



Hauser Global Law School Program

Direito Getulio Vargas Sao Paulo, Brazil

Exchange Program Information Package 2009-2010



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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with Direito GV - Escola de Direito de São Paulo da Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo, Brazil). This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by the university, such as their website – <http://www.direitogv.com.br/english/> and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend an information session. If you can't, or if you have additional questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs.

Important Application Dates

January 21	Application deadline
Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid to late February	Selections made
March 16	Direito GV application deadline

I. Program Description and Information

A. About the Program

Up to two NYU Law students may study at Direito GV per academic year. The program is open to second- and third-year students only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law. **All courses at Direito GV are taught in Portuguese.**

The exchange program with Direito is designed to offer a serious study of law in an international setting. This is definitely not the same thing as a college semester abroad. If you are looking for a semester abroad with a light course load and plenty of time to sightsee, this is not the program for you. This is not to say that you will have no time to sightsee and familiarize yourself with Brazilian culture. You will. But we do want to emphasize that this program is much more academically rigorous than many overseas programs at the undergraduate level.

B. Direito GV

In accordance with the changes through which Brazil has passed in the last decade, the institutional reforms realized in the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary have arisen the attention for new problems and fields of reflection on the way legal courses are taught in Brazil.

Brazil's presence in the international commerce and foreign investment circuit has led to the redefinition of the contents of the classic fields of law, and to the conception of new fields and new types of law.

Equally significant are the changes in the economical thought, in business administration, public administration, politics, and even the way civil society is organized: these changes demand the creation of differentiated legal services.

It is in this context that Direito GV's project was created. It associates the consolidated experience in teaching and research of Fundação Getúlio Vargas Schools of Business and Economics with the concern of creating a new way to teach and research law.

C. The City of São Paulo

São Paulo is the largest city in Brazil, with its metropolitan area ranking among the largest urban areas in the world. The city is the capital of the State of São Paulo, the most populous Brazilian state. It is also the richest city of Brazil. The name means Saint Paul in Portuguese. São Paulo exerts global influence in commerce and finance as well as arts and entertainment.

The city has many renowned landmarks. The Immigrant's Hostel greeted millions of immigrants as they came to Brazil in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Paulista Avenue, in Downtown, is the most important financial center of the country and Latin America. The city is home to the São Paulo Stock Exchange. São Paulo has been home to several of the tallest buildings in Brazil, including the Mirante do Vale Building.

With an estimated population of 10,990,000 residents within an area of 1,523 square kilometres (588 sq mi), São Paulo is the most populous in Brazil, in South America and in the Southern hemisphere. The city also lies at the center of the heavily urbanized São Paulo metropolitan area, which, with an estimated 19,977,506 people over 8,051 square kilometres (3,108.5 sq mi), is the largest metropolitan area in the nation, making it the second largest in the Americas, and one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world.

D. Program Dates

Direito GV's academic year starts in mid-February and ends in early December. Our fall semester is Direito GV's second semester, and our spring semester is their first semester, the following academic year.

2nd Semester 2009*

First Day of Classes	Mid-August, 2009
Last Day of Classes	Mid-November, 2009
Exams	December 2009

1st Semester 2010*

First Day of Classes	March 2010
Last Day of Classes	June 2010
Exams	Late June, 2010

*dates to be confirmed

E. Course Offerings and Selections

The full course listing and description along with more information about the international program can be found on for the Direito GV's website: http://english.direitogv.com.br/subportais/Handbook_for_International_Students.pdf

Students typically take 5 classes per term, though students not proficient in Portuguese are advised to take fewer classes. NYU students are required to take a minimum of four classes (each worth 3 credits). Prior to finalizing their courses for the semester, students must submit a list of courses (along with the days of the week and times the class meets, and total number of class meetings during the semester) to the Hauser Program Office for approval. Students are expected to take post-graduate level courses while at Direito GV. With permission, students can take classes in the final two years of the LLB curriculum.

F. Exams and Grades

The grading system in the undergraduate course at DireitoGV is from 0 to 10. Students need to have a minimum grade of 6 to be approved in subjects. Grading criteria is determined by each professor and generally include written tests, participation in class, presenting seminars and academic assignments. For approval, students must participate in at least 80% of the classes for the subject.

Your exams will be graded in the first instance by Direito GV faculty in accordance with the Direito grading system. Because grading standards between NYU and Direito may differ, a direct translation to NYU's letter grading system is extremely difficult. Therefore, participating NYU students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "pass/fail" for the course on their transcripts. **All students must receive the equivalent of a letter grade C in order to receive credit for the class.**

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. We expect, however, that all credits earned at Direito GV will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

A transcript will be sent to NYU at the end of your exchange.

G. Program Cancellation Policies

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in São Paulo, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

II. Direito GV's Staff and Facilities

A. Program Staff

The Coordinator of the International Affairs at Direito is Professor Maria Lúcia Labate Mantovanini Pádua Lima maria.lucia.padua.lima@fgv.br. She is the main contact for visiting exchange students and handles all of the orientation and student affairs-related issues.

B. Facilities

Library

The Library at Direito GV is considered to be one of the most valuable resources of the university. It is organized in such a way as to

offer direct access to its books and magazine collections.

