




STUDY IN RIO DE JANEIRO AT FGV DIREITO RIO

FGV RIO LAW

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Rio de Janeiro, nestled along the southeastern coast of Brazil, captivates with its natural beauty, vibrant culture, and rich history. Situated against a backdrop of stunning mountains, pristine beaches, and lush tropical forests, Rio boasts an unparalleled setting.

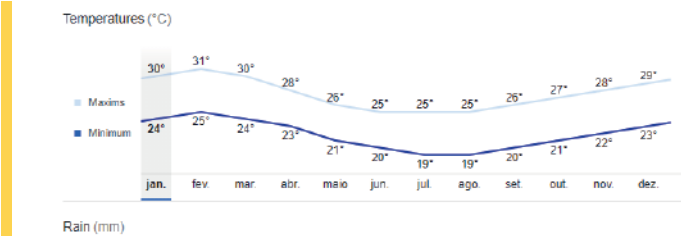
Explore Rio de Janeiro

The city is renowned for its warm tropical climate, offering year-round sunshine and inviting temperatures that make it an ideal destination for visitors seeking sun-soaked adventures. Its history, dating back to the Portuguese colonial era, is interwoven with diverse cultural influences, resulting in a dynamic tapestry of traditions and celebrations.

Rio de Janeiro, with its enchanting blend of landscapes, history, and cultural richness, remains an unforgettable destination that continues to captivate and inspire students, researchers, professionals, adventurers and travelers from around the globe.

Key Information: Brazil	
Population	Approx. 213 Mio
Capital	Brasilia
Official Language	Portuguese
Area	8.5 million square kilometers
GDP (2021)	Approx. \$1.5 trillion USD
Currency	Brazilian Real (BRL)

Key Information: Rio de Janeiro	
Nickname	Cidade Maravilhosa (Wonderful City)
Population	Approx. 6.7 Mio
Area	1,221 square kilometers
Time-Zone	UTC-3
Climate	Tropical Savanna Climate
Famous Landmarks	Christ the Redeemer, Sugarloaf Mountain, Copacabana Beach



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#3 Think Tank in the World

Fundação Getulio Vargas*

2002

Foundation year

Number 1 Law School

in the State of
Rio de Janeiro**

500+

Students

40+

yearly
Exchange Students

20+

Student Associations

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** Number 5 in Brazil (Source: RUF 2023)

FGV Rio Law is located right next to the Botafogo Bay with direct views of both the Sugarloaf and Christ the Redeemer. There is a bus stop in front of the main entrance and a metro station around 5 minutes walking distance from the university.

Law School in Brazil



**5-Year
Undergrad Program**



**2-Year Master's Program
(Specific Area of Law)**



**4-Year Doctorate
(Specific Area of Law)**



**Executive Education
and Specializations**



Bar Exam

Due to the fact that in Brazil the undergraduate course in law is a 5-year program, most of our partner institutions allow their master-degree-seeking or JD students to take classes in our undergraduate program. Nevertheless, our master's courses remain open to these exchange students.

Study in Rio

Exchange Period



Spring Semester: February to July
Fall Semester: August to December

Each semester has two exam weeks. Dates are communicated at the beginning of each semester.

Nomination Dates



For the Spring semester: November 1st
For the Fall semester: May 1st

Dates are flexible, but we strongly advise nominations to be sent at least two months before classes start, to allow students enough time to obtain their VISA, buy plane tickets and make accommodation arrangements.



Required Application Documents

Partner institutions should nominate their students by e-mail (cri.diretorio@fgv.br) providing us with the students' full names, passport copies and e-mail contacts. Subsequently, our Office of International Affairs and Global Cooperation will contact the students directly, issue an acceptance letter and provide them with all registration and enrollment instructions. The required documents to complete registration and enrollment procedures are:

- One passport size photo (white background)
- Copy of your passport and visa
- Transcript of Records
- Declaration of Support and Liability
- Statement of Responsibility
- Copy of an insurance policy with minimum coverage of EUR 30,000 (thirty thousand Euros) or USD 42,000 (forty-two thousand Dollars), valid for the entire period of the exchange program, incl. posthumous transfer to the home country.

