CIEE Lisbon, Portugal

Course title: Semester Portuguese Language, Intermediate I
Course code: PORT 2003 LILC
Programs offering course: Language and Culture
Language of instruction: Portuguese
U.S. semester credits: 3
Contact hours: 45
Term: Fall 2020

Course Description

The Portuguese course has an emphasis on the development of the communicative skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and grammatical structures. The course also addresses aspects of the Portuguese culture and way of life.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Interpret texts about concrete topics.
- Write clear texts about concrete topics.
- Demonstrate good communication skills in daily life and routine situations with native speakers.
- Express preferences and a point of view on a given topic.
- Distinguish cultural features of the Portuguese language in different contexts.

Course Prerequisites

Students are given a placement test on-site.

Methods of Instruction

Textbook, handouts given in class, power point, internet, audio files, image files, video files, fieldtrips.

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Homework & Journal Assignments 20%
2. Midterm Test 20%
3. Oral Presentations 10%
4. Conversation Test 10%
5. Final Exam 20%
6. Class Participation 20%
TOTAL 100%

Course Requirements

Homework & Journal Assignments

After every session, students will be asked to do homework about what was covered in class, to systematize rules and reinforce reading and writing skills. Completed homework should always be submitted in the following class (10%).

Students should write a journal on their study in Portugal experience in Portuguese. At least 10 entries of 250 words throughout the course (10%)

Further homework assignment instructions will be given in class.

Midterm Test

The midterm written test will take place in week 6.

Students will be given 1 hour to take the exam.

Evaluation of reading comprehension and writing, grammar and vocabulary.

Oral Presentations

Students will make 3 oral presentations of 6-8 minutes.

The evaluation parameters include: language skills (syntax, grammar, pronunciation, fluency) and content (quality and structure of contents).

Conversation Test

Students will have to develop a dialogue with the teacher on topics covered in class.
The evaluation parameters include: language skills (syntax, grammar, pronunciation, fluency) and content (quality and structure of contents).

Final Exam

The final exam is a written in-class exam.

Students will be given 1 hour to take the exam.

Evaluation of reading comprehension and writing, grammar and vocabulary.

Class Participation

Students should participate making use of the grammar and vocabulary. They will be asked to orally simulate day life situations/dialogues, give opinions about a theme, describe situations, places or objects.

Attendance

CIEE students are required to attend all classes. Absences are not allowed. If you are sick, you must inform your professor and provide a doctor’s note to the Resident Director. Half a point will be subtracted to your final grade if you miss 4 hours. A point will be subtracted to your final grade if you miss 5 hours. Two points will be subtracted to your final grade if you miss 6 hours. You will fail the course if you miss more than 6 hours of classes.

N.B. Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, or local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1
Class: 1.1

Language and Communication 1

Greetings and introductions – formal and informal
Daily routines

Hours

Days of the week

Months

Seasons

Grammar 1

Articles

Plural forms

Gender

Interrogatives

Personal pronouns

Regular and irregular verbs in the present of the indicative

Exercises 1

Text reading and comprehension: “Coruja ou Cotovia?”

Answering questions about the text

Matching grammar and vocabulary exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 1)

Homework:

Regular and irregular verbs in the present of the indicative (worksheet handed by the instructor)
Class: 1.2

Language and Communication 2

Instructions and classroom rules. Introduction to the coursebook and homework explanation.

Grammar 2

Imperative tense formal addressing

Exercises 2

Identifying nouns, verbs, adjectives and prepositions

Matching exercises with imperative tense

Class: 1.3

Language and Communication 3

Lives and careers of famous Portuguese people

Grammar 3

Simple past tense regular verbs

Words formation verb - adjective

Exercises 3

Text reading and comprehension: interviews to Ronaldo and Mariza

Explaining the meaning of expressions

Fill-in-the-blanks exercises

Multiple choice exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 2)
Homework:

Describing someone famous (individual homework for oral presentation on session 5)

Class: 1.4

Language and Communication 4
Physical and psychological descriptions
Friendship
Grammar 4
Simple past tense irregular verbs
Relative pronouns
Exercises 4
Text reading and comprehension: “Entrevista a amigos”
Explore the meaning of expressions in a text
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises
(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 3)

