

Towson University
TU Tigers Abroad: Brazil
Summer 2023

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Friday, July 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 - 9:30 AM Arrive on campus - Drop off luggage and check in to housing at Barton House in West Village • 9:30 - 10 AM Park in the University Union garage and check in for orientation in the University Union ground floor lobby (outside the University Store) • 10 AM - 3 PM Participate in your TU New Student Orientation • 4 PM Program meeting in West Village Commons lounge • 5:30 - 6:30 PM Dinner in West Village Commons • 7 - 9 PM Group activities in West Village Commons lounge • Overnight at Barton House
Saturday, July 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast in West Village Commons • Check out of housing • Group bus to Ronald Reagan Washington National airport (DCA) • 2:51 PM Depart U.S. on group flight
Sunday, July 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15 AM Arrive in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil • Meet your guide at the airport and transfer to the hotel by on the group bus • Health and safety orientation on the way to the hotel • Check in to the hotel • Enjoy a walking tour of the center of Rio and see all the major monuments in the city • Visit the Museum of Tomorrow - <i>through experiments and experiences, the museum demonstrates the relationship between the Cosmos, Earth, Anthropocene, Tomorrow, and Us. Mixing science with innovate design the museum focuses on sustainable cities and an ecological world.</i> • Return to the hotel to freshen up • In the evening, walk with your guide to a local restaurant • Taste the local cuisine with a group welcome dinner • Return to the hotel • Overnight at the Hotel Mar Palace in Rio de Janeiro
Monday, July 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Meet your guide and board the bus for a half day of sightseeing. • Early morning start for a visit to the Statue of Christ and a tour of Sugar Loaf. Board a cogwheel train for a 20-minute ride up to the Statue of Christ. <i>On the way up, enjoy the lush scenery and take in the fresh mountain air of the Tijuca Forest. At the top you will be beneath the almost 40m tall statue of Christ with the whole of Rio at your feet – an incredible spectacle. Then on to Sugar Loaf for a cable car ride to the top of the mountain.</i> • Break provided for lunch on your own during the tour • Return to the hotel on the bus • Class #1 (at the hotel) - <i>Methods and Rules for the Study of Cities</i> [Dr. Sillah] • Free for the rest of the afternoon and dinner on your own • Overnight at the Hotel Mar Palace in Rio de Janeiro

<p>Tuesday, August 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Class #2 (at the hotel) – <i>Urban Planning and Infrastructure</i> [Dr. Sillah] • Break provided for lunch on your own • Meet your guide and board the bus • Company visit #1: <i>The Brazilian Government’s Impact on Information Security and Privacy</i> • Free evening with dinner on your own • Overnight at the Hotel Mar Palace in Rio de Janeiro
<p>Wednesday, August 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Class #3 (at the hotel) – <i>Urban Communities and Social Policies; Origins and development of suburbs; Urban Political Economy, the New Urban Sociology, and the Power of Place</i> [Dr. Sillah] • Break provided for lunch on your own • Meet your guide and take public transportation for afternoon tour of Samba City • History of Samba and Samba City: <i>Walk through the history of Samba, following the steps of this rhythm symbol of Rio cultural identity, icon of local African heritage and Afro-Brazilian resistance. Visiting the main cultural spots in Cinelandia and the Mauá Square, we talk about how the Portuguese culture developed Carnival as a political party and Samba as Afro-Brazilian identity. Walk with us through the Portuary Zone to see the biggest open-air street art gallery and learn about cultural resistance at Pedra do Sal, icon of Africanity in Rio. Let yourself vibrate with Carnival magic doing some steps and taking pictures with the colorful costumes at City of Samba, headquarters of the Samba Schools.</i> • Free evening with dinner on your own • Overnight at the Hotel Mar Palace in Rio de Janeiro
<p>Thursday, August 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Meet your guide and board the bus • Company Visit #2 - <i>Movement Towards Clean Energy, Sustainability, and 21st Century Urbanization in Brazil</i> • Break provided for lunch on your own • Meet your guide and take public transportation for afternoon tour • The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) Tour • Free evening with dinner on your own • Overnight at the Hotel Mar Palace in Rio de Janeiro
<p>Friday, August 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Class #4 (at the hotel) – <i>City Imagery; The metropolis and its expansion; Urban Communities and Social Policies; Origins Development of Suburbs</i> [Dr. Sillah] • Break provided for lunch on your own • Meet your guide and take public transportation for afternoon activity • Service learning: <i>Engage in a hands-on project to gain an understanding of the social, environmental, or economic challenges in Brazil and learn about the challenges unique to the area through group discussion and Q&A.</i> • Free evening with dinner on your own • Overnight at the Hotel Mar Palace in Rio de Janeiro

