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<p align="center"><b>Academic Year  2012</b></p>	<p><b>First Semester:</b> 4 months (from February/March to June/mid July) <b>Second Semester:</b> 4 months (from August to November/mid December) <b>Vacation periods:</b> - summer: approximately 3 months (from December to February/March) - winter: approximately 1 month (from mid July to mid August)</p> <p><b>Exams:</b> Are scheduled along the semester. There are usually 2 exams per semester in each course: G1 and G2. Examination periods are not fixed. More exams, papers, tests may be scheduled by each teacher.</p> <p><b>Classes begin / end:</b> First Semester: - Pre-term Intensive Portuguese Course: January 9<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Regular term: February 28<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> Second Semester: - Pre-term Intensive Portuguese Course: July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> - Regular term: August. 7<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Orientation:</b> First Semester: - Pre-term Intensive Portuguese Course: January 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> - Regular term Orientation: February 13<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>nd</sup> Second Semester: - Pre-term Intensive Portuguese Course: July 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> - Regular Term: August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Application Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b> (exchange period : jul/ago – dec) / <b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b> (exchange period: feb/mar – july)</p>
<p><b>Documentation For Application</b></p>	<p>Send fulfilled and complete application form by mail together with: - 01 photo (3 x 4 cm size) - Official Transcript - International Office nomination letter (for exchange students) - A copy of students passport (main page) MANDATORY - Personal Statement (introduce yourself and why you would like to study at PUC-Rio). - Copy of health insurance with company name and policy number ➔ The application form is available at <a href="http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/forms-hp.html">http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/forms-hp.html</a> <i>A registration fee is charged upon arrival and it varies according to the student's status (Exchange or Special Student). Please, refer to <a href="http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/fees_tuition.html">http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/fees_tuition.html</a> , for further information.</i></p>
<p><b>Academic System</b></p>	<p>1 <b>academic credit</b> is equivalent to 1 class-hour (50 minutes) of lecture class in a 15 weeks semester. <b>Grades</b> range from minimum 0 (zero) to maximum 10 (ten). 5 is the minimum passing grade. 8 is considered a good grade.</p>
<p><b>Language of Instruction</b></p>	<p><b>Portuguese :</b> All instruction is in Portuguese.</p> <p>International students have the opportunity to take <b>courses in English at PUC-Rio</b> and learn Portuguese. The courses have a content based on Brazilian and Latin American aspects, such as: <b>culture, literature, business, design, civilization and history, among others</b>. Along with the courses in English, international students must attend Portuguese as a Second Language.</p> <p>- <b>Portuguese as a Second Language</b> is taught in 5 levels of proficiency (i) as <b>regular courses</b>, in the regular terms, and (ii) as a <b>pre-term intensive course</b>, in the summer and winter breaks.</p>
<p><b>Language Requirements</b></p>	<p>- <b>None</b> for students who wish to come to PUC-Rio specifically to study Portuguese. - For students who wish to attend regular courses in other areas, it is recommendable to have taken at least 2 semesters of Portuguese. - Spanish speakers are welcome and usually are able to communicate in Portuguese easily after attending the Pre-Term Intensive Portuguese Course.</p>
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