

Studying in Bahia, Brazil

Opportunities for Masters and PhD formation

Brazil – quick facts

- 220 million people [6th] – 8,5 million km² [5th]
- Portuguese colonisation
- Independent in 1822
- Republic since 1889
- Federal system
27 states



Brazil – quick facts

- Strong regional social, economic and demographic differences – 5 geographical regions
- 85% living in urban environments
- Most populous metropolitan areas
 - São Paulo (Southeast) – 20 million
 - Rio de Janeiro (Southeast) – 12 million
 - Belo Horizonte (Southeast) – 5 million
 - Brasília (Center-West) – 4,5 million

Brazil



Brazil – Higher education

- Public and private institutions
- 68 federal universities (112 public universities)
- 62 federal technical institutes
- ~ 1 million enrolled in federal universities
- ~ 120,000 in post-graduate courses
 - Masters – ~80,000
 - PhD – ~40,000

Brazil – Public higher education

- Entirely free (no tuition, no fees)
- Concentrates virtually all scientific research
- Undergraduate courses – 4 years usually
- Masters – 2 years / PhD – 4 years
- Access to graduate courses by an public selection process, usually comprising a research project, an interview and a written exam

National postgraduate system

- Academic autonomy
- Federal supervision and policy-making
- Push for greater internationalization
- Better evaluated Graduate Programs usually explore more international collaborations and are expected to both send their students for stays abroad and receive international students

Scholarships

- A number of federal and state-level agencies provide scholarships for Masters and PhD students, irrespective of nationality
 - Awarded after the student is approved
 - According to classification in the selection process
 - Affirmative action provisions
 - people of African or Indigenous descent
 - other groups historically discriminated against

Scholarships

- A smaller number of opportunities are offered to international students
 - Funding agencies run the selection process directly, in consultation with hosting universities
 - Round trip air tickets usually provided
 - PEC-PG (Convention Student Program – PostGrad) suspended but expected to be relaunched soon
 - Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities (yearly)

Scholarships

- Masters – R\$ 2,100 monthly (US\$ 420)
- PhD – R\$ 3,100 monthly (US\$ 620)
- Cost of living varies widely, but for Salvador
 - Room in shared house (monthly) – R\$ 800 to 1,000
 - Meal in University Restaurants – R\$ 15
 - One-way public transportation fare – R\$ 5
 - Mobile monthly internet access – R\$ 70

Graduate courses

- Original research
- Five 60-hour subjects, in the first two semesters
- Additional mandatory activities
 - Research line seminars
 - Participation in congresses
- Mid-term qualification examination
- Thesis or dissertation public defence session

Language

- Most Brazilians do not speak any English
- Classes and activities conducted in Portuguese
- Most of mandatory readings in Portuguese
- Some Graduate Programs may accept thesis and dissertations written in English if requested
- Portuguese is a romance language, very close to Spanish and related to French and Italian

Language

- Some universities teach regular Portuguese courses aimed at foreign students and visiting researchers
- Initiation courses are sometimes online and can be taken prior to the actual trip to Brazil
- More advanced courses are in-person and should be taken in parallel with the graduate course activities

The Federal University of Bahia

- 48,000 undergraduate students
- 8,000 postgraduate students
- 6,000 professors and faculty
- 104 undergraduate courses
- 78 graduate programs
- 23 university libraries