Week 2
Class: 2.1

Language and Communication 5
Famous people’s lives, careers and physical description
Grammar 5
Practicing contents
Exercises 5

Oral presentation: describing someone famous (6 minutes)

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 3)

Class: 2.2

Language and Communication 6

Wishes and requests

Grammar 6

Imperfect past tense

Word formation - idade

Exercises 6

Text reading and comprehension “Gostava de…”

Answering questions about the text

Fill-in-the-blanks

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 4)

Class: 2.3

Language and Communication 7

The history of Lisbon

Grammar 7

Simple past tense vs Imperfect past tense

Exercises 7
Text reading and comprehension: “A história de Lisboa”

Rewriting sentences

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 4)

Class: 2.4

Language and Communication 8

Family and friends

Grammar 8

Infinitive tense

Exercises 8

Text reading and comprehension: “Mudar de família”

Explaining vocabulary

Text listening: “A experiência de morar com outra família”

Multiple choice exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 5)

Week 3
Class: 3.1

Language and Communication 9

Living with a Portuguese family

Grammar 9

Infinitive tense
Exercises 9

Text reading: “Viver com uma família”

Giving opinion

Describing actions

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 5)

**Homework:**

Verbs fill-in-the blanks exercise (worksheet handed by the instructor)

Class: 3.2

Language and Communication 10

The use of mobile phone

Grammar 10

Infinitive tense

Word formation: -ador

Exercises 10

Test reading and comprehension: “Os Desligados”

Answering to a quiz about social networks, mobile and apps

Organizing paragraphs

Explain the meaning of words in the text

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 6)

Class: 3.3
Language and Communication 11
(Unit 6 coursebook)
The use of computer
House equipment
Grammar 11
Infinitive tense
“Demais” vs “demasiado”
Exercises 11
Dialogs listening: “House equipment”
Sentences writing
Matching exercises (vocabulary)
(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 6)

Homework:
True or false exercises and organizing sentences (worksheet handed by the instructor)

Class: 3.4.

Language and Communication 12
Professional routines
Grammar 12
Expressions “já”, “próprio”, “ainda”
Exercises 12
Matching exercises (vocabulary)

Text listening: “A minha profissão”

True or false exercises

Asking questions (work in pairs)

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 7)

Week 4
Class: 4.1

Language and Communication 13

Professional routines

Grammar 13

Infinitive tense

Personal pronouns

Synonyms

Pronunciation and intonation

Exercises 13

Text reading and comprehension “Um dia de um Tradutor”

Explaining the meaning of expressions in a text

Matching exercises (vocabulary)

Pronunciation and intonation exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 7)
Class: 4.2

Language and Communication 14

At school and at university

Grammar 14

Periphrastic expression (Haver de+ Infinitive, ter de + Infinitive))

Vocabulary

Word formation: -ão

Exercises 14

Text reading and comprehension “Na escola…”

Text listening and fill-in-the blanks “Experiência Erasmus…”

True or false exercises

Rewriting notes and messages (infinitive-past participle)

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 8)

Week 5
Class: 5.1

Language and Communication 15

Work interview

Professions

Grammar 15

Present perfect tense of verbs

Exercises 15
Giving opinion

Text listening “Entrevista de emprego”

True or false exercises

Fill-in-the gaps exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 9)

Homework:

Writing a work interview (pairs homework for oral presentation)

Class: 5.2

Language and Communication 16

Work interviews

Grammar 16

Present perfect tense

Exercises 16

Fill-in-the gaps exercises

Role play: presenting a work interview

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 9)

Homework:

Writing sentences with present perfect tense

Fill-in-the gaps vocabulary exercise (worksheet handed by the instructor)
Class: 5.3

Language and Communication 17

Traveling by car

Grammar 17

Diminutives

Expression cheio de

Exercises 17

Matching exercises

Text reading and comprehension: “Quantos países se pode visitar em apenas um dia?”

Text listening

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 10)

Homework:

Composition: a car trip.

