Course title: Semester Portuguese Language, Beginning I
Course code: PORT 1003 LILC
Programs offering course: Language and Culture
Language of instruction: Portuguese
U.S. semester credits: 3.00
Contact hours: 45.00
Term: Spring 2021

Course Description
This course places an emphasis on the development of basic communicative skills (speaking, listening, reading, 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:

- Identify and interpret sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance.
- Show basic communication skills in given situations requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters.
- Describe distinctive aspects of Portuguese grammar.
- Distinguish cultural features of the Portuguese language in different contexts.

Course Prerequisites
Students are given a placement test on-site.

Methods of Instruction
Classes consist of written and oral exercises, role playing and listening exercises. A recommended textbook will be complemented by handouts given in class, power point presentations and other materials.

Assessment and Final Grade
1. Homework Assignments 20%
2. Oral Presentations 10%
3. Written Test 20%
4. Conversation Test 10%
5. Final Exam 20%
6. Class Participation 20%
TOTAL 100%

Course Requirements
Homework Assignments
Homework assignment instructions and deadlines will be given in class.

Oral Presentations
Students will make two oral presentations of 5/7 minutes about a subject of Portuguese culture. The schedule of oral presentations will be given to students in the first session of the course.

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

Written Test
The written test takes place in the 6th week of the course.

The test is divided in 3 groups: group I - text reading and comprehension, group II - grammar
Group III - writing.

The test is graded as follows: group I (40%); group II (40%) and group III (20%).

Students will be given 1 hour to take the test.

**Conversation Test**

The conversation test takes place in the week 12.

Students will have to develop a dialogue with the teacher on topics covered in class. It will focus on the following skills: introducing oneself; greet; talk about everyday life situations.

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 exam and takes place in the last week of the course.

The test is divided in 3 groups: Group I - text reading and comprehension; Group II - grammar; Group III - writing.

The exam is graded as follows: Group I (40%); Group II (40%); Group III (20%).

Students will be given 1.5 hours to take the exam.

**Class Participation**

Students should participate making use of what they learn in class. They will be asked to orally simulate simple day life situations/dialogues.

*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.*

**Attendance**

Regular class attendance is required throughout the course. Penalties for absences will be applied in accordance with standard procedure for the CIEE Lisbon program. Please note that attendance to the out-of classroom learning experience is obligatory; non-attendance of these will be penalized the same as way as classroom based sessions.

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**Weekly Schedule**

**Week 1**

Class: 1.1

**Language and Communication 1**

Greetings

Introductions

**Grammar 1**

Alphabet

Sounds and spelling


Class: 1.2

**Language and Communication 2**

Introducing
Countries
Nationalities
Languages
Professions

**Grammar 2**

Definite and indefinite articles
Gender and number
Subject pronouns and addressing forms
Present tense: verb *ser*
Place prepositions *de, em*
Conjunction *e*
Interrogative *quem*
Demonstratives *este, esta*
Negative form

**Exercises 2**

Spelling
Text reading: greetings and introduction dialogs
Fill-in-the-blanks
Matching exercises
Role play: simulate a greeting and introducing a friend dialogs

Class: 1.3

**Language and Communication 3**

Numbers 1 – 20
Introductions
Grammar 3
Interrogatives como, qual, onde
Present tense: first conjugation regular verbs
Prepositions plus articles

Exercises 3
Texts reading
Answering questions about the texts
Asking questions
Fill-in-the-blanks

(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 1)

Class: 1.4

Language and Communication 4
Personal information
Hours
Days of the week
Months
Colours

Grammar 4
Present tense: verb ser vs verb estar

Exercises 4
Fill-in-the-blanks
Matching exercises
Role play: greeting and introducing fellow students

(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 1)

Week 2
Class: 2.1

Language and Communication 5
Weather conditions
Places in the city

Grammar 5
Present tense: verb haver
Interrogative o que

Exercises 5
Matching exercises
Answering questions
Writing exercise: describe the weather based on an image
Class:  2.2

