



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2023/24

Course title: Portuguese Post-Beginner Part I (A2.1) – on campus

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to further develop basic speaking, writing, listening and reading skills, extend vocabulary and consolidate grammar for communication purposes. By the end of the course (A2.1 and A2.2) participants will be able to:

1. Understand texts containing simple everyday information such as advertisements, brochures, menus, timetables, notices and instructions, as well as to use language learning strategies to explore more complex texts.
2. Write short, simple notes and messages relating to matters of everyday life, such as plans and arrangements, likes and dislikes, living conditions, school experiences and work.
3. Express simple opinions and requirements as part of a conversation on familiar matters.

The completion level of this course is broadly equivalent to the A2.1 level of the **Common European Framework**.

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

Language-specific information:

With its reach extended by colonial movement, Portuguese has around 250 million speakers across the globe, who are referred to as Lusophones. It is the second most used Romance language after Spanish and is the official language of Portugal, Brazil, Cape Verde, Angola, Mozambique and many more. The Portuguese spoken in Portugal and Brazil differs in some aspects but remains intelligible to speakers.

As a Romance language it was derived from Vulgar Latin and, as such, is easier to pick up with a prior knowledge of Spanish, French or Italian. A defining feature of the language is its use of nasal vowels.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for Portuguese language learners who have previously completed a 2-term beginner course (40 contact hours) or equivalent.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher.