

Intermediate Portuguese 2010

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Textbook: Travessia, volume I.

Class Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Monday – Friday
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COURSE DESCRIPTION Intermediate Portuguese I. Three credits. Prerequisite: PORT 1020 or permission of instructor. Intermediate-level practice in language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, including review of Portuguese grammar.

Course Objectives: Portuguese 2010 is a course for students with a previous knowledge of Portuguese. It introduces more advanced grammar and vocabulary to identify and/or describe the Brazilian culture. Class activities include conversation, listening comprehension, reading and writing papers. Students who attend class regularly, prepare all lessons carefully, and participate actively in class should be able to understand most native speakers, use hypothetical situations, speak in the present, past and future tenses about life events in Portuguese speaking countries, read magazines and write compositions.

Outline of Topics Covered:

1. Portuguese grammar and pronunciation
2. Review of verb tenses in the present, past and future indicative
3. Vocabulary of clothes, food, means of transportation and health
4. Introduction to the subjunctive forms: present, past and future
5. Passive voice
6. Relative pronouns
7. Auditory discrimination of Portuguese sounds
8. A cultural insight into the value systems of Portuguese speaking people.
9. Regions in Brazil: North and Northeast – main cities, songs and culture
10. Portuguese vocabulary consistent with the demands of the most common word usage
11. Basic conversation
12. A reasonable reading ability in Portuguese

EVALUATION

Each student's final grade in the course will be determined according to the following:

Class participation – 10%

Homework – 10%

Quizzes – 50%

Oral Interview – 10%

Final exam – 20%

General guidelines for determining grades are:

A	100 – 90	C+	79 – 77	D+	69 – 67	F	59 - 0
B+	89 – 87	C	76 – 73	D	66 - 63		

B 86 – 83 C- 72 – 70 D- 62 - 60
B- 82 - 80

Attendance Policy: Attendance is of utmost importance in study abroad courses. There are no unexcused absences permitted. Unexcused absences are grounds for removal from the program. Being in class on time is also very important. Frequent tardiness will be considered an absence and appropriate action will be taken. Absences due to illness must be reported immediately to the program director.

Academic Dishonesty. Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices: Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments. In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed as a result of academic misconduct, the instructor has the authority to assign either (1) an F or zero for the assignment or (2) an F for the course.

Instructional Hours: In class instruction = 38 full hours
Course related excursion 6 hours
Total = 42 hours