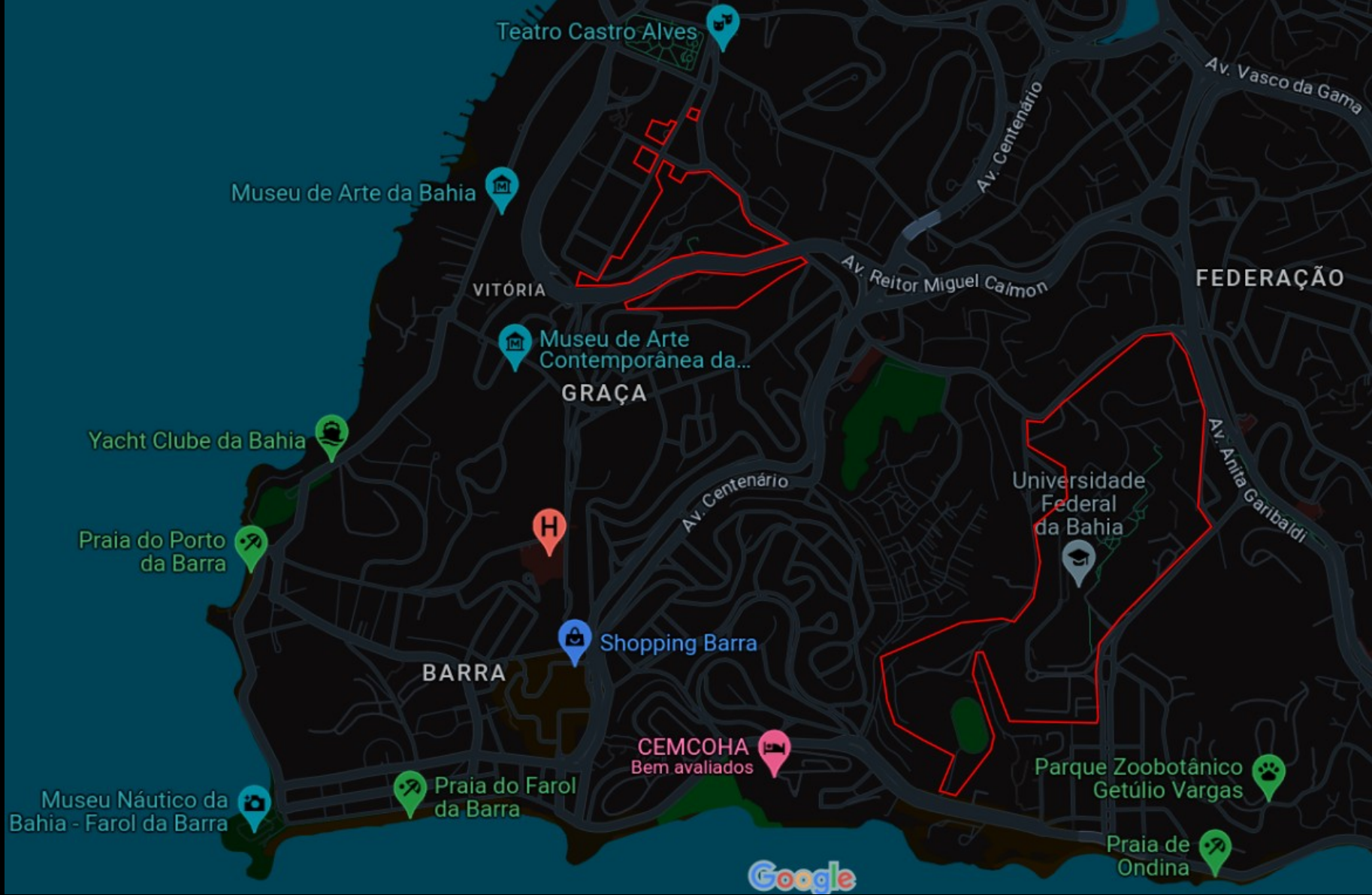
The Federal University of Bahia

- Established in the 1940s with the reunion of pre-existing schools and the creation of new ones
- National reference in the Arts
(Schools of Plastic Arts, Theatre, Dance, Music)
- One of the main national references in studies on slavery, race relations and Africa
- Leading university in the Northeast region

Main schools of interest

- School of Philosophy and Human Sciences
 - Graduate programs in History, African Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Philosophy, Museology, Gender and Feminist Studies
 - Centre of African and Oriental Studies
 - Afro-Brazilian Museum & Ethnology Museum
- School of Education
- School of Linguistics and Literature





Teatro Castro Alves

Museu de Arte da Bahia

VITÓRIA

Museu de Arte Contemporânea da...