Classes & Credits



Language of Instruction

We do not require any language tests. However, most courses are taught in Portuguese. Each semester we offer a selection of classes taught in English. Nevertheless, students are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of our Portuguese courses. All courses are made available on our website.



Credit System

FGV does not work with the ECTS system, but rather with hour credits. The courses offered by FGV Rio Law usually have a load of 60h (approximately 5 to 6 ECTS) or 30h (approximately 3 to 4 ECTS). Students are graded on a scale from 0 (minimum) to 10 (maximum). The passing grade is 7. For more information about credit equivalency or grading, do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail.



Course Load and Registration

Exchange students are free to enroll in as many courses as they like. However, we usually recommend enrollment in four courses. If students cannot find sufficient classes for their academic needs at the Law School, they are welcome to attend up to a total of two courses in other FGV Schools such as Economics, Management, Social Sciences, International Relations, Communications, and Math.

For exchange students, the Office of International Affairs and Global Cooperation is assisting in the registration process. Once registered, courses can be dropped in the first two weeks of the semester.



Student Life



Student Associations, Sports Clubs, and Buddy System

Every exchange student is assigned a buddy, a local law student from our university, to help the exchange student with their day-to-day challenges. In addition, FGV Rio Law hosts more than 20 student associations and sport clubs, in which exchange students are welcome to participate.





Housing

FGV does not offer on-campus accommodation, but the Office of International Affairs and Global Cooperation can support students looking for housing. Apart from the student housing located nearby, there is an ample offer of rooms and apartments for short- and middle-term rental in Rio de Janeiro's South Zone (Ipanema, Copacabana, Botafogo, Flamengo, etc.). Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you need further assistance.



Cost of Living

- Housing: Renting a room usually varies from R\$ 1,000 to R\$ 3,000 per month in the South Zone of the city (the most noble and touristic area of Rio).
- Food: around R\$ 1,500 per month
- Transportation: around R\$ 400 per month

Discover Rio & Brazil

Rio de Janeiro's South Zone offers ample leisure opportunities and space for physical activities. Apart from swimming in the Atlantic ocean, there are endless possibilities to play beach volley, foot volley, beach tennis or other beach sports at one of the many stretches of beach in and around the South Zone. Furthermore, outdoor gyms, bike lanes along the ocean coast and, among other natural reserves, the large Aterro do Flamengo as well as the nearby Tijuca forest, many hills and trails allow for a variety of physical activities surrounded by nature.

In addition to physical activities, there are many close by tourist attractions, such as the Sugarloaf mountain, the Corcovado mountain with the Christ the Redeemer statue, the Escadaria Selarón, the Maracanã stadium, the Museu do Amanhã, or the Botanical Gardens, and a large offering of after-class activities. Be it a coconut water at the Mureta da Urca or a caipirinha at a live samba event – Rio got you covered.

And last but not least for the explorers: Both the main bus terminal, from where one can visit almost every corner of this huge country, as well as the domestic airport are within a quarter of an hour from FGV by taxi. In-state attractions such as the beaches of Arraial do Cabo, Cabo Frio or Búzios, as well as small (former) fishing towns such as Angra dos Reis or Paraty and the nearby Ilha Grande can be reached by bus within few hours.



Arcos da Lapa



Sugarloaf Mountain



Ipanema Beach

Rio Bucket List

- Christ the Redeemer
- Sugarloaf Mountain
- Ipanema Beach
- Maracanã Stadium
- Escadaria Selarón
- Arcos da Lapa
- Carnival in the Sambódromo
- Rock in Rio
- Mureta da Urca
- Museu do Amanhã & Harbour Area
- Parque Lage
- WebSummit

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