

Portuguese 2301: Accelerated Portuguese One

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Course Description:

Portuguese 2301 is a beginning Portuguese language course which assumes no prior knowledge or experience with Portuguese. The course uses a variety of language teaching approaches to help the students achieve the mastery of all four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. At the same time students will become familiar with some of the most important cultural traits of Brazil. At the beginning emphasis will be given to listening comprehension and oral skills. As the semester moves on all skills will be practiced and developed.

Course Objectives:

By the end of Portuguese 2301 students will be able to:

- Understand the main idea of spoken Portuguese intended for the non-native student on topics related to the daily life such as the classroom, weather, clothes, and time, the family, daily activities, work, etc.
- Speak in complete sentences on the above-mentioned topics with sufficient accuracy in pronunciation and the use of vocabulary and grammar (specially use of present and past tense) so as to be understood by persons who are used to dealing with students of Portuguese.
- Read edited materials on familiar topics with an understanding of the main idea and some supporting details.
- Write coherent paragraphs on a familiar topic, such as those listed above, with a logical organization and sufficient accuracy in grammar and spelling so as to be understood by persons who are used to dealing with students of Portuguese.
- Understand significant traits (lifestyles, attitudes, customs, etc) of the Portuguese-speaking world, and function appropriately in frequently encountered social situations.

Required Texts:

- Ponto de Encontro. By Anna M. Klobucka and others (2nd edition) ISBN: 10-0205048498
- MyPortugueseLab with Pearson e-text access card for Ponto de Encontro. By Anna M. Klobucka and others. ISBN: 10-0205978541

Recommended: 501 Portuguese Verbs by John J. Nitti, Michael J. Ferreira and a good Portuguese dictionary

Other Resources:

- Online Portuguese Dictionary: <http://michaelis.uol.com.br>
- Online Verb Conjugator: <http://conjugame.net>

Campus Classroom Behavior Policy:

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Faculty has the professional responsibility to treat students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which students express opinions.

IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THIS CLASS that the student reads and familiarizes him/herself with the following information: <http://admin.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=30292>

***** note: plagiarism in any given activity in class will result in a F grade for the class*****

Course Requirements:

Please note that credit will only be given in this class to work done by the actual student requesting credit and registered for this class.

Please keep in mind when working with tutors, requesting outside assistance, etc. that any class work (quizzes and/or exams, compositions and/or homework assignments) done outside of class with other people's help **will not be given credit**. Outside assistance **is not allowed** in these cases. Talk to your instructor if you have any questions about these policies and read the link posted above.

Students who earn a grade lower than **70** must repeat the course and earn a **70** or better before they will be permitted to continue to the next level.

Students have to be on time in class with the required materials and homework for the day.

Attendance / Participation:

Students are required to show proper classroom behavior, attend all classes, and to have an active participation in class, and in all activities assigned for the course. In order to participate in class and use new Portuguese forms with the benefit of receiving feedback from your instructor and classmates, you need to attend classes regularly. Using Portuguese to interact with your instructor and your classmates is an important aspect of learning the language and cannot be measured in written exams. Therefore a portion of your final grade will depend on **class participation**.

More than four (4) unexcused absences will result in the loss of participation points in the final grade. Three tardies are equivalent to one absence, and therefore excessive tardiness may cause your final grade to be lowered due to absences. The instructor **has the right to drop** you from the class if the student misses more than 7 days of class or if he/she is constantly late.

There is NO MAKE-UP of missed class work, quizzes or oral presentations without valid documentation justifying the student's absence. Talk to your instructor about any attendance problem.

Cell phones and any other electronic devices MUST BE TURNED OFF DURING CLASS unless otherwise instructed.

Homework:

The main goal when learning a foreign language is the actual use of the language for communication purposes. This involves a great deal of practice. Therefore, students must prepare and complete **on time** all work assigned in class. This includes readings, oral presentations, compositions and other written assignments, quizzes, and online activities. Plan at least two (2) hours **daily** outside of class and several hours on the weekend to study.

Exams:

There will be two fifty-minute written exams, each with listening comprehension, grammar, reading, and composition, including questions about class presentations.

MISSED EXAMS: in general, there are no make-up exams. If, however, for reasons beyond your control, you know that you will not be able to take an exam, talk to your instructor to arrange an alternate day or time **before** the day of the test. A student who misses an exam without previously arranging for an alternate day or time must present appropriate documentation of a personal reason or medical emergency in order to avoid a zero (0) in the exam.

Oral Exams:

There will be also two (2) oral exams; the first one will be a dialogue with one or two classmate(s) where you talk about some pre-selected topics. The second one will be a dialogue/skit, based on pre-selected topics, prepared and presented in pairs to your instructor and to the rest of the class. Students who miss the oral exams will automatically receive a grade of zero (0).

Compositions:

Students will write three (3) compositions. Topics will be assigned by the instructor. All compositions have to be TYPED (DOUBLED-SPACED, font 12). Late compositions or compositions that are not typed (doubled-spaced) will automatically receive a grade of ZERO (0). Deadlines have to be followed. **Compositions will not be accepted by email or after deadlines.**

Group Presentations:

Students will do one (1) oral presentation IN CLASS. These presentations will be prepared and presented in pairs. Topics will be chosen in consultation with the instructor. Missed presentations will receive a grade of ZERO. Students are expected to follow and take notes during their classmates' presentations. Questions about the presentations may appear on exams and / or quizzes.

Final Grade:

Exam (2)	20%
Oral Exams (2)	10%
Group Presentation (1)	5%
Quizzes (2)	15%
Compositions (3)	15%
Participation / Homework	15%
Final Exam	20%

*THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP FOR THE FINAL EXAM. Please take this into account when planning your vacations.

Program:

Week	Class
Week 1 (08/22-08/26)	Intro + Preliminary lesson
Week 2 (08/29-09/02)	Lição 1
Week 3 (09/05-09/09)	<i>Labor Day (no class 09/05)</i> Lição 2 + Quiz 1
Week 4 (09/12-09/16)	Lição 3 + composition 1

Week 5 (09/19-09/23)	Lição 4
Week 6 (09/26-09/30)	Oral Exam #1 + Lição 4
Week 7 (10/03-10/07)	Lição 5
Week 8 (10/10-10/14)	Lição 5 + Exam #1
Week 9 (10/17-10/21)	Lição 6 + composition #2
Week 10 (10/24-10/28)	Lição 7
Week 11 (10/31-11/04)	Lição 7 +Quiz #2 + Oral Exam #2
Week 12 (11/07-11/11)	Movie + composition 3
Week 13 (11/14-11/18)	Lição 8
Week 14 (11/21-11/25)	Lição 8 + exam #2 <i>Thanksgiving (no class 11/25)</i>
Week 15 (11/28-12/02)	Review + presentations

Final Exam: Monday, December 5th (10:00 am - 12:25 pm)

***Attention:** The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change by the professor. Students are responsible for acquainting themselves with any modifications effected by the professor. Not being familiar with changes occurred in the syllabus DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXCUSE FOR LATE OR MISSED ASSIGNMENTS.