GRAÇA

Yacht Clube da Bahia

Praia do Porto da Barra



Shopping Barra

BARRA

CEMCOHA Bem avaliados

Museu Náutico da Bahia - Farol da Barra

Praia do Farol da Barra

Av. Centenário

Av. Reitor Miguel Calmon

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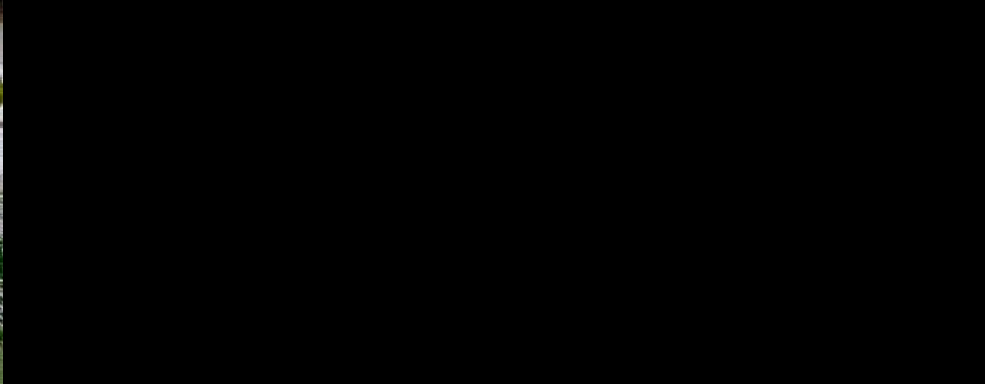
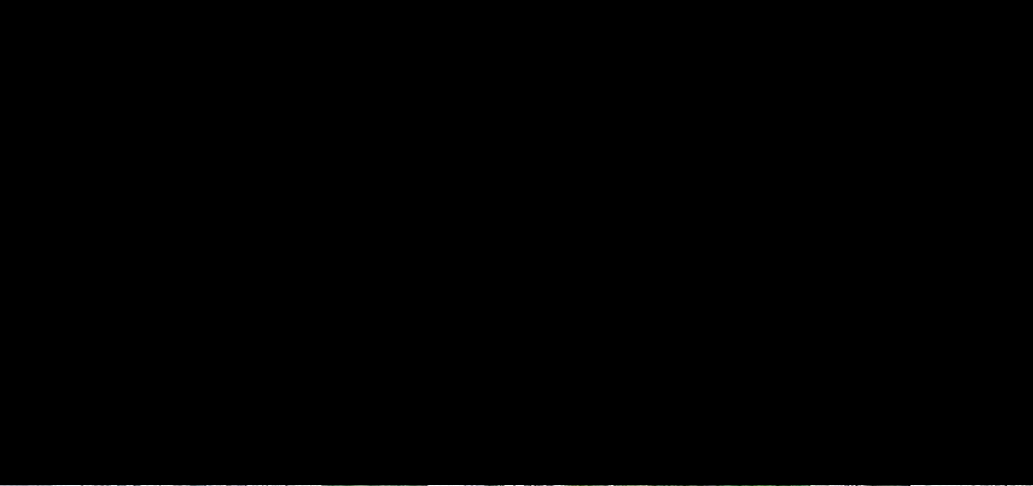
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Salvador da Bahia

- **First Brazilian capital (1549-1768)**
 - Largest city in the Southern hemisphere
 - Colonial export economy based on slavery
- **Population by self-declared race**
 - Black – 35% (Brazil as a whole – 10%)
 - Brown – 49% (Brazil as a whole – 45%)
 - White – 16% (Brazil as a whole – 43%)

Salvador da Bahia

- Cradle of Afro-Brazilian culture
- Hotspot for Brazilian anti-racist struggle
- Multiple connexions to the “Black Atlantic”

- But huge social and economic disparities
- Strong correlation of race and class













