

# Language and Culture

## Portuguese

### Level 1

**Bocconi**

<b>Courses for</b>	Degree programs and PhD
<b>Conditions for enrollment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited number of places</li> <li>• Enrollment via yoU@B during the times as announced in agenda and specified on the website</li> <li>• Places allocated on a 'first come first served' basis</li> <li>• At the end of the enrollment period a confirmation message will be sent to successful and unsuccessful applicants</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught in Italian</li> <li>• 1 limited number class</li> <li>• 1 semester long</li> <li>• 36 hours</li> <li>• Open in both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester</li> </ul>
<b>Minimum entry level</b>	None
<b>Objective</b>	To acquire a basic knowledge of the language and culture of the country concerned
<b>Certificate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded for attending 75% of the lessons (Attendance Procedure)</li> <li>• Passing final exam</li> </ul>
<b>Note</b>	The course will only run if the minimum number of enrollments has been reached

## Introduction

The course is aimed at beginners and those with only limited knowledge of the language, with a view to providing a basic knowledge of reading Portuguese and elementary writing and speaking in everyday situations.

Moreover, the course will give an introduction to Portuguese history and some principal aspects of the culture of Portugal and other countries of the same language using specially chosen teaching materials that will be provided to students in class.

## Syllabus

Details of the syllabus contents:

### 1. LANGUAGE

#### Grammar

- The alphabet
- Diphthongs and other specific sounds (oral, nasal, consonants) in Portuguese
- Definite and indefinite articles
- Personal pronouns and forms of address (*eu, tu, ele, o senhor, a senhora, nós, eles, vocês*), interrogatives, (*como, onde, qual, quantos, quem, de onde*), reflexives (1st & 3rd person singular), relatives (*que, onde*), possessives
- Personal pronouns preceded by preposition "com" (*comigo, contigo...*)
- Affirmative/ negative / interrogative sentences
- Nouns/adjectives agreement by gender and number
- Numbers
- Prepositions and locutions: time (*a, de, em*), movement (*a, para, por, de,, ir de /ir em*), place (*perto de, longe de, ao lado de, em frente de, à direita de, à esquerda de*)
- Adjectives / Demonstrative pronouns (variable and invariable)
- Adverbs of place (*ali, aqui, aí*)
- Expressions of consequence (*por isso*), cause (*Porquê? Porque é que...? Porque*) time (*antigamente / dantes /há / desde*)
- Verbs
- "Estar a + infinitive" & "Estar a + infinitive/present"
- Present indicative *ser, estar, ter, fazer, ir, vir, achar (de), pensar (de/sobre) saber, conhecer, dizer, chegar(a), entrar(em), estar(em), morar(em), viver(em), querer*
- Regular verbs ending in - AR - ER, -IR
- *Pretérito Perfeito Simples do Indicativo* (P.P.S. = present perfect) regular verbs ending in - AR - ER, -IR and irregular (*ser / ir / estar / ter*)
- Near future (Present indicative ending in IR + impersonal infinitive)
- *Pretérito imperfeito do indicativo* (polite form)
- Positive and negative imperative

<p><b>Structures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification and personal description</li> <li>• Greetings and farewells, formal and informal</li> <li>• Family and home</li> <li>• Travel</li> <li>• Daily routine</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. CULTURE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geographical spread and economic potential of the Portuguese language</li> <li>• Identification and definition of countries speaking Portuguese, their capitals, inhabitants, location, cultural and artistic characteristics</li> <li>• Flags and National anthems and symbols</li> <li>• Brief introduction to Portugal: History and geography</li> <li>• Political and educational systems</li> <li>• National traditions: "azulejos", music (Fado), cuisine</li> <li>• Cinema</li> <li>• New writing in Portuguese in Portugal, Angola, Cape Verde, Guiné-Bissau, Mozambique, San Tomé e Príncipe, Timor-Leste and Brazil).</li> <li>• The PALOPs (<i>Países Africanos de língua Portuguesa</i>) and the CPLP (<i>Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa</i>): objectives and strategies implemented for the conservation and promotion of Portuguese language and culture in education, economics, diplomacy.</li> </ul>

Teaching materials (texts, basic grammar sheets, audio files, newspaper articles, internet sites) will be specially selected by the teachers in accordance with the above-mentioned language aspects and made available to attending students during the lessons.

### Conditions for issuing certificate

In order to receive the attendance certificate two conditions must be met:

*1. Successful participation in the course*

The teacher will assess students' positive participation in the course (minimum 75% attendance).

*2. Passing the final exam*

At the end of the course, there will be a written exam consisting of a series of different types of grammar / vocabulary exercises (to be completed and / or transform).

All enrolled students will receive a message in their agenda confirming they have been/not been awarded the certificate.

The certificate can be collected from the Language Center Administrative office following instructions in said message.