Portuguese, B.A.

Portuguese is widely spoken in four continents and is the official language of eight countries: Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, East Timor, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, and São Tome and Principe. Portuguese is the third most spoken European language (after English and Spanish) and the sixth most spoken language in the world. Brazil is the largest country in South America, comparable in size with the United States. Knowledge of Portuguese and of Luso-Brazilian culture is a marketable skill.

Learning Outcomes

By graduation, Portuguese majors will have:

• enhanced language proficiency and cultural awareness of the Portuguese-speaking world; and
• attained skills to engage critically with histories, cultures, literatures, and other arts, and gained knowledge of the diversified Lusophone world (Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, East Timor, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tome and Principe).

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Portuguese requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 33 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Furthering Language Incentive Program (FLIP) credit may not be counted toward the major.

Students must take at least one course in Portuguese (prefix PORT) numbered 4000 or above. No more than 9 s.h., with approval of advisor, may be taken in courses that are not Portuguese courses (prefix PORT). Students must complete PORT:2500 Accelerated Intermediate Portuguese or the equivalent before they complete any other requirements for the major. They may only apply 3 s.h. earned in PORT:2500 toward the major. Two courses (6 s.h.) taught in English and two courses (6 s.h.) taught in Spanish numbered SPAN:2000 or above may count toward the major. Students can identify courses taught in English by viewing the course description for each course. These courses do not count toward the 33 s.h. of work for the major.

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Code Title Hours
PORT:1000 First-Year Seminar 1
PORT:2010 Elementary Portuguese I 3
PORT:2015 Elementary Portuguese II 3
PORT:3050 Intensive Portuguese for Spanish Speakers 4

The B.A. with a major in Portuguese requires the following courses or their equivalents.

Code Title Hours
Language Skills Course 3
Literature Courses 6
Culture Courses 6
Electives 18
Total Hours 33

Language Skills Course

One of these:
PORT:3100 Writing and Speaking 3
PORT:3150 Topics in Portuguese Language (repeatable)

Literature Courses

Two of these:
PORT:2850 Brazilian Narrative in Translation 3
PORT:3400 Brazilian Literature After 1900 3
PORT:4000 Topics in Luso-Brazilian Literature (repeatable) 3

Culture Courses

Two of these; however, PORT:4100 must be taken at least once:
PORT:3850 Topics in Cultural Studies 3
PORT:4100 Topics in Luso-Brazilian Culture (repeatable; taught in Portuguese) 3
PORT:4700 Latin American Studies Seminar 3

Electives

Students may not use a course as an elective that has been applied toward another requirement.

Code Title Hours
At least 18 s.h. from these:
PORT:2500 Accelerated Intermediate Portuguese (students may only apply 3 s.h. toward the major) 5
PORT:2700 Introduction to Latin American Studies 3
PORT:2850 Brazilian Narrative in Translation 3
PORT:3100 Writing and Speaking 3
PORT:3150 Topics in Portuguese Language (repeatable) 3
PORT:3400 Brazilian Literature After 1900 3
PORT:3850 Topics in Cultural Studies 3
PORT:4000 Topics in Luso-Brazilian Literature (repeatable) 3
PORT:4100 Topics in Luso-Brazilian Culture (repeatable) 3
PORT:4700 Latin American Studies Seminar 3
PORT:4995 Portuguese Senior Project 3
PORT:4998 Special Work 1-3
PORT:4999 Honors Research and Thesis 2-3
Study Abroad
Credit earned in study abroad programs other than those listed above counts as transfer credit and is subject to the 15 s.h. maximum allowed for the major. Contact International Programs Study Abroad for details.

Honors

Honors in the Major
Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in their major. Students must have a cumulative University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.33 and a g.p.a. of at least 3.50 in their major in order to enter the departmental honors program.

Students must earn 3 s.h. in PORT:4999 Honors Research and Thesis plus 3 s.h. in a course chosen in consultation with the department honors advisor. Both courses (6 s.h.) count toward the total 33 s.h. required for the major in Portuguese. Students also must write an honors thesis and present it orally to a committee of three faculty members.

University of Iowa Honors Program
In addition to honors in the major, students have a variety of opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the Portuguese major.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan
The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University’s Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Before the third semester begins: competence in first-year Portuguese

Before the fifth semester begins: competence in intermediate Portuguese

Before the seventh semester begins: three or four additional courses for the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree

Before the eighth semester begins: seven courses in the major

During the eighth semester: enrollment in remaining major course work in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate

Sample Plan of Study
Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences \(^d\) 3
Elective course \(^f\) 3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) i

Hours 15
Total Hours 121-123

a PORT:1000, PORT:2010, PORT:2015, and PORT:3050 do not count for credit toward the major. Language level placement will be determined by placement exam score and/or oral interview. Students who place into the 5th semester level of the language will begin major level coursework and not be required to take semesters 1-4 of the language.
b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
c Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
d GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
e Students may not use a course as a major elective that has been applied toward another requirement.
f Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
g Students may not use a course as an elective that has been applied towards another requirement. At least 18 s.h. from:
h PORT:4100 must be taken at least once.
i Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor. For more information visit http://commencement.uiowa.edu/. If applicable search for “Early and Late Participation” to find this page (e.g. walk in graduation ceremony in May, degree conferral in August).

Career Advancement

Majors have reported securing positions in multinational companies, international agencies, import/export companies, government tourism, research institutes, health institutions, the arts, graduate schools, and with the airlines, to name just a few. Portuguese can help students prepare to work in diverse fields such as banking, diplomacy, journalism, publishing, advertising, social services, media, law, and academia.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.