

Portuguese, BA

Portuguese is widely spoken in four continents and is the official language of eight countries: Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, East Timor, Guine-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, and São Tomé and Príncipe. 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, Guine Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe).

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Portuguese requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 30 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average 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 the approval of an 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 (prefix SPAN) numbered 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 30 s.h. of work for the major.

Course #	Title	Hours
PORT:1000	First-Year Seminar	1
PORT:2000	Accelerated Elementary Portuguese	5
PORT:2010	Elementary Portuguese I	3
PORT:2015	Elementary Portuguese II	3
PORT:3050	Intensive Portuguese for Spanish Speakers	4

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

Requirements for the Major

Requirements	Hours
Language Skills Course	3
Literature Courses	3

Culture Courses	6-7
Electives	18

Language Skills Course

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

Literature Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
PORT:2850	Brazilian Narrative in Translation	3

Culture Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
PORT:4100	Topics in Luso-Brazilian Culture (repeatable; taught in Portuguese)	3
PORT:4700	Latin American Studies Seminar	3-4

Electives

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

Course #	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:3105	Linguistic Aspects of the Lusophone World	3-4
PORT:3150	Topics in Portuguese Language (repeatable)	3
PORT:4100	Topics in Luso-Brazilian Culture (repeatable)	3
PORT:4700	Latin American Studies Seminar	3-4
PORT:4995	Portuguese Senior Project	3
PORT:4998	Special Work	1-3
PORT:4999	Honors Research and Thesis	2-3

Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) Course Share courses, as approved by the director of undergraduate studies

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 the major. They must have a cumulative University of Iowa grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.33 and a GPA of at least 3.50 in the major in order to enter the honors program, and are required to maintain the same grade-point average requirements to earn honors in the major.

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 30 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.

Career Advancement

Graduates 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.

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 coursework 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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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
PORT:2000	Accelerated Elementary Portuguese ^{b, c}	5
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^d		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Hours		16-17
Spring		
PORT:2500	Accelerated Intermediate Portuguese ^c	5
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^d		4
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15-16
Second Year		
Fall		
PORT:3150 or PORT:3100	Topics in Portuguese Language or Writing and Speaking	3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^d		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15
Spring		
PORT:2850	Brazilian Narrative in Translation	3
Major: PORT elective course ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^d		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15
Third Year		
Fall		
PORT:4100	Topics in Luso-Brazilian Culture	3
Major: PORT elective course ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^d		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15

Spring

PORT:4700	Latin American Studies Seminar	3 - 4
Major:	PORT elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15-16

Fourth Year**Fall**

Major:	PORT elective course ^f	3
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GE CLAS Core:	Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^d	3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15

Spring

Major:	PORT elective course ^f	3
GE CLAS Core:	Social Sciences ^d	3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ^g		
Hours		15

Total Hours 121-124

timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.

- a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
- b PORT:1000, PORT:2000, 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.
- 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 use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- f Students may not use a course as an elective that has been applied towards another requirement. At least 18 s.h. of PORT elective coursework must be completed. See General Catalog for list of approved courses.
- g 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