

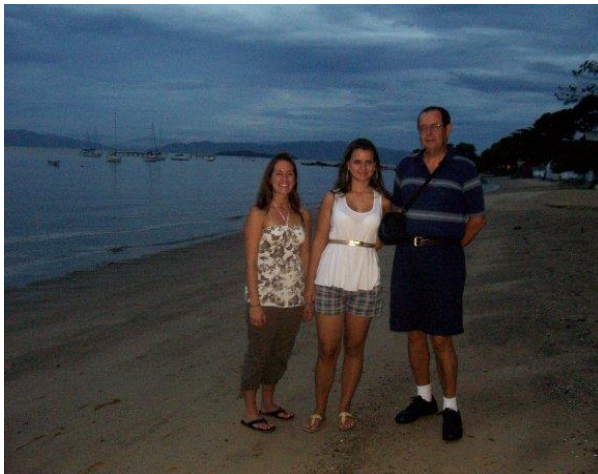
ISE Exchange with Pontifical Catholic University in Curitiba, Parana, Brazil

Why Study in Brazil?

- A huge country and a spectacular destination
- landscapes, cities, people, culture, history, food, major economic, industrial, and agricultural power
- Strong Industrial & Systems Engineering program
- International students from Europe and rest of the world

Tuition & Costs

- Pay tuition & Fees to Virginia Tech
- Living expenses are about ½ of cost of living in Blacksburg
- Scholarships available for study abroad.



Ashley's Experience in Parana Brazil

- Studied at Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná for 6 months
- Took 4 ISE Junior Level courses that counted toward ISE major
- Enrolled in 1 Portuguese language course (began a month before semester)
- 41 exchange students also attended; mostly male; 2 other Americans
- Made friends from Brazil and all over the world

When not attending classes or studying:

- Watched World Cup games with Brazilians
- Went to local museums
- Went to local arts events
- Orchestra performance
- Theatrical play
- A cappella group



*Ashley loves to talk about her experience in Brazil!
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Semester Exchange Program

Study one semester at PUC-PARANA in Brazil

- January thru June (back in time for 2nd summer semester)
- June thru later November (return in time for winter semester)
- Complete PORT 1106 (Elementary Portuguese) or equivalent before departure.
 - Work with a free or low-cost tutor paid for by the ISE Department.
- Intensive immersion language course in Portuguese about 5 weeks ahead of semester.
 - Previous study of Spanish or related languages is very helpful background.
- Many university students and professors speak English, so you are never isolated.
 - The goal is NOT to get by on English but to learn Portuguese
- All previous exchange students commented on the friendliness of Brazilians and how willing they are to help you learn and practice speaking
- Tests and graded work come later in the semester, so there is time to practice and develop language skills as the semester progresses





Are you intrigued?

Want to learn more about the Brazil exchange program or studying in another country?

Take these simple steps:

1. Go to website at <http://www.educationabroad.vt.edu/>
2. Make appointment with a study abroad advisor or an Engineering Peer advisor thru the website or call **540-231-5888**
3. See Ms. Van Curen in **241 Durham** to discuss
 - how to fit a study abroad experience into ISE curriculum
 - See if you're eligible for an ISE Scholarships