Language and Communication 6
Numbers 20 to 60
Classroom and objects

Grammar 6
Present tense: verb *ter*
Place adverbs: *aqui, aí, ali*
Interrogative: *quanto*
Most used adjectives

Exercises 6
Fill-in-the-blanks
Matching exercises
Asking and answering questions

Class:  2.3

Language and Communication 7
The house
Localizing rooms and objects

Grammar 7
Prepositional phrase of place

Exercises 7
Text reading and comprehension: “A casa do João”
Answering questions about the text
Matching exercise
Playing a game: placing objects according to description
Text writing: describing the bedroom (individual homework)

Class:  2.4

Language and Communication 8
Food and supplies
Meals
Eating habits
Going to the coffee shop

Grammar 8
Present tense: second and third conjugation regular verbs
Preposition a plus definite articles

**Exercises 8**
Texts reading: dialogs purchasing at the coffee shop
Identifying vocabulary (food)
Talking about eating habits
Fill-in-the-blanks with verbs (individual homework)
*(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 3)*

Class: 6.2

**Language and Communication 22**
Physical and psychological description
Relations of kinship

**Grammar 22**
Possessive pronouns

**Exercises 22**
Describing images
Fill-in-blanks with kinship vocabulary
Talking about the family
Writing sentences with possessives (individual homework)
*(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 6)*

**Week 3**

Class: 3.1

**Language and Communication 9**
Daily routines

**Grammar 9**
 Reflexives
 Interrogative porque
 Time prepositions

**Exercises 9**
Text reading and comprehension: “O dia a dia do Pedro”
Answering questions about the text
Completing a framework with information from the text
Answering questions about the text: “O dia a dia da Isabel” (individual homework)
*(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 3)*

Class: 3.2

**Language and Communication 10**
The Portuguese daily routine

Grammar 10
Periphrastic form: *estar a* + infinitive

Exercises 10
Text reading and comprehension: “A rotina dos portugueses”
True or false exercise
Multiple choice exercise
Giving opinion
Text writing: A minha rotina diária (individual homework)

(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 3)

Class: 3.3

Language and Communication 11
Going to the restaurant
Numbers 70 - 200

Grammar 11
Periphrastic forms: *estar a* + infinitive

Exercises 11
Text reading: dialogs at the restaurant
Simulating a dialogue in the restaurant
Quiz: vocabulary (individual homework)

(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 3)

Class: 3.4

Language and Communication 12
Going to a concert

Grammar 12
Present tense: verbs *querer, saber, poder*

Exercises 12
Text reading and comprehension
True or false exercises
Talking about music, bands, concerts
Writing sentences with verbs *querer, saber, poder* (individual homework)

(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 4)

Week 4
Class: 4.1

Language and Communication 13
Portuguese musicians and bands
Grammar 13
Present tense: verb dar
Present tense practicing: regular verbs and irregular ser, estar, haver, ter

Exercises 13
Talking about music, bands, concerts
Music listening
Fill-in-blanks
Describing a Portuguese musician from the XXI century (pairs homework for oral presentation on session 16)

(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 4)

Class: 4.2

Language and Communication 14
Move around the city
Transportation
Grammar 14
Present tense: verb ir and vir

Exercises 14
Text reading and comprehension: “Going to the center of the city”
Fill-in-blanks
Matching exercise

(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 4)

Class: 4.3

Language and Communication 15
Usual actions and actions in the future
Favorite book and genre
Grammar 15
Present tense: practicing verbs ir, vir

Exercises 15
Video watching for actions description
Fill-in-blanks
Talking about book and favourite genres

(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 4)

Class: 4.4

Language and Communication 16
Portuguese musicians
Grammar 16
Week 5

Class: 5.1

Language and Communication 17

Sending news

Grammar 17

Expressions há quanto tempo, desde quando

Present tense: verbs ler, ver

Indirect pronouns

Exercises 17

Text reading: “Carta da Catarina”

