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First colored by Portugal in 1519, Brazil is South America's largest country and boasts one of the world's most sizable economies. Located in southeastern Brazil, the modern city of São Paulo is home to over 20 million people, more than any city outside of Tokyo. As the financial center of Brazil, São Paulo is the home of many multinational corporations and a cultural hub. A large metropolitan center, São Paulo offers a wide range of cultural activities, including music, theater, museums, and film festivals. The city is also known for its vibrant food scene, with a variety of international cuisines available. São Paulo is a hub for business and finance, making it a strategic destination for international students interested in business and economics.

In addition to these BC programs, students also have the choice to enroll in approved external programs. For more detailed information about the above BC study abroad programs in Latin America, visit the OIP web site at www.bc.edu/international.
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Founded in 1911, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UDD) is a small, private institution with over 10,000 undergraduate students. UDD is a Jesuit university with a strong emphasis on research. It offers a wide range of undergraduate programs in the arts, sciences, and social sciences, as well as a number of graduate programs. The university has a strong international presence, with partnerships and exchange programs with universities around the world.

Program Highlights
- High-immersion experience
- One of Latin America’s best universities

PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE CHILE (PUC)

One of South America’s premier universities, PUC has four campuses in Santiago, with its main campus downtown. The university offers a wide range of undergraduate programs, including courses in the liberal arts and sciences, business, economics, and social sciences. PUC is renowned for its strong academic programs, as well as its commitment to research and innovation.

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QUITO, ECUADOR

Equador, which gained its independence from Spain in 1822, is a culturally diverse nation situated near the equator. The country’s landscape varies from the Andes’ highland and jungle regions with colonial architecture, to the Amazon rainforest with pristine beaches, the Amazon rainforest, and the Galápagos Islands. Quito, the capital, is home to over three million people and is a World Heritage Site.

Program Highlights
- High-immersion experience
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PUEBLA, MEXICO

With an estimated population of over 2 million, Mexico City is the largest city in Latin America and a Spanish-speaking country. The cultural capital of Mexico is a rich blend of pre-Hispanic and colonial influences. Located in the central part of Mexico, it was recently named as one of the most important cities in the world.

Program Highlights
- Advanced English language courses
- Multiple cultural excursions and events
- High-immersion experience
- One of Latin America’s best universities

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Program Highlights:

- Small faculty to student ratio and
- Comprehensive orientation program
- Access to modern university facilities, including a comprehensive library and computer science, as well as sports facilities
- Visits to museums and archeological sites

PUEBLA, MEXICO

With an estimated population of 15 million, Mexico's capital city is one of the largest cities in Spanish-speaking countries. The cultural capital of Mexico is rich with pre-Hispanic traditions and history. Today, it is a bustling metropolis with modern highways, fashionable shops, and cosmopolitan flair. A breathtaking view of the city’s beauty and historical wealth, and the city is a blend of Indigenous, Spanish, and contemporary influences.

Santiago, Chile

Located in the capital city of Santiago, the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) is a small, private university with a student population of approximately 3500. Founded in 1988 and modeled on the American university system, USFQ offers a wide-ranging curriculum including intensive Spanish and other foreign languages, and has a strong connection to its home university in Quito, the Universidad San Francisco de Quito. Students select courses that offer a range of immersion experience with Ecuadorian students. All students take a Spanish-language course and a course on Ecuadorian history and culture. Housing is with local families.

Quito, ECUADOR

Ecuador, which gained its independence from Spanish colonial rule in 1830, is a culturally diverse nation situated near the equator in South America. Quito is the capital city of Ecuador and is the highest capital city in the world, with an average elevation of 2850 meters above sea level. The city is home to over 1.5 million people and is a blend of Indigenous, Spanish, and contemporary influences.

The Program

The Pontificia Universidad Católica del Cauca (PUC) in Popayán, Colombia, is a Jesuit institution which has six campuses in Colombia and is located in the heart of the country. Founded in 1949, PUC is one of Latin America’s best universities and has been recognized by UNESCO for its scientific, cultural, and educational contributions.

Program Highlights:

- High-immersion experience
- One of Latin America’s best universities
- A four-day trip to the Amazon rain forest,
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

The Program

The Pontificia Universidad Católica de la Rio de Janeiro

Program Highlights

• Home-stay placements
• Language courses and cultural activities

Students take courses at Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT) or Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA) or both. All BC students arrive in early March to participate in an intensive three-week Spanish course. Housing options include homestays with local families.

The Program

www.iberopuebla.edu

The Program

www.uca.edu.ar/

SANTIAGO, CHILE

The Program

The Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UCU)

Program Highlights

• High-intensity experience
• One of Latin America’s best universities

Students study at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile for one semester, a full year, or a full year with a service learning component. UCU is a large private university with over 20,000 students, offering a wide range of courses in the arts and sciences, business, economics, political science, history, and modern languages.

PUEBLA, MEXICO

The Program

Universidad Iberoamericana

Program Highlights

• An on-site coordinator offers personal support and assistance
• A citywide study tour

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Ecuador, which gained its independence from Spain in 1830, is a culturally diverse nation situated near the equator. Ecuador is bordered by Colombia and Peru to the north, Brazil and the Amazon river to the east, the Pacific Ocean to the west, and the Galápagos Islands. Quito, the capital city, is an Andean city with a population of approximately 1.5 million and is known for its architecture, history, and climate. Today, Ecuador is one of South America’s most stable and prosperous nations, with a high standard of living and a strong commitment to social welfare programs.

The Program

www.usfq.edu.ec/

QUITO, ECUADOR

The Program

Universidad Católica del Cauca (UCA)

Program Highlights

• A “Flourishing and Diversity” course that includes a visit to the Galápagos Islands

Quito is a city of approximately 1.5 million people, with an estimated population of over 2 million, making it the capital and largest city in Ecuador. Quito is home to a diversity of cultures and is known for its rich history, architecture, and natural beauty. The city is divided into two main sections: the former colonial city and the modern city. The former colonial city is situated on a hillside, with its main plaza surrounded by beautiful colonial architecture. The modern city is located on the valley floor, with a bustling metropolis filled with modern skyscrapers, shopping centers, and a vibrant arts scene.

The Program

www.utoronto.ca

The Program

University of Toronto

Program Highlights

• A small faculty to student ratio
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