2020 Pitzer College in Brazil Summer Program
in collaboration with the Steve Biko Institute
Salvador, Brazil

Program Dates       Six weeks from May 30 to July 11, 2020

Courses
Brazil in the Bahian Context  (1 course or 4 semester units)
This core course provides an overview of history, culture and society in Brazil. The course includes lectures by local faculty and specialists from non-governmental organizations, site visits, and reading and writing assignments that allow students to explore a variety of topics in Salvador, including but not limited to the legacy of colonialism and slavery in Brazil, health care, political structures, women’s issues, and environmental issues. All students participate in an internship of six to eight hours per week for four weeks with a local non-profit or tutoring ESL at a local public school. Students complete a capstone research project on a topic of their choice supervised by local experts.

Portuguese Language  (1 course or 4 semester units)
Intensive Portuguese is offered at the introductory and intermediate levels through local university language faculty. With a maximum of six students per class, the course employs a highly communicative, interactive curriculum that emphasizes both spoken and written Portuguese and is closely connected to the homestay experience, the core course, and other field activities. Students attend language classes for 12 to 14 hours a week for a total of roughly 60 hours of in-class instruction

Prerequisites        None.

Family Stays         An extended family stay for the duration of the program is an important part of the course, providing a human face to the ideas presented in readings and lectures. Students are encouraged to participate fully in family life. Only one student is placed in each home to maximize use of Portuguese.

Study Trips          To deepen students understanding of topics covered in the core course, students participate in several study trips in or near Salvador and in Bahia.

Cost                 Estimated to be the equivalent of tuition for two courses at Pitzer, which is $13,934 for summer 2020. This amount will cover tuition, housing and meals, course field trips and round trip airfare to Bahia, Brazil. Students with Pitzer financial aid may apply a portion of their aid package to this program.

Applications        Students who cannot attend an information session should come to our office to sign up for an advising appointment. Otherwise, students may email the Office of Study Abroad and International Programs at studyabroad@pitzer.edu to request application instructions.

Application Due Date
February 21, 2020
We accept applications throughout the application period. Applicants will be notified after the application due date.