**Course Description**

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

**Learning Objectives**

By completing this course, students will:

- Interpret and present the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in own field of specialization.
- Show a degree of fluency and spontaneity in speech, allowing regular interaction with native speakers without strain for either party.
- Produce clear text on a wide range of subjects.
- Break down viewpoints on a topic, contrasting the advantages and disadvantages of various aspects.
- Analyze cultural features in different contexts.
- Summarize the most relevant aspects of Portuguese history.

**Course Prerequisites**

Students are given a placement test on-site.

**Methods of Instruction**

Coursebook, textbooks, worksheets and handouts given in class, power point presentations, internet, audio files, image files, video files, fieldtrips.

**Assessment and Final Grade**

1. Homework Assignments 20%
2. Oral Presentation 20%
3. Oral Test 20%
4. Final Exam 20%
5. Class Participation 20%
TOTAL 100%

**Course Requirements**

**Homework 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. Further homework assignment instructions will be given in class.

**Oral Presentation**

Students will make an oral presentation (8 minutes) about their daily life in the United States and in Portugal.

**Oral Test**
The conversation test will be done in pairs and it will consist of a dialogue about daily situations of communication.

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

Final Exam

The final exam is a written exam and takes place in the last day of the course.


Class Participation

Students should participate making use of the grammar and vocabulary. They will be asked to orally simulate daily life situations/dialogues.

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 5 hours of classes. A point will be subtracted to your final grade if you miss 6 hours of classes. Two points will be subtracted to your final grade if you miss 7 hours of classes. You will fail the course if you miss more than 7 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

Introductions

Communicative situations and cultural topics: Portugal’s lifestyle, traditions and music.

Some differences between the European and the Brazilian varieties of Portuguese.

Grammar 1

Revision: practicing interrogatives, regular and irregular verbs in the present and simple past, prepositions, personal pronouns

Exercises 1

Listening exercises: music

Text reading and comprehension: “Portugal’s lifestyle and traditions”

Answering questions about the text
Organizing information about the text
Rewriting sentences
Writing on the themes of personal introduction and expectations
(Handouts given by the instructor in class)

Homework:
Regular and irregular verbs in the present of indicative and simple past and prepositions
(worksheet)

Class: 1.2

Language and Communication 2
Biography, autobiography
Appearance and character: famous people
Everyday life and free time activities

Grammar 2
Revision: adjectives, possessives, demonstratives, periphrastic verbal structures (estar a + Infinitive), prepositions, adverbs of frequency
Personal pronouns: subject forms, reflexive forms

Exercises 2
Text reading and comprehension: "My colleague’s daily life and preferences"
True or false exercises
Text reading and comprehension: interviews to famous actors
Explaining vocabulary
Pronunciation
Fil-in-the-blanks exercises
(Português XXI – 2 Coursebook, Unit 1)

Homework:
Composition: describing "a special person, a special job, a special reward"
(individual homework for oral presentation on session 3)

Class: 1.3

Language and Communication 3
Cultural topics and History of Portugal
Houses and monuments, architecture, landscape, arts and crafts, food vocabulary.

Grammar 3
Revision: past tenses.
Vocabulary: synonyms.

Exercises 3
Text reading and comprehension.
Conversation and readings about cultural topics
Fieldtrip:
Visit to Caldas da Rainha: mercado local, Capela de São Sebastião, Hospital Termal, Igreja do Pópulo; visit to praia da Foz do Arelho e vila de Óbidos.

Homework:
Composition: writing a description of an object or place.

Week 2
Class: 2.1

Language and Communication 4
House vocabulary.
Important places in the city.
Commercial exchanges.
Wishes and intentions.

Grammar 4
Simple Past: regular and irregular verbs
Personal Pronouns: direct and indirect object pronouns
Placement of direct and indirect object pronouns
Prepositions
Future expressions, verbs and adjectives, vocabulary, synonyms.
Coordinate conjunctions

Exercises 4
Asking for/giving directions (work in pairs, analysing topics given by the teacher)
Text listening and fill-in-the-blanks: the house
Text reading and comprehension: social situations dialogues
Identifying true or false statements about the text

Oral presentation: description of an object or a place (related to the visit to Caldas)

Class: 2.2

Language and Communication 5
To express requests, wishes and intentions
The Portuguese market
Differences of prices, shop’s organization and commercial items between Portugal and the United States

Grammar 5
Present tense, Past Perfect, Imperfect tenses.
Comparatives and superlatives
Revision: verbs and prepositions (e.g. ir a, gostar de, conversar com, dar a, ficar em)
Adverbs of frequency and manner

Word formation -idade

**Exercises 5**

Text reading and comprehension "Mercado da Ribeira"

Answering questions about the text

Simulating a dialogue in a commercial situation

Fill-in-the-gaps grammatical exercises

*Português XXI – 2 Coursebook, Unit 2, 3*

**Field work:**

Visiting a local market.

Quiz: the students have to ask the vendors at the market about products, prices, preferences to have answers for the quiz

**Homework:**

Organize and write questions about food preferences or meal culture differences

Class: 2.3

**Language and Communication 6**

How to express requests, wishes and intentions

Festivities and traditions

Postcards and emails

**Grammar 6**

Imperfect: overview and regular and irregular verbs.

Imperative tenses

Personal pronouns

**Exercises 6**

Text reading and comprehension: “A cidade de Lisboa”

Explaining vocabulary about the text.

Listening to a text to identify true or false elements: “Os Santos Populares”

Fill-in-the-blanks grammar exercises: verbs in the present and in the past

Replacing words in a sentence: using pronouns reflexive, with preposition, indirect

Practising formal and informal invitations and asking for information (oral exercise in pairs)

*Português XXI – 2 Coursebook, Unit 4*

**Oral presentation:** My daily life before and now (when I was at USA and now in Portugal)

**Field work:**

Visit to Museu do Dinheiro

**Homework:**

Composition: Writing a postcard to a friend or family.
Work in groups to interview locals on cultural topics and cultural differences between the US or other nations and Portugal.

**Language and Communication 7**

Memories of the past: school, habits
Professional routines, jobs

**Grammar 7**

The Imperfect
Discourse connectors related to the imperfect: antigamente, quando eu era mais novo, há muito tempo atrás, etc.
Infinitive sentences
Expressions “já”, “ainda”, “próprio”
The values of the verb haver
Direct object pronouns

**Exercises 7**

Text reading and comprehension “Mudar de vida”.
Answering questions about the text
Multiple choice exercises about the text
Rewrite sentences from imperative to infinitive
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises: present, past, imperative, future intention (haver de + Infinitivo), future action (ir + infinitive, future of indicative), prepositions.

(Português XXI – 2 Coursebook, Unit 5)

**Conversation test:** interaction in pairs about daily situations of communication (topics given by the teacher)

**Homework:**
Rewriting sentences using pronouns

Class: 2.5

Revision exercises.

**Final exam.**

**Presentation of the group homework:** interviews on cultural topics and cultural differences between the US or other nations and Portugal.

**Wrap-up**

**Course Materials**

**Readings**


