Exchange Program with FGV Direito Rio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

FGV Direito Rio is one of the most well-respected education institutions in one of the most exciting international cities in the world. There are more than 3,000 undergraduate students and almost 2,000 graduate and master’s students enrolled. During the 2021-22 academic year, no Minnesota Law students participated in the semester exchange.

Summary of Course Offerings
The FGV grade curricular page shows courses offered.

Semester Dates
Fall semester: August through December
Spring semester: February through July

Language of instruction
Portuguese; four to six courses are offered in English each semester

Courses/Credits/Grades
Up to 15 credits may be transferred per semester abroad
Each class period is 100 minutes; each course has either 30 or 60 “course hours”
Grading is from 0 (minimum) to 10 (maximum) with a passing grade being 7
2 ECTS Credits = 1 Minnesota Credit

Registration
Registration is done by the International Office prior to the student’s arrival.

Minnesota Law Enrollment
Register for 12-15 credits worth of classes at Minnesota Law as usual for the term you will be away. Before leaving for your semester abroad, contact the Law School registrar at lawreg@umn.edu to convert your credits to Off-campus Legal Studies.

Housing
FGV Direito Rio does not have on-campus housing for international students. They will provide assistance once students arrive in locating and obtaining off-campus accommodations.

Financial Aid and Tuition Payment
Financial aid will remain in effect for the semester you are abroad. Please make arrangements to have the balance (after tuition is deducted) sent to you if disbursement occurs after you have departed the U.S.

Insurance
CISI health insurance is required and will cover you while you are outside of the country. Complete the U of M’s travel registration which includes CISI coverage. Once you have signed up, you will receive proof of insurance. U of M student health coverage for the semester is about $1,000.00. It is highly recommended in the event you need to return home for any reason prior to the end of the semester. This expense has not been included in the estimated budget.
Travel Documents
You must have a valid passport to travel abroad. If you do not have a passport, please apply immediately. You will need a visa to enter Brazil. Your student visa must be obtained BEFORE you leave the U.S. You will not be able to get it after you arrive in Brazil. Contact the Brazilian embassy for more information.

Cancellation Policy

Student Cancellation Due to Program Changes
In the event that course offerings for exchange students are changed so as to offer no comparable program of study, or changes in other significant aspects of the program occur, you are entitled to a full refund of any and all tuition and fees paid should you find the program as altered unsuitable to your goals.

State Department Advisories
The most current Consular Information Sheet on is available on the internet at http://travel.state.gov/. In the event the U.S. State Department issues any information or warning about current events which would impact your safety, or the stability in the geographic region, you will be notified via your U of M email account and telephone prior to your departure. If, based upon the information conveyed to you, you wish to cancel your enrollment in the program, you will receive a full refund of any and all tuition and fees paid.

Cancellation of Program by University of Minnesota Law School
The University of Minnesota Law School reserves the right to cancel this program within six weeks prior to the start of classes for the semester in which you intend to enroll. The Law School has never exercised this option and cancellation is not expected to occur this year. In the event of cancellation, however, arrangements will be made to permit you to enroll in courses offered at the University of Minnesota Law School.

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Accessibility
For information regarding FGV Direito Rio’s accessibility to individuals with disabilities, please email them directly at cri.direitorio@fgv.br.
Estimated Costs for One Semester in Rio de Janeiro, 2022-23
From FGV Direito Rio’s International office
Estimated cost of living per month in US Dollars
Shared Accommodation $175-440
Food $160
Transportation $35
TOTAL $370-635/month

Fees and Resident* Tuition - U of M Law School $23,320
(for 2021-22)

Estimated average living expenses for five months 2,510
Mandatory CISI health coverage for five months** 240

ESTIMATED TOTAL: $26,070

NOTES: No estimate for round trip air travel is included in this proposed budget.
University of Minnesota student health coverage is not included in this proposed budget.

# All estimates associated with living expenses are based on information provided by the institution the student will be visiting

* Non-resident tuition and fees total $27,808 for one semester

** The University of Minnesota requires any student spending a semester abroad to purchase this coverage