

**Official Transcript**  
**Boston College's Global Proficiency Program**

**Paula Gonzalez**

**I. International Experience**

**Seeds of Tomorrow Social Center, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil**

*November, 2003 – June, 2004*

- Worked in orphanage 8 hours a day, 5 days a week
- Experienced the city of Salvador and culture during nights and weekends
- Lived in school near orphanage, where we held nightly reflections
- Worked with and brought food to homeless children with HIV/AIDS once a week

**II. Academic Component**

**Major:** *Philosophy*    **Minors:** *International Studies; Theology*

Languages: Portuguese, Spanish, Italian

- Elementary Italian I & II courses
- Advanced Placement Language Proficiency Coursework

Social Science, Business, Education Courses:

- Introductory Anthropology
- Modern Brazil
- World Politics: Conflict and Cooperation

Humanities Courses:

- Philosophy of World Religions
- Challenge of Peace
- Religion and Globalization

**III. Co-curricular Activities**

**Activity 1: Events and Lectures, Boston College**

*January, 2007 – May, 2007*

- Description: Attended a series of intercultural activities on Boston College campus: Islamic Sufism in the West, Prelude to Kosovo, Nightwind: A Columbian Reality, Uganda Awareness Week.
- Skills: Deepened understanding of different cultures and raised awareness of international issues.
- Time Commitment: 1-2 hours per week

**Activity 2: Resident, Romance Language Floor, Voute Hall**

*September, 2006 – May, 2007*

- Description: Lived on Romance language floor in residence hall
- Skills: Improved Spanish skills through contact with other students, developed interpersonal skills, and learned about other cultures through international activities and events
- Time Commitment: 8months

**Activity 3: Annual Boston Brazil Independence Day Festival**

*September, 2002 – September, 2006*

- Description: Help plan and advertise for the annual event held second Sunday of September in Boston, MA. Attend meetings and give input regarding bands and cultural activities. Responsible for set-up and clean-up, as well as coordination and leadership of participants.
- Skills. Learned to organize and administer activities with people from various backgrounds.
- Time Commitment: 3-4 hours per month

**Service Project: Leader, Boston College Brazil Service Trip**

**Social Center Sementes do Amanha, Salvador, Brazil**

*September, 2004- June, 2005*

- Description: Interviewed and chose 10 participants, organized weekly meetings, as a group raised \$18,000 for trip expenses and donations, and led a 3 week service and immersion trip to Northern Brazil
- Skills: Developed organization and leadership skills
- Time Commitment: 5 hours a week for 24 weeks, and 3 weeks in Brazil

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