Multiple choice exercise

Text writing: “Uma carta para casa”

Sentences rewriting with indirect pronouns (individual homework)

Class: 5.2

Language and Communication 18

Vacacion plans

Madeira island

Grammar 18

Present tense: verbs fazer, dizer, trazer

Superlatives

Exercises 18

Text reading and comprehension: “Fazer planos para férias”

Multiple choice exercise

Video watching: attractions of Madeira island

Writing sentences with verbs fazer, dizer, trazer (individual homework)

Class: 5.3

Language and Communication 19

Outdoor activities

Seasons

Dates
Grammar 19
Comparatives

**Exercises 19**
Write sentences with comparatives
Matching exercise (seasons related vocabulary)
Talking about favorite seasons and activities
Text reading and answering questions: “Férias e tempo livre” (individual homework)

(*Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 5*)

Class: 5.4

Language and Communication 20
Hobbies and free time activities
Clothes

**Grammar 20**
Comparatives
Possessive pronouns
Present tense: third conjugation irregular verbs

**Exercises 20**
Text reading and comprehension: “Os meus tempos livres”
Talking about favourite outdoor activities
Talking about favourite clothes
Fill-in-blanks with third conjugation verbs (individual homework)

(*Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 5*)

**Week 6**
Class: 6.1

Language and Communication 21
Shopping clothes

**Grammar 21**
Prepositions plus personal pronouns
Present tense: third conjugation irregular verbs

**Exercises 21**
Text reading: dialogs in the clothing store
Simulating a dialogue in daily situations
Fill-in-blanks with vocabulary
Fill-in-blanks with prepositions plus personal pronouns (individual homework)

(*Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 5*)

Class: 6.3
Language and Communication 23

Given themes

Grammar 23

revisions

Exercises 23

Sentence reading
Fill-in-the-blanks with verbs and vocabulary
Multiple choice exercise
Finishing sentences

Class: 6.4

Written test

Week 7

Class: 7.1

Language and Communication 25

Going to the doctor

Grammar 25

Imperative tense – formal
Word formation - ista

Exercises 25

Text reading and comprehension: "No consultório"
Answering questions about the text
Asking questions about the text
Fill-in-blanks with verbal forms in the imperative (individual homework)

(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 6)

Class: 7.2

Language and Communication 26

Going to the doctor

Grammar 26

Present tense: verb dar
Demonstratives
Preposition por vs para

Exercises 26

Giving opinions about the subject of the text
Simulating a dialogue in daily situations
Sentences writing: giving advice
Fill-in-blanks with possessives (individual homework)
Week 8

Class: 8.1

Language and Communication 27
Giving instructions
Évora city

Grammar 27
Imperative – plural form; irregular forms

Exercises 27
Text reading and comprehension
Organize sentences
Asking questions about the text
Rewrite sentences giving advice (individual homework)

Class: 8.2

Language and Communication 28
Lisbon metropolitan

Grammar 28
Imperative - informal

Exercises 28
Giving directions in the city
Game: find your way in the city of Évora using a map and following the instructions
Text writing for oral presentation on session 31: description of hometown, attractions, best time to visit, clothe to wear, what to eat

Class: 8.3

Language and Communication 29
Porto city

Grammar 29
Indefinites

Exercises 29
Text listening: “A cidade do Porto. O que visitar.”
Matching exercise (vocabulary)
Fill-in-blanks (verbs)
Video watching: attractions in the city of Porto
Sentences writing based on images using indefinites (individual homework)
Class: 8.4

**Language and Communication 30**

Rio de Janeiro city

**Grammar 30**

Practicing contents

**Exercises 30**

Fill-in-blanks

Writing sentences based on images

Music listening

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*(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 6)*

**Week 9**

Class: 9.1

**Language and Communication 31**

Hometown

**Grammar 31**

Practicing contents

**Exercises 31**

Oral presentation: My hometown: attractions, best time to visit, clothe to wear, what to eat

