

## **BRAZILIAN CITIES      SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

### **Introduction**

The Brazilian Cities summer program consists of two CRP courses taught in tandem, in Brazil, on Latin American urbanization and on the Brazilian city. Classes in each city involve special lecturers and public officials, invited by Professors Goldsmith and Vainer, in cooperation with a leading professor in each city. Enrollment is open to college juniors and seniors, graduate students, and some other registrants in the Cornell Summer Session. The program opens June 4. Classes run June 5 through June 30.

### **Course requirements and schedule**

The courses run seven days for four weeks, including inter-city air transportation. The pace is intense, involving a mixture of Brazilian culture, urban studies, and political economy. Attendance is required at all classes and tours, and each student must keep a notebook, read several books (assigned early spring) and several articles, and participate in discussions. Two term papers are due in Ithaca a month after the conclusion of the course.

1. Before city visits, if possible, students submit reading notes on the assigned texts.
2. At the conclusion of each city week, students submit notes, including brief reflections, treating supplementary readings, and noting lectures and visits.
3. After the course, students write two brief papers (8-10 pages each) on topics agreed to by the professor. Papers are due by paper mail (or with permission as MS Word email attachments) August 1, one month after conclusion of the program in Rio.

### **City themes**

The main themes for classes, visits, and discussions are indicated below. Lectures, visits, and discussions are organized along the lines of political economy, incorporating materials from urban studies, geography, and city planning, as well as economics, sociology, anthropology and political science. We look at housing, transportation, urban facilities, the environment. We observe the ways ethnicity, race, and class intersect in Brazilian cities. We explore how Brazilian cities differ from cities elsewhere in Latin America and how they contrast with the United States. Most themes are repeated in each city, but readings, lectures, and discussions focus differently in each:

#### **Brasília**

Design, public space, center and periphery.

New towns, satellite cities, metropolitan layout.

Policies on urbanization and regional development.

**Salvador**

Democratic city management, participatory democracy, participatory budgeting.

Other new forms of urban planning and city management in practice.

The urban environment and relationship to underdevelopment in the Northeast.

**Rio**

Housing, for rich, middle class, and poor.

Neighborhoods, social segregation, public space.

Social movements and informality.