

The University of Western Ontario  
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures  
Portuguese for Beginners 1030  
Course Outline 2019-2020



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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Location: TBD

Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 - 1:30pm (or by appointment)

**TEXTBOOK**

- Klobucka, Anna. *Ponto de encontro: Portuguese as a world language*. Pearson, Second Edition.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Portuguese 1030 is an elementary course for students who have never studied Portuguese or do not have the prerequisite knowledge for intermediate Portuguese (2200). The course is designed to enable students to learn basic vocabulary and grammatical structures of oral and written Portuguese necessary to communicate with Portuguese speakers about everyday matters. The methodology used is a combination of communicative, multimedia and grammar explanations.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon successful completion of this course you should be able to:

- Handle survival situations;
- Maintain a conversation in daily life context (about weather, daily routine, relationships, student life, news, etc.);
- Relate past experiences;

- Give and ask for information;
- Express feelings and opinions;
- Describe a person, a thing or an event in the present and the past.

#### **REQUIRED WORK AT HOME:**

- Prepare and study at a regular pace the vocabulary and grammar;
- Read assigned texts and prepare comprehension exercises before coming to class;
- Compositions;
- Preparation for in-class tests (3) and final exam;
- Continuous reinforcement of new vocabulary and structure;
- Awareness of mistakes and initiation for self-correction in oral and written production;
- Research and documentation on cultural topics.

#### **PARTICIPATION:**

Active participation in class in different activities and group discussions, focus on the work in hand, in-class progress, awareness of mistakes and self-correction, and self-discipline (daily preparation of assigned work, written work handed in on time, etc.) will account for the participation grade. Students are advised to keep up with the work day by day in order to make progress. It is very difficult to catch up in a language class if you fall behind.

#### **CLASS MANAGEMENT:**

Students are expected to come to class regularly and attendance will be strictly monitored. Points are not given for mere attendance but for your participation and for showing progress. **Students with more than 4 absences per term will get a zero on the participation grade.** Because attendance is so important in language courses, any student who, in the opinion of the course coordinator, is absent too frequently from class will be reported to the Dean (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course (see UWO Academic Calendar).

#### **PLAGIARISM:**

Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offense Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). Plagiarism is the inclusion of someone else's verbatim or paraphrased text in one's own written work without immediate reference. Verbatim text must be surrounded by quotation marks or indented if it is longer than four lines. A reference must follow right after borrowed material (usually the author's name and page number). Without immediate reference to borrowed material, a list of sources at the end of a written assignment does not protect a writer against the possible charge of plagiarism. **This also applies to work facilitated or written for students by third parties.** The University of Western Ontario uses a plagiarism-checking site called [Turnitin.com](http://Turnitin.com).

#### **ABSENTEEISM:**

Students must attend **all** evaluations unless exceptional circumstances exist. If a problem arises, students are expected to contact their instructor **before** the exam or assignment is due. **Students who miss a test, in-class composition, oral presentation, an oral exam or the final exam without a valid reason will receive a zero which will count towards the final grade.**

## **ACADEMIC CONSIDERATION FOR MISSED WORK:**

Students who are seeking academic consideration for missed work during the semester may submit a self-reported absence form online provided that the absence is 48 hours or less and the other conditions specified in the Senate policy at

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/Academic\\_Consideration\\_for\\_absences.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf) are met.

Students whose absences are expected to last longer than 48 hours, or where the other conditions detailed in the policy are not met (e.g., work is worth more than 30% of the final grade, the student has already used 2 self-reported absences, the absence is during the final exam period), may receive academic consideration by submitting a Student Medical Certificate (for illness) or other appropriate documentation (for compassionate grounds). The Student Medical Certificate is available online at [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf).

All students pursuing academic consideration, regardless of type, must contact their instructors no more than 24 hours following the end of the period of absence to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic responsibilities missed during their absence. Students are reminded that they should consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying submission of work, and are encouraged to make appropriate decisions based on their specific circumstances.

Students who have conditions for which academic accommodation is appropriate, such as disabilities or ongoing or chronic health conditions, should work with Accessible Education Services to determine appropriate forms of accommodation.

Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Students are required to adhere to the student code of conduct.

<https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:**

Electronic devices are not allowed in class. Cell phones must be turned off or set to silent mode. Talking or texting on cell phones during class is not accepted. If you have a very good reason to use a computer or other device in class, please let me know prior to the start of class or as soon as possible.

## **EVALUATION**

Participation (including assignments and presence in the classroom)	10%
3 tests (grammar, exercises, listening, short written compositions)	30% (10% each)
2 oral presentations (one per term)	20% (10% each)
2 written compositions (one per term)	15% (7.5% each)
Final exam	25%
	<b>Total: 100%</b>

\*Oral productions refer to audiovisual presentations and live performances in class. Students are welcome to present materials in the form of PowerPoint presentations, videos that can be uploaded to YouTube, or any other media, that could be combined with a live performance in

class. The aim of oral productions is to assess communication in Portuguese as well as creativity in the way communication is achieved. More details will be provided in class.

**FINAL NOTE:**

All evaluations will be based on the content of the textbook and workbook specified by the instructor for each chapter, as well as on material presented and discussed in class. It is the student's responsibility to review the textbook, workbook, and ALL presentations, handouts, and personal notes before each evaluation.

**Portuguese for Beginners (1030)**

Fall 2019

Setembro (September)

segunda- feira (Monday)	quarta-feira (Wednesday)
09- Introdução	11- Lição preliminar
16- Lição preliminar	18- Lição preliminar
23- Lição preliminar	25- Lição 1
30- Lição 1	

Outubro (October)

segunda- feira (Monday)	quarta-feira (Wednesday)
02- Lição 1	07- Lição 1
09- Lição 1	14- <b>No classes - Thanksgiving</b>
16- Lição 2	21- Lição 2
23- Lição 2	28- Lição 2
30- <b>Exam 1</b>	

Novembro (November)

segunda- feira (Monday)	quarta-feira (Wednesday)
04- <b>No classes – Fall Reading Week</b>	06- <b>No classes – Fall Reading Week</b>
11- Lição 3	13- Lição 3
18- Lição 3	20- Lição 3/4
25- <b>Oral presentation 1</b>	27- Lição 4

Dezembro (December)

segunda- feira (Monday)	quarta-feira (Wednesday)
02- Lição 4	04- Lição 4 & <b>Composition 1 due</b>
END OF CLASSES FOR FALL TERM	

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Winter 2020

Janeiro (January)

segunda- feira (Monday)	quarta-feira (Wednesday)
06- Lição 5	08- Lição 5
13- Lição 5	15- Lição 5
20- Lição 5 & Review for Exam	22- <b>Exam 2</b>
27- Lição 6	29- Lição 6

Fevereiro (February)

segunda- feira (Monday)	quarta-feira (Wednesday)
03- Lição 6	05- Lição 6
10- Lição 6	12- Lição 6
17- <b>No classes - Reading Week</b>	19- <b>No classes - Reading Week</b>
24- Lição 7	26- Lição 7

Março (March)

segunda- feira (Monday)	quarta-feira (Wednesday)
02- Lição 7	04- Lição 7
09- Lição 7	11- <b>Composition 2 (in class)</b>
16- Open class	18- <b>Oral presentation 2</b>
23- Review for Exam 3	25- <b>Exam 3</b>

Abril (April)

segunda- feira (Monday)	quarta-feira (Wednesday)
02- Review for final exam	
END OF WINTER TERM	