Class: 5.4

Language and Communication 18

Traveling

Grammar 18

Verbs dar and ficar with prepositions

Present perfect tense

Exercises 18
Text listening

Rewrite sentences

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 10)

**Homework:**

Preparing a Lisbon touristic guide (group homework)

**Week 6**

**Class: 6.1**

Language and Communication 19

Grammar 19

Revising of contents

Exercises 19

Fill-in-the-blanks exercises

Matching exercises

Talking about the themes given in class

**Class: 6.2**

Midterm test

**Class: 6.3**

Language and Communication 21

Vacations at the beach

Grammar 21
Past perfect
Exercises 21
Matching exercises
Text listening: The sun is hot today!
Multiple choice exercises
Text reading: “Jonas needs to rest”
(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 11)

Class: 6.4

Language and Communication 22
Vacations at the beach
Grammar 22
Past perfect
Exercises 22
Text composition: paragraphs
Explaining vocabulary
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises
Pronunciation of letters
(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 11)

Week 7
Class: 7.1
Language and Communication 23

Lisbon scents

Grammar 23

Past perfect

Direct pronouns

Exercises 23

Text reading and comprehension: “O passeio pelos cheiros de Lisboa”

Explaining the meaning of sentences and expressions in the text

Answering questions about the text

Talking about the scents and colours of Lisbon

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 12)

Homework:

Sentences writing: hometown scents (pairs homework)

Class: 7.2

Language and Communication 24

Lisbon sounds

Grammar 24

Expressions of cause

Direct pronouns place with past perfect

Present Perfect
Exercises 24
Tex reading and comprehension “Os sons de Lisboa”
Talking about the sounds of Lisbon
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises
(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 12)

Class: 7.3

Language and Communication 25
Lisbon in the future
Projects
Grammar 25
Future of Indicative
Exercises 25
Describing images of important projects in the world
Completing sentences
Fill-in-the gaps exercises with future
Listening and practicing the pronunciation
Discussing about a given subject
(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 13)

Class: 7.4

Language and Communication 26
Cultural and historical topics

Traditions and legends about Lisbon

Grammar 26

Word formation: -eza

Nouns, adjectives

Exercises 26

Text reading and comprehension “Terá Lisboa, de facto, sete Colinas?”

Explaining the meaning of sentences and expressions in a text

Answering questions about a text

Explaining vocabulary

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 14)

Homework:

Synonyms exercise (worksheet handed by the instructor)

Week 8

Class: 8.1

Language and Communication 27

Press texts

Cultural and historical topics

Grammar 27

Past participle

Passive Voice
Exercises 27

Text reading and comprehension “Quando foi inventada a roda?”

Fill-in-the-blanks text

True or false exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 15)

Homework:

Rewriting sentences using passive voice.

Class: 8.2

Language and Communication 28

Press texts

News

Grammar 28

Passive voice with “estar”

Past participle

Exercises 28

Listening news “Um crime em Sintra”

Reading and comprehension text

Answering questions

Discussing and giving opinion

Fill-in-the gaps exercises with passive voice
(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 16)

Class: 8.3

Language and Communication 29

Press texts

News

Grammar 29

Passive voice

Expressions of time: quando e enquanto

Word formation: -ista

Conjunctions: e, mas, por cause de, como, porque, já que, devido a, uma vez que

Exercises 29

Listening news “Um crime em Sintra”

Reading and comprehension text

Answering questions

Discussing and giving opinion

Fill-in-the gaps exercises with passive voice

Writing about an event (e.g. trip, news) (homework)

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 16)

Homework:

Composition: writing about an event (e.g. trip, news)
Class: 8.4

Language and Communication 30

Press texts

News

Grammar 30

Passive voice

Conjunctions: logo que, mal, assim que

Exercises 30

Text reading and comprehension “O farol de La jument”

Explaining the meaning of sentences and expressions in a text

Answering questions about a text

Preparing a session of daily tv news (in pairs)

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 17)

Week 9

Class: 9.1

Language and Communication 31

Press texts

Grammar 31

Future and conditional structures

Exercises 31
Oral presentation: presenting a session of daily tv news (in pairs)

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 17)

Homework:

Rewriting sentences

Class: 9.2

Language and Communication 32

Animal species

Grammar 32

Passive voice

Relative pronouns - cujo, qual

Exercises 32

Reading and comprehension text “O café dos gatos”

