

SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

PORTUGUESE

The objective of the Portuguese programme is to raise participants' proficiency in Portuguese language to a high level while acquiring a solid grounding of knowledge of the Lusophone world. The Portuguese programme is offered as a minor. To complete a minor in Portuguese students are required to take a total of 36 credits with the following components:

Minor (36 credits):

- **Prerequisite courses (12 credits):**

PORT1001. Portuguese I.1

PORT1002. Portuguese I.2

These courses will be offered to undergraduates in Year 1 or 2.

- **Core courses (24 credits):**

PORT2001. Portuguese II.1

PORT2002. Portuguese II.2

PORT3001. Portuguese III.1

PORT3002. Portuguese III.2

These courses will be offered to undergraduates in Year 2, 3 and 4.

Core Courses

PORT1001. Portuguese I.1 (6 credits)

This course is intended for students with little or no previous knowledge of Portuguese. Participants will acquire basic skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing Portuguese. Classes will be conducted in small groups in order to facilitate interaction among participants. Special attention will be given to pronunciation and building a base of core vocabulary. This course is a pre-requisite for students wishing to pursue a minor in Portuguese.

Assessment: 100% coursework

PORT1002. Portuguese I.2 (6 credits)

This course is a continuation of **PORT1001. Portuguese I.1**. It aims at extend the written and oral skills acquired by students in their first semester of studies. Students develop the ability to express ideas and opinions in Portuguese and learn about life in Lusophone countries through the analysis of selected written and oral texts.

This course is a pre-requisite for students wishing to pursue a minor in Portuguese.

Prerequisite: **PORT1001. Portuguese I.1**

Assessment: 100% coursework

PORT2001. Portuguese II.1 (6 credits)

This course is a continuation of **PORT1002. Portuguese I.2**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to develop further their production and reception skills.

Prerequisite: **PORT1002. Portuguese I.2**

Assessment: 100% coursework

PORT2002. Portuguese II.2 (6 credits)

This course is a continuation of **PORT2001. Portuguese II.1**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Portuguese language. All students continuing their studies in the third year are strongly encouraged to attend a summer intensive immersion course in a Portuguese-speaking country.

Prerequisite: **PORT2001. Portuguese II.1**

Assessment: 100% coursework

PORT3001. Portuguese III.1 (6 credits)

This course is a continuation of **PORT2002. Portuguese II.2**. Participants develop their ability to deal with non-routine information using lexical inference and compensating strategies such as restructuring, circumlocution and substitution in order to successfully accomplish communicative tasks. A variety of written, audio and video materials will serve as a basis for study and discussion on issues pertinent to life in Portugal and in other Lusophone areas.

Prerequisite: **PORT2002. Portuguese II.2**

Assessment: 100% coursework

PORT3002. Portuguese III.2 (6 credits)

This course is a continuation of **PORT3001. Portuguese III.1**. Participants are expected to further develop their ability to deal with non-routine information as well as their awareness of language registers and social conventions. The intention is to lead participants towards an advanced understanding of the Portuguese language. Learning activities include the study of articles and reports about contemporary issues expressing a particular viewpoint and production of a variety of text types, including small research projects and short essays.

Prerequisite: **PORT3001. Portuguese III.1**

Assessment: 100% coursework

Elective Courses

Students are encouraged to take the following elective courses during their studies of the language.

PORT2221. Portuguese reading course (6 credits)

This course will introduce students to the cultures of Brazil, Angola and Portugal through reading, analysis and discussion of a selection of texts from twentieth-century and contemporary authors. The course will be conducted in Portuguese and it is recommended for students with basic knowledge of the language who wish to improve their ability to read, speak and write. Passages from novels and plays, short stories, poems and song lyrics will enable the students to perceive the writer's skills and aims, while practicing a wide range of language tasks.

Prerequisite: **PORT1002. Portuguese I.2**

Assessment: 100% coursework

PORT2223. Internship in Portuguese (6 credits)

This course provides students with opportunities to apply their knowledge of Portuguese to real-life situations while working in organisations based in Hong Kong with links to Lusophone countries or the local Lusophone community. The internship is offered on a full-time basis in the summer or a part-time during the semester, in the second, third and fourth years of undergraduate studies. It has a minimum duration of 120 hours and is jointly supervised by the host organisation and the academic coordinator. The assessment is based on feedback from the internship supervisor at the organisation, and a written report in Portuguese with an extension of 800 to 1000 words to be submitted to the academic coordinator.

Prerequisite: **PORT2001. Portuguese II.1**

Assessment: 100% coursework (graded on a Pass/Fail basis)

PORT3119. Overseas immersion language course – Portuguese (6 credits)

This course provides an opportunity to study Portuguese and to experience linguistic and cultural immersion in a partner institution located in a Portuguese-speaking country. The course usually takes place in the summer months (e.g., June, July and/or August) (courses may also be offered in the winter break) and the duration of the stay may vary from two weeks to one month, but must include at least 60 hours of formal class tuition. Students typically take part in this course after the completion of their second year of language studies at HKU. The course is designed to build on and to reinforce the language competence acquired during the preliminary years of study as well as to prepare the participants for more advanced work in the final years of the Programme.

Prerequisite: **PORT2002. Portuguese II.2**

Assessment: 100% coursework. In order to be granted credits for this course, participants have to ensure that the course builds on their previous work done at HKU and is offered at the A2 level or above of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and, after completing of the course, students have (1) to produce a formal statement of attendance and certified transcript bearing mention of the final grade(s) obtained from the host institution, as well as the level attained according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages; (2) to provide a portfolio including i. a learning journal written in Portuguese of approximately 1,000 words relating to daily class activities and, ii. samples of assessments (written assignments, tests, examinations, projects etc.) along with evaluation results.
