus Spanish or Kaqchikel (a Maya language of Guatemala).**



**"Not only did I learn about the country, its people, food, language and history. I explored and learned the most about myself. Studying abroad was the most rewarding experience all around."**

**– Laura Herrera  
Lima, Peru**

### SPANISH LITERATURE AT CASA HERRERA

 Students have the opportunity to explore Latin and Central America in a socio-historical context primarily through the study of Maya literature from the Guerrilla Period with this six-week summer program. Students will analyze the imagery and symbolism of various narrative forms to gain insight into common themes of group identity. Casa Herrera, one of the original houses of colonial Antigua and part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, serves as the home for this program. Students earn six in-residence hours. **All courses are taught in Spanish.**

## NICARAGUA

### AFRO-CARIBBEAN POLITICS AND CULTURE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

 This six-week summer program in Bluefields, Nicaragua provides unique study and research opportunities centered on the African-derived Caribbean culture of its communities. It includes a research component with community partners, and is run in conjunction with a local university, URACCAN, whose students also participate in the program. This program is ideal for students interested in studying and researching Latin America, the African diaspora, race, gender, class, sexuality, identity and culture. **All courses for this program are taught in English.**





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# WAYS TO GET STARTED

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## SEARCH ENGINE

Explore over 400 study abroad options.

## STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSION

Learn about the process to get started.

## FUNDING STUDY ABROAD SESSION

Learn about funding options, financial aid, online tools, and available scholarships.

## MY CREDIT ABROAD DATABASE

Search over 7,000 pre-approved foreign courses with UT equivalents.

## TALK TO YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Your advisor can help identify the best course options to meet degree requirements and can help determine the ideal semester to participate.

## CONNECT WITH PEER ADVISORS

Peer advisors are trained to help you explore options and address concerns during walk-in hours at the Study Abroad Office or via chat, email, and Facebook throughout the academic year.



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