Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) is a private nonprofit communitarian institution, founded in 1940, with the objective of developing knowledge based on humanistic values. It is an academic institution recognized worldwide as one of the most important doctoral research centers in the country.

Above all, PUC-Rio is a community of people who praise diversity and the plurality of ideas united to act in accordance with the needs of the society and the ever changing world.

**PUC-RIO’S VALUES**

- Social Responsibility
- Innovation
- Environmental Awareness
- Diversity
- Entrepreneurship

**Academic Centers**

- Biomedical Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Science and Technology
- Theology and Human Sciences

**46** Bachelor’s programs

**26** Graduate research Programs with Doctoral degrees

**40+ Courses available in English**

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

1st Semester
- Late Feb./Early March to Mid-July

2nd Semester
- Early August to mid-December

**PUC-Rio STUDENT BODY**

- Over 2,500 Graduate Students
- Over 5,000 Undergraduate Students
- Over 5,000 Continued Education Students
- Over 10% underprivileged students in affirmative action programs
- Over 40% students on scholarships

**CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE**

PUC-Rio has hosted The Confucius Institute for the city of Rio de Janeiro since 2011. Its mission is to promote and disseminate Chinese language and culture.
Central Coordination for International Cooperation

300+ Bilateral and multilateral partnerships 1,000+ International students per year

30 Double degree programs

Special Services and Activities Offered by CCCI
- Welcome and airport pick-up
- Orientation week
- Welcome and farewell cocktails with live Brazilian music
- Full access to legal, psychological and academic assistance
- Safety Plan
- First aid ambulatory
- Assistance for disabled students
- Service learning & volunteer work
- Internships
- Visiting Professors
- Staff mobility

Accommodation
International students have the opportunity to experience the Brazilian way of life through a homestay program.

PROGRAMS

Portuguese as a second Language
Portuguese language is offered throughout the academic semester and also as a 90h pre-term intensive course, held before the regular semester. Five levels of proficiency are available, from basic to advanced.

Brazilian Seminars ("Summer School")
A 50 hour interdisciplinary program, with lectures and off-class activities that offers a panorama on Brazil’s different aspects, ranging from culture to entrepreneurship. Offered every July for the duration of 12 business days.

Faculty-led / Customized Programs
- 15+ years of experience
- 2,300+ participants

PUC-RIO BUDDY PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Rio de Janeiro, the marvelous city, is an exciting place surrounded by a lush tropical forest and conveniently located by the Atlantic Ocean.

The distinct contrast between the modern and post-modern architecture with the green of the rain forest and the liveliness of the beach atmosphere in the background paint a unique scenery.

PUC-Rio is located in Gávea, a pleasant and residential neighborhood, in the South zone of Rio de Janeiro.

The campus was built in a protected natural reserve. Different species of trees, birds, small monkeys and squirrels can be found and offer an extraordinary environment.

Several restaurants, cafeterias, cafés, ATMs and a bookstore provide significant convenience for all students.

The University is easily accessed via a number of bus lines, the subway system and bike route.

Several attractions are located within walking distance from PUC-Rio, including the Botanical Garden, Leblon and Ipanema beaches, and different cultural centers.

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