Portuguese

Portuguese is the sole official language of seven countries spanning three continents. These include: Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, and São Tomé and Príncipe. In addition, Portuguese enjoys co-official language status in East Timor, Equatorial Guinea, and Macau. It is the sixth most spoken language worldwide and the fifth most spoken on the internet.

Among the countries where Portuguese is an official language, Brazil stands out as a formidable emerging 21st-century economic power. With a population of more than 190 million people, it is one of the 10 largest markets in the world.

Students learning Portuguese are often initially attracted by the array of vibrant Lusophone cultures, but the language is also appealing for pragmatic reasons to increasing numbers of business, economics, political science, anthropology, and environmental studies majors. Many students are interested in Latin American Studies or globalization, or are curious about Brazil’s rich natural resources and booming technology industry.

Portuguese is an outstanding supplement to any student’s education and, for those already fluent in Spanish, represents the chance to take a fast-paced course sequence and be fluent more quickly in multiple languages.

At Washington University, Portuguese classes are marked by the same joyful, positive environment characteristic of many Lusophone cultures. Outside the classroom, students can improve their fluency at cultural events and Lusophone Movie Nights, in addition to choosing from study abroad programs affiliated with the university, either for the summer or for an entire semester.

Bem-vindos!

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Faculty

For a list of affiliated faculty, please visit the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures faculty (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/prior/2017-18/undergrad/artscl/romancelanguagesandliteratures/#facultylink) page.

Majors

The Department of Romance Languages and Literatures offers two years of intensive course work in Portuguese and, while there is not yet an official major in this area, students can opt to include Portuguese as one of their three (3) languages of concentration in the pursuit of a Romance languages major. For more information about this option, please contact: Dr. Valéria M. Souza (vsouza@wustl.edu).
improve students' reading proficiency, as well as to provide a class environment in which conversational skills can be practiced and made into a solid foundation. In addition, the class provides tools to expand vocabulary and promote a cultural understanding of Brazil. Prerequisite: Portug 215 or permission of instructor. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: LCD BU: HUM EN: H

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Credit variable.