



APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The K-State Study
Abroad application,
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Summer Application Due
February 1, 2009



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BRAZIL

Office of International Programs

Study Abroad Program

PROGRAM

In the last few decades the Amazon region has attracted a lot of attention as it contains one of the last large rainforests in the world while at the same time being transformed by regional economic change. This geography-based social science study abroad program is about understanding how people live in the Brazilian Amazon region and will focus on reconciling regional economic development with environmental sustainability. Through service-learning, various field excursions, readings, lectures, and discussions students will consider how the need to provide livelihoods for local people can be met while at the same time protecting a global resource, the Amazon rainforest.

FACULTY LEADERS

Dr. Marcellus Caldas, a native of the Brazilian Amazon region, is an environmental geographer with more than 10 years of experience in research in the Brazilian Amazon region. During these years, he has coordinated many field-work expeditions to the Amazon involving undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty members from Michigan State University, University of Florida, and Kansas State University.

Dr. Martha Smith-Caldas is a biologist with many years of teaching and field-work experience. Dr. Smith-Caldas has worked with large groups and has developed a group inclusion capacity, which facilitates student activity, satisfaction, and teamwork.

DATES

Begins July 7, 2009
Ends July 28, 2009

CREDIT

Three hours of undergraduate credit for GEO 490 (Problems in Geography) or BIO 397 (Topics in Biology)

ELIGIBILITY

Students will have a minimum GPA of 2.5 to enroll in this course.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The program will take place in the Brazilian portion of the Amazon Basin, specifically the cities of Manaus, Amazonas State and Santarém, Pará State. It begins in Manaus, with several days of initial lectures and excursions; continues for several days on an Amazonian boat; and concludes in Santarém, where students will have the opportunity to interact with local college students, spend time visiting the rainforest, old rubber plantations, and various other locations that demonstrate the decision of reconciling environmental protection with economic development. Students will do two pre-departure assignments, keep a daily journal during the trip, write four reflection papers, as well as a final essay.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided tour of downtown Manaus, including the Praça Histórica, Área do Porto, Mercado, Palácio Rio Negro, and Opera House
- Visit National Institute of Amazonian Research (INPA) and tour Bosque da Ciência (Forest of Science)
- Visit Fundação Esperança, a Brazilian NGO focusing on health and education
- Visit to Adolpho Ducke Botanical Garden
- Multiple day boat travel on the Amazon River
- Visit Alenquer waterfalls
- Hike in a preserved forest and at Serra de Piquiatuba
- Guided tour of Porto Trombetas Mineração Rio Norte, a bauxite mining location

COST

Program Fees: \$6,808 (includes international airfare, accommodations, in-country transportation, excursions, study abroad fee, meals aboard Amazonian boat and in Santarém, and international medical insurance)

Tuition and Fees: Estimated tuition and fees for three undergraduate credits. Division of Continuing Education (DCE) Fee: \$21.50

Anticipated Additional Expenses: Meals, books, and personal expenses.

Payment Options

- Check** (checks should be made out to Kansas State University. If you submit a check, please be sure the following information is listed on the check: student name, program name, location, name of instructor who is teaching the course, and K-State student ID number)
- Credit Card** (A 2.9% credit card service fee will be added to all payments made with a credit card)
- Cash**

Payment for program fees should be made to
Office of International Programs,
Study Abroad Program, 304 Fairchild Hall.

K-State tuition and DCE fee will be billed to student
iSIS accounts.

Payment Schedule for Program Fees:

- \$2,000 due February 1, 2009 with application
- \$2,404 due on March 1, 2009
- \$2,404 due on March 15, 2009