



Program Description

The Portuguese program emphasizes language, literature and culture and prepares students who are interested in pursuing teaching opportunities in secondary schools and bilingual programs, advanced studies in the language, or work in areas related to the Portuguese-American community in California.

Portuguese is a major foreign language. After Spanish, it is the second most spoken Romance language, with 190 million people in ten nations spread across three continents. Portuguese is the official language in Brazil, Mozambique, Angola and Portugal. Brazil is half of the South American continent with a population of over 150 million and vast natural resources. Portuguese-speaking Africa is also important for its natural resources, especially Angola with its oil deposits. Approximately one million Californians are of Portuguese ancestry.

Requirements ■ Minor

A minor in Portuguese requires 18 units, 9 of which must be in upper division courses. Consult an advisor in Portuguese.

Lower Division Courses

PORT 001A. Elementary Portuguese. Emphasis on the development of audio-lingual skills. Special attention also given to the development of reading and writing and to the introduction of Luso-Brazilian culture. 4 units.

PORT 001B. Elementary Portuguese. Continuation of PORT 001A, with emphasis on speaking, reading, writing and listening. Cultural knowledge continues to be included. **Prerequisite:** PORT 001A or instructor permission. 4 units.

Upper Division Courses

PORT 196. Experimental Offerings in Portuguese. Undergraduate seminar in Portuguese will be offered as needed. This seminar may cover specific genre, periods and authors, or culture and language. **Prerequisite:** Instructor permission. 3 units.

PORT 199. Special Problems. Individual projects or directed reading. Open only to students who appear competent to carry on individual work, and enrollment will be limited to hardship cases. **Note:** Admission requires the approval of the faculty member under whom the work is to be conducted. 1-3 units.

Faculty

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