

KINE 3388 – Theory and Application in Motor Development – in Brazil!
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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I need to apply for the course?

Yes – you need to apply by filling out the application form. Once I decide on who will make the final list, I'll send these names to the Study Abroad office and there will be an application process with them – which includes a \$75.00 application fee.

2. What about Financial Aid and Scholarships?

This is the part that I least know about – but the Study Abroad office has great resources and information, as well as several scholarships available! They even have walk-in advising hours – I HIGHLY recommend visiting with them about this part. See more here:

http://studyabroad.uta.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=0&Link_ID=0A869D2E-BCDE-E7F3-503D9695FE73D115

3. I am not a KINE major – can I still apply?

Yes.

4. Why Brazil?

I'm from Brazil myself so obviously that has a lot to do with it. I also have contacts there and that will make it easier for me to set up parts of the course. Brazil is a beautiful country! People are very friendly and warm – I do think people love to visit there! Curitiba is my hometown and Florianópolis is one of my favorite cities. They are both in the south of Brazil. One thing that is important to keep in mind is that it'll be fall time during the travel period, so a little chilly (you will see that a lot of Brazil in this area will not meet the common stereotypes).

5. I want to take this course but I will have graduated before the spring of 2019. Can I still do it?

Yes. You need to re-apply to UTA as a non-degree seeking student and once you are accepted you can take courses after graduation.

6. What does the course look like?

The course is a regular spring course with a modified schedule – we will meet on campus once a week for 50 min during the semester, and the travel days are after the semester is over. It will still count as a spring course and your grades will come after the travel. You need to be aware of that. You can even walk in graduation, but your grade will come a little later than the other spring grades.

7. When do I register for the course?

During the normal registration time for spring classes. Since this class starts in the Spring on campus just like all other classes, you will know by November of this year if you are joining us or not!

8. My parents are worried because I never left the country – will I be safe?

Here is some great info from the Study Abroad office on the topic:

http://studyabroad.uta.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=0&Link_ID=4D776990-BCDE-E7F3-5446E74ECF06ADA1 – We will be travelling with a provider and all of the trip will be guided by them (except for free days for city seeing). I'm from there and will be around as much as possible. You will also have your colleagues with you. Think about this as an opportunity! It is certainly different than the USA, but I think that with the right planning and mindset, you will do great and will have a WONDERFUL experience!

9. What about course pre-reqs?

The pre-reqs will be waived for the course, but students will only enroll with instructor's approval (remember you will already have to have been through the application process).

10. Can I use this course in my degree plan?

If it's not a requirement in your degree plan, you can PROBABLY use this course as an elective. However, talking through this with your major advisor is important before you go, so you know exactly how this class can add to your degree plan.

11. I want to go but it seems very expensive and I don't have the money. What do I do?

That was my biggest concern until I got the quote from WorldStrides. This is a two-week program and the costs are VERY reasonable for this type of trip and accommodations. I know it can be a lot of money though, especially for a college student. I'd say two things here – really look into the Financial Aid and Scholarships process – there is a lot there that can help you travel – some people don't know the number of opportunities that the Study Abroad office has available. There is also a little bit for saving, and I'd say that this couldn't be money better spent – I think your experience will be incredibly valuable and I do hope that you find ways to make it work!

12. What can I do to get started?

I'd say, getting a passport, saving money, and learning about financial aid as well as applying for scholarships need to be done as soon as possible. If you are inspired, learning a bit of Portuguese won't hurt you!

13. Do I really need to learn Portuguese?

I think that it will be a great idea to learn some words and basic sentences. But, do you need it? Probably not – most Brazilians will be happy to practice whatever English they can speak with you.

14. Do I need a visa to go to Brazil?

YES! You do. Our provider will be taking care of that (it's a relatively simple process), so for now making sure your passport is in order can be helpful – if you want to look at the requirements for visas, here is the information on the Brazilian Consulate (in Houston) website: http://houston.itamaraty.gov.br/en-us/applying_for_a_visa.xml

15. Who do we pay for the trip? UTA or the provider (Worldstrides)?

For the travel portion of the trip, you will pay Worldstrides directly.

16. What happens in Brazil? Do we have a itinerary? Do we also do tours and get to see the places?

Yes – there is an itinerary that is made of class times and also touristic visits, tours, and free time. I'll share that when it's finalized, but I can show you a pretty good idea of the itinerary during the informational sessions.

17. What if I want to stay in Brazil after the class is over. Can I? And what should I do?

Yes! (and you should!). I'd recommend going to the Iguazu falls (not kidding, it's an amazing place – think Niagara falls, but a million times better. Wait – never mind, there is no comparison!). You can also go to Rio de Janeiro or some cities in the Northeast – I'll be happy to talk to you about tourism in Brazil if you are interested.

18. Is there a maximum number of students for the course?

Yes – there is a cap of 20 students.

19. Is the same opportunity going to be available the following year?

Honestly, I don't know – if it will be available AND if it'll be similar. If you are really interested, I'd say this is the time to make it happen!

20. I need to take this course but I don't want to do this Study Abroad version – what do I do?

You can take the regular course on campus just like you do every semester – people registering for the Study Abroad class are registering for a very specific course – you will still have the option to take the standard course on campus (it's even another faculty member teaching it!).