Computer Lab

Computer laboratories are available in the building and students are assigned an email address. Students are also able to access the university's main system from home (Direito GV provides free wireless Internet access to the students)

III. Preparing for Your Trip

A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

Tuition

Because this is a revenue-neutral exchange program, participating NYU Law students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a 12 credit-hour semester at NYU Law.

Cost of Living

Below is a table that gives you some idea of how much you might spend personally and on every day items in São Paulo. 1 dollar is equivalent to 1,80 Brazilian Real.

Housing including food	R\$5000 (estimate – furnished flat with utilities+phone++internet+cabletv+etc located in area around school)
Books, transport, entertainment, personal spending	R\$ 60 (book) / R\$ 15 (movie theater)
Bus ticket	R\$ 2.30
CD	R\$ 30
Haircut	R\$ 50 (male) – R\$ 100 (female)
International newspaper	R\$10
Night club entry	R\$ 30
Cup of coffee	R\$ 2,00
Burger meal	R\$ 14
Steak dinner	R\$ 50

We estimate that you should budget at least US\$1,200 per month for rent and living expenses, taking into account the fact that you are abroad and will therefore potentially spend more money than during a typical semester at NYU. If you are planning to travel around the country and South America, you will need to budget more for additional expenses.

B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

Direito GV does not offer on campus housing. Students should contact the school in advance for assistance in finding accommodation.

C. Visa Information

All student-exchange students require a student visa for their stay in Brazil. A tourist visa is not valid for studying. Without the temporary student visa, it is impossible to enroll in any course. In addition, it is impossible to change a visa after arrival in the country.

Information about getting a student visa can be found at <http://en.brazilny.org/index.php?/consulado/anchor/vitem4/>

Foreign Registration is also necessary for all foreigners who plan to stay in Brazil for more than 90 days. Documents needed:

- Original visa (issued by a Brazilian Consulate or Embassy in foreigner's country of origin)
- Certified photocopies of your passport from a Brazilian notary public
- Two 3x4 photographs with a white background and the date
- Payment of fee at Immigration Department
- Proof of student health insurance in the name of the student and showing coverage for the period expected to stay in Brazil

Information about getting your criminal record certificate legalized with the Hague Convention "apostile" is available at http://travel.state.gov/family/family_issues/divorce/divorce_591.html#countries.

The Brazilian Argentine Consulate General of New York:
1185 Avenue of the Americas – 21st floor
New York, NY 10036-2601
Telephone: (917) 777 7777
Fax: (212) 827 0225

The Student Visas Department is open for **Servicing of Non-Brazilian Citizens:**

- 10:00am to 12:00 pm - Service requests and submission of documents including Visa Applications.
- 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Pick-up of passports/visas and other requested documents received in the previous business day.

The Consulate is closed on Brazilian and American holidays. For further information or to contact them, please visit their website at: <http://en.brazilny.org/index.php>

IMPORTANT: Requirements may vary according to the applicant's citizenship, length of studies and nature of the course. It is the responsibility of the Brazilian host school to provide prospective students with detailed information regarding the visa requirements of their specific situation. To avoid inconveniences, you are strongly advised to contact Direito GV well before making any travel plans.

D. Health Insurance

Students must have an insurance plan prior to their arrival in Brazil. You can ask whether your current policy covers you during your stay in São Paulo.

If you are insured through NYU's Student Health Insurance, you are covered for emergencies when traveling more than 100 miles from your campus address through Assist America. Do carry your Assist America card with you when traveling. In case you do get into an emergency, you are to contact Assist America to arrange all medical services. You will not be reimbursed for any services that are not arranged through Assist America. Reimbursement is the same as the NYU-sponsored Basic plan of 80%/20% co-insurance. For more information, visit http://www.chickering.com/stu_conn/travel_assistance.aspx.

It is possible to waive your NYU Student Health Insurance. In order to do this, you must have an insurance policy that is comparable to NYU's Basic plan. For more information, visit http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/waiving_plans.htm or contact NYU Student Health Insurance Services at 212-443-1020. **Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University's criteria.** To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before it is approved by Student Health Insurance Services.

E. Provisions for Students with Disabilities

Direito GV facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with Ms. Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs, who will contact Direito GV to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

F. Resources for Living in São Paulo and Traveling

Below are websites you can get more information about living and traveling in São Paulo.

<http://www.turismo.gov.br/>
www.roughguides.com
www.lonelyplanet.com

Student Travel Agencies

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

STA Travel. There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at www.statravel.com

Travel CUTS. There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at www.travelcuts.com.

www.studentuniverse.com. Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

Getting Around

Budget Airlines

<http://www.voegol.com.br>

By Bus

<http://www.viacaocometa.com.br>

<http://www.itapemirim.com.br/>

Student Discounts

International Student Identity Card. This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit www.isic.org to find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

IV. Semester Follow-Up

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

1. A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
2. A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with Direito GV.

V. How to Apply

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at Direito GV, you must complete a written NYU application available from the Hauser Global Law School Program website: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/index.htm>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel. The timetable for the application process is as follows:

January 21	NYU application deadline
Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid-late February	Selections made and applicants notified
March 16	Direito GV application deadline

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with Direito GV, you will be given their application to complete and submit to the Hauser Office by **March 16, 2009**. We will then forward your application to Direito GV where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Direito GV, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.