

Minor in Brazilian Studies

Why pursue a minor in Brazilian Studies?

Portuguese is the official language of 9 countries. It is 1 of the official languages of the European Union and it is also an official language in the Americas, Africa, and Asia. In 1958, it was declared 1 of the 6 critical languages by the National Defense Education Act. Within the U.S., it is spoken in the Portuguese, Brazilian, and Cape Verdean communities in states like Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Iowa, and Kansas.

Brazil is home to the Amazon Forest and River and is the most biodiverse country in the world. It is the 5th largest country in the world by land area and 6th largest by population. It is also a multicultural and diverse country. Afro-Brazilians constitute the largest black population outside of Africa; the largest Japanese population outside of Japan also lives in Brazil. It has one of the world's largest economies and the United States is its 2nd trading partner.

A minor in Brazilian Studies is the ideal complement for those studying Portuguese and/ or Spanish, as well as for anyone interested in Latin America from a professional or personal perspective. Our interdisciplinary minor will allow you to improve your Portuguese language skills and to learn about the culture, history, politics, and economy of Brazil, South America's largest country.

See the University Career Center's (<https://career.ku.edu/foreign-languages-international-studies/>) page (<https://career.ku.edu/foreign-languages-international-studies/>) for foreign language and international studies careers for more information about careers in which you can use your Brazilian Studies minor.

Requirements for the Brazilian Studies Minor

This program consists of 6 3-credit-hour courses (for a total of 18 credit hours) in which students pursue Brazilian studies beyond the 3 first semesters of basic language classes. In consultation with departmental advisors, students combine their course work in several academic areas, such as language, business, economics, film and media studies, geography, history, political science, and theatre.

Brazilian Studies Minor Course Requirements

Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisite Knowledge		
Satisfied by Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese I-PORT 212 or equivalent placement.		
Requirements for the Minor		
Satisfied by 3 courses from each of the following groups:		
Group I:		9
PORT 216	Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese II	
PORT 220	Intensive Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese (Open only to students abroad)	
PORT 300	Brazilian Culture	

PORT 490 Intensive Advanced Portuguese (Open only to students abroad)

Group II: 9

HIST 579 The History of Brazil

PORT 347 Brazilian Studies: _____

PORT 348 Portuguese Language and Brazilian Culture for Business

PORT 365 Studies in Brazilian Film: _____

PORT 394 Special Readings in Brazilian Studies

PORT 471 Studies in Brazilian Culture and Civilization: _____

PORT 565 Studies in Brazilian Film: _____

Depending on their content, the following courses may substitute for required or elective courses by petition:

ECON 382 Economic Development

HIST 580 Economic History of Latin America (with at least 1/3 of focus on Brazil and a paper on Brazil)

POLS 359 Latin American Politics

SPAN 522 Advanced Studies in Spanish Language: _____
(Phonetics and Phonology of Spanish and Portuguese in Contrast. Taught in Spanish.)

Total Hours 18

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all departmental courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Study Abroad

The department offers summer programs in Barcelona, Spain; Buenos Aires, Argentina, Salvador (Bahia), Brazil. KU offers semester/academic year programs in San José, Costa Rica, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Salamanca, Spain. More information is available from the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu/>).

Graduate students have the opportunity to teach and conduct research during summer sessions in Buenos Aires, Argentina; or Barcelona, Spain. The department also has a graduate exchange agreement with the Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain.