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UFMG Summer School on Brazilian Studies

for Bachelor and Master students at WWU

About the Program

The UFMG – one of the Top 5 Brazilian universities and WWU Münster's partner since 2018 – is offering this year's Summer School on Brazilian Studies in digital format. Over two weeks of intense learning, meetings will cover the underpinnings of Brazilian politics, history, foreign relations, geography, law, economy, arts and culture.

This Summer School usually takes place every month of July at UFMG's main campus in Belo Horizonte – the capital city of Brazil's federal state of Minas Gerais. Next year, lectures on selected topics will be delivered in the morning (afternoon in Germany) through distance learning platforms. After the lectures, there will be Portuguese for Foreigners classes. During the afternoon (evening in Germany), participants will be taken on online tours to places of historical and artistic relevance.



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Why You Should Take the Summer School

This course aims at providing students from around the globe with a solid background in Brazil and Brazilian studies, shedding light on crucial aspects of South America's giant country and the region in itself. As the world looks ever more interconnected and multipolar, Brazil strikes as a rising power whose understanding might become an asset for future generations of scholars and practitioners, decision makers and takers. Within this program, lectures will be delivered on topics as diverse as politics, history, foreign affairs, economy, geography, law, arts and culture, creating a mosaic of highly qualified information and analysis. Introductory classes of Portuguese language – the sixth most spoken idiom in the world today – will help the course taker dig deeper into Brazil's complexities and make better sense of the country's subtleties.

Language

All lectures will be given in English. Applicants are expected to be proficient in English. For students whose main medium of instruction during their education was not English, some proof of English proficiency will be necessary. Results of standard English proficiency tests (e.g., TOEFL or IELTS) will be preferable, but other forms of certification for language proficiency in English may be considered, at the Organizing Committee's discretion.

Total Course Length

15 days of duration (in July)
60 hours of academic activities, which include:

- 8 lectures delivered by world-class experts on Brazilian Studies
- Lessons of Portuguese for Foreigners
- Online tours
- Cultural activities
- Extra-classroom activities

Application

Two vacancies in this course are reserved for WWU Münster and these two students will be nominated by the Brazil Centre. In case you are interested, please send us your application with the following documents:

- a) Letter of motivation
- b) One letter of recommendation by a WWU Professor
- c) Curriculum vitae
- d) Certification of English proficiency*
- e) Preliminary transcript of records (WWU-internal requirement)*

Application deadline: 1 February 2021

*The documents d) and e) may be submitted subsequently, no later than 1 March 2021.

A selection committee appointed by the Brazil Centre will evaluate the applications based on the motivation letter with special emphasis to the student's interests regarding the topics of the summer school and the letter of recommendation.

Contact

Please refer to the website of the Brazil Centre for further information: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/Brasilienzentrum/>.

Questions regarding the Summer School can be addressed directly to UFMG (summerschool@dri.ufmg.br); in case you have questions regarding your application, please contact the Brazil Centre (brazil.centre@uni-muenster.de).