

Tentative Schedule:

- Session 1: Chicago 11/26
- Session 2: Chicago 12/03
- Session 3: Buenos Aires 12/07
Company A
- Session 4: Buenos Aires 12/08
Company B
- Session 5: Rio de Janeiro 12/09
Company C
- Session 6: Rio de Janeiro 12/10
Company D
- Session 7: Rio de Janeiro 12/13
Company E
- Session 8: Sao Paulo 12/14
Company F-H
- Session 9: Sao Paulo 12/15
- Session 10: Chicago 12/20
- Session 11: Chicago 01/09

Schedule subject to change.

To apply, submit an application, resume, application fee, seminar deposit, passport photocopy and proof of medical insurance to:

DePaul University
CTI Student Services
Mezzanine Floor
School of Computer Science,
Telecommunications and
Information Systems

243 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL 60604-2301

<http://facweb.cs.depaul.edu/yele/is596.asp>



International IT Seminar

IS 596:
Information
Technology
in Emerging
Countries

Buenos Aires - Rio de Janeiro - Sao Paulo



DEC. 5-17

COURSE INSTRUCTOR/LEADER:

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COURSE OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the IS 596 course is to expose students to the reality of information technology (IT) in both Argentina and Brazil. Technology played a significant role in most of the emerging economies of the late 1990's and 2000's. Revenue from product and IT services to emerging countries is over \$100 billion. This course will expose students to IT use, management, development, policy and strategic impact within both the Argentinean and Brazilian economies and their impact internationally. Students will visit several companies and meet with various IT stakeholders in the organization (users, developers, managers, IT strategic and policy implementers etc.) who will explain their practices and strategies to the students. In addition to learning about information, communication technology, and business related issues, students will also learn about the distinct cultures and histories of both Argentina and Brazil. The course will also examine the necessary success factors for US-based companies planning to setup IT centers in both countries. Appropriate business attire will be required at corporate and government visits.

COURSE CREDIT:

Upon completion of the seminar, all participants will receive 4 hours of elective credit for the 2004 spring quarter. Graduate students will be registered for IS-596. Undergraduate students will be registered for a 300-level IS course.

CLASS MEETINGS AT DEPAUL / GRADING:

1. Group project 25% - The class will be divided into five groups: Networked Access, Networked Learning, Networked Society, Networked Economy, and Networked Policy. Each group will address an aspect of the instrument being used to assess a community's relative readiness to participate in the networked world. The instructor will provide detailed content for each area.

2. Attendance at and active participation in all meetings 25%

3. Research paper 30% - A research paper is due one week after returning from Brazil. Dr. Adelakun will provide guidelines for the research paper.

4. Final presentation of group project 20%

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants are required to complete the course application form and submit the form along with a resume, a legible passport photocopy, proof of medical insurance, a \$50 application fee, and a \$1,000 course deposit to the CTI graduate advising office on the Mezzanine floor by October 10, 2004. Application processing may be based on a "first come first served" basis and may be capped at 15 students.

SPACE IS LIMITED - To increase the chance of securing a slot, applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Applicants should not wait until the deadline!

Students will be notified of acceptance status as well as other trip details via e-mail. Applicants should clearly list their most frequently used e-mail address on the application.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare
- Accommodations for 12 nights
- Breakfast daily at hotel
- Three group dinners
- Three sightseeing tours
- Ground transportation to and from company visits

NOT INCLUDED:

Lunches, most dinners, drinks, passport fees, entry fees, travelers insurance, single supplement fees, airport taxes, and tuition.

COST:

Participation in this seminar involves three cost components: 1) a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee, 2) an estimated **\$2,495*** seminar fee. 3) The normal DePaul tuition charges associated with a 4 credit hour course. The first two components are to be paid separately, but directly to CTI. Tuition charges will be assessed in the normal manner.

NOTE: *Subject to change due to possible airfare adjustments.*

In addition to the application fee, a deposit of \$1,000 must be submitted with the application. This seminar fee deposit is non-refundable after the plane tickets are purchased. Checks should be made payable to DePaul University. MasterCard, VISA and Discover are also accepted. The balance of the seminar fees is due on Oct 19th. If full payment is not received by this date, the admission slot and deposit may be forfeited.

The seminar cost is based on a group rate following a scheduled itinerary. Individual changes to the flight itinerary are discouraged and cannot be guaranteed.

NOTE: Hotel accommodations are double occupancy. Students may choose a roommate (of the same sex) or one will be assigned at random. Single rooms are available for an additional fee.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must have a passport with at least 6 months of validity after the return date. Brazil requires US citizens to obtain a visa. Non-US citizens should consult with the Brazilian Consulate in Chicago or visit the Brazilian Embassy's web site at www.brasilemb.org/index.htm to determine the need for a visa.

For Argentina, a visa is not required for valid U.S passport holders wishing to stay up to 90 days. For information concerning non-US citizen visas, contact the Argentinean consulate of Chicago: 312 819-2610, or on the web at, www.embassyofargentina-usa.org.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Medical insurance coverage is required in order to participate in this seminar. Applicants should check with their insurance carrier to confirm that coverage applies overseas and that it includes a provision for medical evacuation. Prior to departure, applicants will need to provide proof of medical insurance. Immunizations and/or inoculations for study abroad trips are neither encouraged nor discouraged. Applicants may wish to consult the websites of the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov/travel/) or World Health Organization (www.who.int/en/) and/or with personal physicians regarding this matter.

WITHDRAWAL FROM COURSE:

Participants withdrawing from the course will be held accountable for all funds remitted on their behalf. If a medical condition is the reason for withdrawal, a percentage of the deposit may be refunded.

Applicants are strongly encouraged (but not required) to purchase travel/trip cancellation insurance. To learn more about travel insurance options, consult with CTI student advising staff on Mezzanine floor.