

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

**PORTUGUESE 1030**

**Monday & Wednesday Section**

**PORTUGUESE FOR BEGINNERS**

2009-2010

**Prerequisite:** None

**Antirequisite:** The former Portuguese 002 or Portuguese 030. Those students with Grade 12U Portuguese or OAC Portuguese must consult the Department before registering for this course.

**Constraints:** Prepares students directly for *Portuguese 2200 or 2200w/x*.

**Please Note:** Students are responsible for ensuring that their selection of courses is appropriate and accurately recorded and that all course prerequisites have been successfully completed, and that they are aware of any antirequisite course(s) that they have taken. If the student does not have the prerequisite for a course, the University reserves the right to remove the student from the course and to delete it from the student's record. This decision may not be appealed. A student will receive no adjustment to his or her fees in the event that he or she is dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

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**A. Required textbooks:**

- Lathrop, T. and Dias, Eduardo M. Portugal: Lingua e Cultura, Linguatex, First edition (2003).
- A good bilingual dictionary is recommended (Portuguese/English)/English Portuguese.
- Further required readings may be announced.

**B. Course Description and Objectives:**

Portuguese 1030 is an elementary course for students who have never studied Portuguese or do not have the prerequisite knowledge for Intermediate Portuguese (2200).

The course is designed to enable students to learn the basic vocabulary and grammatical structure of written and oral Portuguese in order to permit the learner to communicate with Portuguese speakers about every day matters.

**C. Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, the students should be able to: handle survival situations, maintain a conversation in a daily life context (about weather, daily routine, relationships, student life, news, etc), relate past experiences, give and ask for information, express feelings and opinions, describe a person, a thing or an event in the present and the past. Emphasis will be on the present and the past

tenses, although the expression of the future will also be learned. Students will also become familiar with several aspects of the Portuguese culture.

#### D. Required Work:

This course requires a minimum of one hour homework for every class.

- Prepare and study at a regular pace the vocabulary and grammar.
- Daily homework (grammar, vocabulary, preparation of activities for the classroom, written exercises, etc.
- Read assigned texts.
- Preparation for quizzes and tests.
- Preparing oral presentations.
- Self-correction.

#### E. Class Management:

- Students are expected to come to class regularly and attendance will be strictly monitored. Points are not given for mere attendance, but for your participation and for showing progress (see *Participation* below). All absences will affect the participation grade; students with more than **4 absences per semester will get 0 on the participation grade**.

Because attendance is so important in language courses, **any student who, in the opinion of the course coordinator, is absent too frequently from class in any course, will be reported to the Dean (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course (see UWO Academic Calendar).**

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

*UWO's Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness* (<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>)

Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> under the Medical Documentation heading.

- *Participation:* Active participation in class in the different activities and group discussions, focus on the work in hand, in class progress, awareness of mistakes and self-correction, self-discipline (daily preparation of assigned work) will account for the participation grade. Students are advised to keep up with the work day by day in order to make progress. It is very difficult to catch up in a language class if you fall behind.
- *Evaluation:* Students must attend all in-class evaluations unless exceptional circumstances exist (medical reasons only). If a problem arises, students are expected to contact their instructor before the exam or assignment is due. (Students who miss a test without a valid reason will receive a 0.) **There will be no make-up tests in this course.**
- *Daily homework* must be completed on time.

- *Oral Presentations:* There will be 2 individual oral presentations in the course of the year. The oral presentations must include the vocabulary and the grammar learned in class. They should be clear enough for the class to understand. They will last around 5 minutes, depending on the number of students in the group.
- *Cheating:* It is the obligation of all students to inform themselves of the University's regulations on plagiarism and academic honesty. If the student is suspected of any type of plagiarism or cheating, the student will be reported to the Undergraduate Chair of the department, who will determine the penalty.

**Plagiarism.** Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offense Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). Plagiarism is the inclusion of someone else's **verbatim** or **paraphrased** text in one's own written work without immediate reference. Verbatim text must be surrounded by quotation marks or indented if it is longer than four lines. A reference must follow right after borrowed material (usually the author's name and page number). Without immediate reference to borrowed material, a list of sources at the end of a written assignment does not protect a writer against the possible charge of plagiarism. The University of Western Ontario uses a plagiarism-checking site called Turnitin.com.

#### F. Evaluation:

- 2 midterms: Midterm I (fall)-----15%  
Midterm II (winter)-----15%
- 2 INDIVIDUAL (not in groups!) oral presentations (5 minutes maximum):  
oral #1 (fall) -----2.5%  
oral #2 (winter)-----2.5%
- Active participation and attendance-----5% in total (2.5% each term)
- 4 tests: Test #1 -----7.5% (fall)  
Test #2 -----7.5% (fall)  
Test #3 -----7.5% (winter)  
Test #4 -----7.5% (winter)
- Final Exam -----30%

N.B. Class Plan is subject to change

## CLASS PLAN

### Setembro

<b>Segunda-Feira</b>	<b>Quarta-Feira</b>
<b>Apresentacao</b> 14 Iniciacao do Programa	16 Capitulo 1
21 Capitulo 1	23 Capitulo 1
28 Capitulo 1	30 Capitulo 1

### Outubro

<b>Segunda-Feira</b>	<b>Quarta-Feira</b>
5 Test #1	7 Capitulo 2
<b>Accao de Gracias</b> 12 Thanksgiving	14 Capitulo 2
19 Capitulo 2	21 Capitulo 3
26 Capitulo 3	28 Capitulo 3

### Novembro

<b>Segunda-Feira</b>	<b>Quarta-Feira</b>
2 Capitulo 3	4 Capitulo 4
9 Capitulo 4	11 Capitulo 4
16 Capitulo 4	18 Capitulo 5
23 Capitulo 5	25 Mid Term I
30 Capitulo 5	

### Dezembro

<b>Segunda-Feira</b>	<b>Quarta-Feira</b>
	2 Capitulo 5
7 Apres oral	9 Apresentacao Oral

### Janeiro

<b>Segunda-Feira</b>	<b>Quarta-Feira</b>
4 Capitulo 6	6 Capitulo 6
11 Capitulo 6	13 Capitulo 6
18 Capitulo 7	20 Capitulo 7
25 Capitulo 7	<b>27 Test #3</b>

### Fevereiro

<b>Segunda-Feira</b>	<b>Quarta-Feira</b>
1 Capitulo 7	3 Capitulo 8
8 Capitulo 8	10 Capitulo 8
<b>Reading Week</b> 15 Livre	<b>Reading Week</b> 17 Livre
22 Test #4	24 Capitulo 8

### Marco

<b>Segunda-Feira</b>	<b>Quarta-Feira</b>
1 Capitulo 9	3 Mid Term II
8 Capitulo 9	10 Capitulo 9
15 Capitulo 10	17 Capitulo 10
22 Capitulo 10	24 Teste IV
29 Capitulo 10	31 Apresentacao Oral

### Abril

<b>Segunda-Feira</b>	<b>Quarta-Feira</b>
5 Apresentacao Oral	7 Revisao