

Brazilian Studies

Brazil occupies today a significant position in the globalized world order as a key to the reformulation of traditional political and economic hierarchies.

This role has been conquered not only through democratization and economic growth, but first of all by the example of the world's most efficient social redistribution of wealth which has managed to exterminate misery for twenty four million Brazilians in less than a decade.

With a specialization in Brazilian Studies (BS) you open the door to a variety of professional career opportunities where Brazil is a central component, such as in international trade, regional & multilateral institutions, the public sector or NGOs.

The curriculum of Brazilian Studies is designed to provide a broad understanding of issues in Brazil's development, society and its role in international relations. The specialization in BS is committed to provide competencies applicable in public and private enterprises and organizations that work inside Brazil or in relation to Brazil with a special focus on developing creative solutions and innovations in contexts challenged by their social and cultural conditions.

The curriculum consists of a number of lectures at the master's level aimed at introducing topics in a problem-based and interdisciplinary manner. Through this approach, students will be capable of comprehending and analyzing Brazil related issues in a holistic and coherent combination.

BS CAN BE FOLLOWED IN TWO DIFFERENT WAYS

- **As an area specialization in the two-year master program Culture, Communication and Globalization (CCG).**
- **As two modules of each 5 ECTS as part of another program.**

Brazilian Studies at the master's level enables you to focus on Brazil as a particular field of specialization within a two-degree program.

The master's curriculum consists of lectures designed to introduce you to Brazil from an integrated and interdisciplinary approach. The thematic emphasis is on the growing role of Brazil in the international economic and political system, on Brazilian development as well as on the contribution of civil society to connect the pressures of globalization with national processes of the expansion of democratization through the political and artistic involvement of citizens and civil society in social movements, the "Third sector" and creative artistic expressions.

The Brazilian example offers insights on the nexus between globalization processes and national social systems that are relevant for other regions as well.

International Connections through an Internship or Study Abroad

To enhance students' international opportunities, Aalborg University has widespread connections with a range of organisations - from various UN agencies to NGOs, and government embassies to private companies - we continue to increase our international relations with host organizations around the globe.

The specialization counts on a network of contacts in Brazil – researchers, entrepreneurs, artists, curators, cultural producers, executives and employees in the public or private sector - through our partners from PUC-Rio and their diversified engagements in the Brazilian society.

Aalborg University - where teaching and research come together

Established in 1974, Aalborg University (AAU) is an internationally recognized institution that offers first rate academic programs. Our 19,000 students choose from over 60 different study programs within four faculties. AAU is one of Denmark's leading universities in innovative methods of cooperation with the surrounding world from the local to the international levels. Students are surrounded by a concentration of top quality research and study facilities. There are also a number of services to support you in your academic work - wireless networks, remote database access, a digital project library, and much more. Throughout the year there are many events and activities organized to help you get the most out of your Aalborg University and Danish experience.

Innovative Learning

Our learning model rests upon principles of interdisciplinarity, problem-based learning and project work. Today, we are one of the leading universities in this method - but what truly sets us apart is the close connection between students and faculty. It begins by students themselves identifying real-world problems, which they tackle through group projects in cooperation with their supervisor. In a recent OECD evaluation, our teaching model was applauded for being “optimal for learning”.

Examples of Lectures offered in BS

- Historical foundations of Brazil. Economic and political development.
- A Brazilian welfare state?
- The contemporary civil rights agenda: Social protests, economic redistribution, reform of the political system and for the fight against corruption and impunity.
- Brazil's relations with Latin America
- Brazil's relations with the United States
- Brazil's integration in the global system, how Brazil is affected by and affects the global system
- The transformation of the public space in present day Brazil.
- Identities in transit. Nation and Globalization, the Brazilian contribution.
- Art and modernity. The politics of art – engagement of art in the construction of the modern nation.
- The politics of sensuality: Body, subjectivity, sexuality and the spectacularity of popular culture.

Enrolling in BS

BS is an interdisciplinary specialization. A bachelor degree in a social sciences or humanities is directly relevant,

English Language Competence

Foreign students must successfully complete an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) test (native English speakers are exempt), while Danish students must have no less than a B-level in English.

Also, students are given the opportunity to attend English language courses to further improve their skills during the semester.

Socializing & the City

Aalborg is the ideal setting for generating solutions to global issues alongside a cultural vigor like nowhere else. Located near to Denmark's stunning west coast, the city is known for its 'cozy' café life, cobble stone streets and charming harbour front. Aalborg is a great place to meet students from around the globe. AAU's Student House bar is crowded every Wednesday for International Night and at the end of the week the campus is bustling with the Friday Café. We look forward to seeing you in one of Denmark's fastest growing cultural and academic hubs!

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