

Fact Sheet





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Academic Calendar



Fall Semester

Mid-February to end of June. Modules may run for the entire four months, or be from mid-February to April or April to June.



Winter Break

July



Spring Semester

Early August to mid-December. Modules may run for the entire four months, or be from early August to the end of September, and from early October to mid-December.



Summer Break

Mid-December to Mid-February.

Application Procedure

This is a step-by-step guide for the application to spend a year or a semester at FGV RI:

1. Check your university has a partnership with FGV RI. You will need to be nominated by them. FGV RI does not have a graduate program yet. Considering that, we can only accept undergraduate students.
2. Apply through your university's call for applications for exchange programmes. The nomination e-mail from the Home University must contain your name, your e-mail address, and the degree you are pursuing at the home institution. The deadlines are:

For Brazilian Fall Semester (February-June)

For nomination by partner university:
20 October

For sending the application documents:
20 November

For Brazilian Spring Semester (August-December)

For nomination by partner university:
10 April

For sending the application documents:
30 April

3. Once your home institution nominates you for the exchange programme, you will be contacted via e-mail by our team. You will need to send the following application documents to FGV RI to be able to register:

- ✓ The completed Application Form for International Students. The form link will be sent to you by e-mail
- ✓ Copy of the Passport Information page
- ✓ A passport-sized photo
- ✓ The completed Registration Form that will be sent to you by e-mail
- ✓ Your birth or marriage certificate (if you are married)
- ✓ Copy of your student visa - to be sent afterwards, once FGV RI issues your invitation letter
- ✓ Copy of your health insurance policy

4. Students are required to send a copy of the student visa to FGV RI no later than one week before the start of classes. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the student's exchange.

5. Within 90 days after arriving in Brazil, it is mandatory for students to have a Visa Registration. You can find more information [here](#).

Free Movers

FGV RI allows students to attend the school as "Free Movers" on a case-by-case basis. A Free Mover student is a student whose home institution does not have a partnership with FGV. These students pay tuition fees in order to take classes. In 2021 these tuition fees per semester are **US\$ 5865**. Interested students can contact io.ri@fgv.br

Immigration and Visa Procedures

Students will need to apply for a student visa at their local Brazilian embassy or consulate. Please [check here](#) a list of Brazilian diplomatic representations around the world. The student visa is called VITEM IV - you cannot study in Brazil with a tourist visa or any other visa. The approved student will receive an Invitation Letter from FGV, which they will need to support their visa application.

We advise students to apply for the visa as soon as they are approved by us, as some consulates can take more time to process visas.

Visa Application

Internships

Exchange students with a VITEM IV Student Visa are allowed to do internships as long as it does not configure employment relationship according to Brazilian legislation.

Academic Affairs

- ✔ Enrollment: approved students will receive a list of courses in about one month before the start of classes. The enrollment may depend on availability. A list of expected course offer is available [here](#), but it may vary each semester. FGV RI offers courses both in Portuguese (the majority) and in English.
- ✔ We recommend that exchange students take modules totalling between 90 and 330 FGV hours per semester. Regular students at FGV RI normally take between 4 and 6 modules per semester.
- ✔ Minimum attendance required is 75% of the total class hours.

Credit Equivalence

Most modules at FGV have **30, 60 or 90** contact hours. FGV does not use the same credit system as ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) or the US credit system. Based on existing calculations, the following table shows the credit equivalence between FGV credits, ECTS credits, and US credits:

FGV Hours	FGV Credits	ECTS	US Credits
15	1	1.5	0,75
30	2	3	1,5
60	4	6	3
90	6	9	4,5

Grade Equivalence

The grading scale is from 0 (zero) through 10 (ten), with the minimum passing grade being 6,0. These grades will be based on participation, written essays and exams, and other activities as deemed appropriate by the professor of each module.

Students that have a final grade between 4 and 5.9 on a module may take another exam to improve their grade - this process does not eliminate any of the previous grades obtained.

Below is a table of estimated equivalence between grading systems:

Grade as FGV	Latter Grades	GPA (estimated)
8.51 - 10	A	4.0
7 - 8.5	B	3.0
6 - 6.99	C	2.0
4 - 5.99	D - Student will need to take another exam to pass	1.0
0 - 4	Fail	0.0

If students fail to achieve a passing grade, but have a grade between **4 and 5,99** (out of 10), they may take another exam that normally takes place in July and January.

Monthly Living Costs

Expense	In Brazilian Reais (R\$)	In US Dollars (US\$)	In Euros (€)
Housing (single room in student's apartment)	2000	349.25	294.52
Food	1200	209.55	176.71
Transportation	350	61.12	51.54
Books and Supplies	300	52.39	44.18
Personal Expenses	500	87.31	73.63
Total Monthly Costs	4350	759.63	640.57

* These amounts are an estimate and may vary depending on lifestyle.

** The prices are based on an exchange rate of **US\$1= R\$5.73** and **€1= R\$ 6.79**