Discussing and giving opinion

Replacing sentences using passive voice

Fill-in-the-blanks exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 19)

Homework:

Researching information about threatened and endangered animal species (homework for oral presentation)

Class: 9.3
Language and Communication 33

Endangered species

Grammar 33

Gerundive sentences

Relative pronouns

Vocabulary

Word formation: des-

Exercises 33

Oral presentation: presenting to the class information about one animal threatened or endangered

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 20)

**Homework:**

Composition: Writing an opinion text on the environment

Class: 9.4

Language and Communication 34

Cultural and historical topics

Traditions

Grammar 34

Matching exercises about idiomatic expressions

General practice

Exercises 34
Oral presentation (conclusion)

Homework:
Research about a Portuguese tradition or tale.

Week 10
Class: 10.1.

Language and Communication 35
Cultural and historical topics
Arts
Formal letters
Grammar 35
Conditional sentences
Exercises 35
Listening, reading and comprehension text “Esta pintura é de quem?”
Explaining the sense of idiomatic expressions
Rewriting sentences
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises
Giving opinion text about favourite museums and artists.
(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 21)

Homework:
Writing a formal letter.
Class: 10.2.

Language and Communication 36

Cultural topics

Grammar 36

Lexical relations

Direct and indirect speech

Exercises 36

Text reading and comprehension

Fill-in-the-blanks exercises

Completing work group

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 23)

Journal due.

Homework:

Rewriting sentences using different tenses in direct speech

Week 11
Class: 11.1.

Language and Communication 38

Health system

Grammar 37

General practice of direct vs indirect speech

Exercises 37
Discussing about: health system in Portugal

Fill-in-the-blanks exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 25)

Class: 11.2

Language and Communication 38

Cultural topics: Portuguese cinema, music

Grammar 38

Direct speech

Word formation

Revision of contents

Exercises 38

Listening to music and fill-in-the-blanks

Text reading and comprehension “crítica de um filme”

Fill-in-the-blanks exercises

Matching exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 24)

Homework:

Rewriting sentences.

Class: 11.3

Language and Communication 39
Cultural topics: habits

Sports

Grammar 39

Cultural topics: habits

Sports

Exercises 39

Analyzing and organizing information to comment on specific film, book or music (work in pairs)

Reading an comprehension text “Isso dá azar”

Fill-in-the-blanks exercises

Multiple choice exercises

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 28)

Week 12
Class: 12.1

Language and Communication 40

Travel and living in another country

Grammar 40

Subjunctive structures

Revising contents

Exercises 40

Text reading and comprehension
True or false exercises
Rewriting exercises
Explaining vocabulary
Summarizing texts

(Passaporte para Português B1 Coursebook, Unit 27)

Class: 12.2.

Language and Communication 41
Cultural topics
Idiomatic expressions and proverbs
Grammar 41
Subjunctive structures
Revising contents
Exercises 41
Listening to a text and fill-in-the-blanks with idiomatic expressions and proverbs
Explaining vocabulary
Oral presentation: “sociedade e cultura portuguesa”

Homework:
Rewriting sentences.

Class: 12.3.
Language and Communication 42

Complain in /about a service

Grammar 42

Revising contents

Exercises 42

Text reading and comprehension “Venho apresentar queixa de”

True or false exercises

Describing situations: complaining about a service

Oral presentation: “sociedade e cultura portuguesa”

Class: 12.4

Conversation test about a specific topic, given in class, to discuss in pairs.

Week 13
Class: 13.1

Language and Communication 44

Cultural topics

Grammar 44

Revising contents

Exercises 44

Fill-in-the-blanks exercises

Rewrite sentences
Oral presentation: “sociedade e cultura portuguesa”

Class: 13.2.

Language and Communication 45
Cultural topics
Grammar 45
Revising contents
Exercises 45
Fill-in-the-blanks exercise
Answering questions
Rewriting sentences

Class: 13.3.

Final exam – evaluation of reading comprehension and writing, grammar and vocabulary.

Class: 13.4.

Talk about the experience of living in Portugal
Course evaluation.
Wrap-up.

Course Materials
Readings