<p>Saturday, August 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Meet your guide and check out of your hotel • Depart Rio de Janeiro on group flight to Salvador • Meet your guide at the airport and transfer to the hotel by on the group bus • Check into hotel and grab lunch on your own • After lunch, meet your guide for city tour of Salvador • Salvador City Tour: <i>Experience the highlights of Salvador during a sightseeing tour of the city and discover its rich history, extraordinary architecture, and dynamic culture, a result of the blend of Portuguese, African and Indigenous people. Explore the city from different angles, discovering the Lower City, with its bucolic interior atmosphere, around the calm waters of the All Saints Bay, and continuing to the tip of the Itapagipe Peninsula, the extreme west part of Salvador, and then the Upper City with its Historic Center – the cradle of the city’s history.</i> • Free evening with dinner on your own • Overnight at Wish Hotel da Bahia in Salvador
<p>Sunday, August 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Class #5 (at the hotel) – <i>Social Capital and the Resilience of Cities; Cities in the global economy; The Social Psychology of City Life</i> [Dr. Sillah] • Free afternoon and evening with lunch and dinner on your own • Overnight at Wish Hotel da Bahia in Salvador
<p>Monday, August 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Guest lecture: <i>Primary or Secondary School Leadership</i> • Break provided for you to get lunch on your own • Meet your guide and board the bus for a company visit • Company visit #3: <i>Strategies for Digital Transformation in Brazil</i> • Free evening with dinner on your own • Overnight at Wish Hotel da Bahia in Salvador
<p>Tuesday, August 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Class #6 (at the hotel) – <i>Families, Gender, and Singles in the City; The metropolis and social inequalities</i> [Dr. Sillah] • Break provided for you to get lunch on your own • Meet your guide and board the bus • Service learning: <i>Engage in a hands-on project to gain an understanding of the social, environmental, or economic challenges in Brazil and learn about the challenges unique to the area through group discussion and Q&A.</i> • Return to the hotel on the bus • Free for the rest of the afternoon and evening with lunch and dinner on your own • Overnight at Wish Hotel da Bahia in Salvador

<p>Wednesday, August 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Class #7 (at the hotel) – <i>Global Suburbanization Patterns; Cities in the Global Economy; Urban Environments and Sustainability; The Remaking and Future of Cities</i> [Dr. Sillah] • Break for lunch on your own • Meet your guide and depart for museum on public transportation • Afro-Brazilian Museum: <i>The Afro-Brazilian Museum of the Federal University of Bahia is one of the few in the country to deal exclusively with African cultures and their presence in the Brazilian culture formation. Through important material elements that represent these cultures, the museum presents contents that facilitate the understanding of the historical, artistic, and ethnographic aspects that identify the African societies and allow a reflection on the importance of this matrix for the development of Brazilian society.</i> • Return to hotel to freshen up • Meet guide in the hotel lobby and depart for local restaurant • Reflect on your experiences with an authentic group farewell dinner and folkloric dance show • Return to the hotel on public transportation • Overnight at Wish Hotel da Bahia in Salvador
<p>Thursday, August 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Meet your guide and check out of the hotel • Transfer to the airport by private bus • 9:05 PM Depart Brazil on group flight
<p>Friday, August 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:50 AM Arrive at Ronald Reagan Washington National airport (DCA) • Board the group bus upon arrival at the airport • 3 PM (approx.) Arrive at Towson University campus