Class: 9.2

**Language and Communication 32**

The weekend

**Grammar 32**

Past tense: verbs *ser, ir, ter, estar*

**Exercises 32**

Fill-in-blanks

Writing sentences based on images

Describe the weekend

*(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 8)*

Class: 9.3

**Language and Communication 33**

Sintra town

**Grammar 33**

Past tense: verbs *ser, ir, ter, estar*

**Exercises 33**
Text reading and comprehension: “O Palácio da Pena”
Asking questions about the text
Talking about the palaces and gardens of Sintra
Matching exercises (vocabulary)
Fill-in-blanks with verbs (individual homework)
(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 8)

Class: 9.4

Language and Communication

Gerês Natural Park
Outdoor activities: surfing, hiking, jogging, climbing, cycling

Grammar 34
Past tense: verb fazer

Exercises 34
Video watching: the national park of Gerês
Asking questions about the video
Matching exercises (vocabulary)
Talking about favorite outdoor activities
Text writing: describing a day outdoor (individual homework)
(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 8)

Week 10
Class: 10.1

Language and Communication 35

Domestic chores

Grammar 35
Past tense: first conjugation regular verbs
Periphrastic form acabar de

Exercises 35
Multiple choice exercise
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises
Creating sentences based on images
Writing exercise: the domestic activities done on previous day (individual homework)
(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 8)

Class: 10.2

Language and Communication 36

Activities in the past

Grammar 36
Past continuous with periphrastic estar + a + Infinitive
Adverbs já, ainda, nunca

**Exercises 36**
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises
Sentences writing based on images
Writing a text from a sequence of images (individual homework)

*(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 8)*

Class: 10.3

**Language and Communication 37**
Weekend day trip
Guimarães - “Birthplace of Portugal”

**Grammar 37**
Past tense: second and third conjugation

**Exercises 37**
Answering questions
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises
Video watching – the city of Guimarães
Identifying true or false elements
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises with verbs (individual homework)

*(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 8)*

Class: 10.4

**Language and Communication 38**
Working days

**Grammar 38**
Past tense: verbs poder, pôr, haver

**Exercises 38**
Text reading and comprehension
Asking questions
Identify true or false elements
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises
Writing exercise: special day in Lisbon (individual homework)

*(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 9)*

**Week 11**
Class: 11.1

**Language and Communication 39**
Birthday parties
Grammar 39
Past tense: verbs trazer, dizer

Exercises 39
Text reading and comprehension
Answering questions
Organizing text paragraphs
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises (individual homework)
(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 9)

Class: 11.2.

Language and Communication 40
Talking on the phone

Grammar 40
Past tense: verbs vir, dar

Exercises 40
Fill-in-the-blanks exercise
Multiple choice exercises
Talking about facts in the past
Answering questions
Fill-in-the-blanks exercises (individual homework)
(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 9)

Week 12
Class: 12.1.

Grammar 41
Past tense: verbs saber, querer

Exercises 41
Text listening and comprehension
Answering questions
Fill-in-the-blanks exercise
Rewriting sentences
(Português XXI – Nível 1 Coursebook – Unit 9)

Class: 12.2.

Language and Communication 42
Themes revision

Grammar 42
Revision of contents

Exercises 42
Fill-in-blanks
Matching exercises
Finishing sentences

Class: 12.3

Language and Communication 43
Themes revision

Grammar 43
Revision of contents

Exercises 43
Fill-in-blanks
Matching exercises
Finishing sentences
Simulating dialogs

Class: 12.4

Conversation test

Week 13
Class: 13.1

Final Exam

Class: 13.2

Language and Communication 46
CIEE Students experience
Wrap up

Grammar 46
Practicing contents
Exercises 46
Talking about the CIEE experience

Course Materials
Readings

Readings
Matos, Mª Libéria (2007). Dicionário Ilustrado Português Língua Não Materna, Porto Editora
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