Academic Program

The six-week summer program offers intensive training in intermediate Portuguese for motivated undergraduate and graduate students who have completed the equivalent of one year of Portuguese. The program is based at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica (PUC-Rio), a wooded campus located in the Gávea district of Rio. Courses are taught by the PUC-Rio language instructors and faculty from Columbia.

As part of the language program, all students will participate in a Community Involvement Project in which they will engage with the local Carioca community through Samba, Capoeira or volunteer work.

Students enroll in:

Comprehensive Intermediate Portuguese (6 points)
This course will foster intensive practice in reading and composition based on short literary and journalistic texts. Discussions will focus on contemporary issues based on articles from Lusophone newspapers and magazines. Students will review grammar, expand their vocabulary and improve oral expression, writing, and reading skills. Students will be also exposed to audio-visual material that will deepen their understanding of Lusophone societies and culture.