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 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, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe).