

Hispanic Studies

Module descriptors for Inbound Students.

Name	Portuguese Language (Beginners)
Code	SPU22061
Semester	1
ECTS credits	5
Pre-requisite	Visiting Students only

Module Content

The course integrates the three language skills, as defined by The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

- reception (listening, reading and understanding)
- production (spoken and written) and
- interaction (spoken and written)

The unifying themes and background topics approached are related to the everyday life:

- myself and the others (introducing oneself, greetings, preferences, forms of politeness, basic descriptions)
- home, family and friends
- school and work environments
- shopping, travel and leisure
- gastronomy, society and culture

Aims

The main objective of Portuguese Language Beginners' course is to offer students the basic competences to use the Portuguese language, allowing sensible and competent interactions in everyday situations.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the module, students will have developed oral, reading and writing competencies:

1. Oral understanding, speech and interaction associated with simple sentences commonly used including about oneself, family and campus environment, expressed in a clear and articulated manner
2. Ability to introduce oneself and others, describe objects and daily situations, express preferences and opinions, exchange ideas and participate in brief exchange of information

3. Ability to ask and answer simple questions raised in a clear, direct and non-idiomatic form of language and make themselves understood, using basic sentence patterns with memorised expressions, grouping a few words, using everyday life expressions and paraphrases
4. When reading, identify titles, key words, expressions and their meaning, and extract information from simple daily vocabulary
5. Write a postcard, a short, simple email, take notes about everyday topics, describe activities and send or request information.

Assessment

Oral Exam (20%)

Two hour written exam (80%)