

Extended Portuguese Language Course (Level A1)

Academic Year: **2016/2017**

Semester: **1st Semester**

Instructor(s): **TBA**

Course Description:

The course is structured into the following components:

Themes: personal information (place of origin, family, age, employment, leisure activities, daily routines); interpersonal relationships (family, friends); environments (at home, in the city); foods and meals (at home, in the café); shopping (prices, discounts, requests); social media (from sms to Facebook); planning the near future (daily tasks, leisure times).

Communicative objectives: describing (people, places); expressing preferences, displeasure; exchanging information; narrating (general events); socialising and small talk (beginning contact, complimenting, thanking, apologising, bidding farewell); making joint plans (for the near future).

Linguistic structures: regular verbs ending in *-ar, -er, -ir* (present); *ser* and *estar, estar a*; articles and determiners (defined, undefined); personal pronouns, interrogative pronouns, affirmations, questions; temporal and spatial prepositions; simple connectors.

Exercise typologies: oral comprehension, written comprehension, grammar exercises, simulations and role-plays, interactive games, discussions/debates; different social formats – class, individual, pairs and group working.

54 contact hours + 46 hours of independent study

Course Objectives:

This course aims at the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages level A1. By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- understand familiar words and phrases common to daily situations and relating to themes of personal relevance (personal information, interests, interpersonal relationships), whenever the interlocutor speaks slowly and clearly (oral comprehension);
- understand simple words, expressions and phrases and grasping information in notices, timetables and catalogues as well as very simple messages such as text messages and emails (written comprehension);
- communicate in basic daily situations and in brief social interactions, with the collaboration of the interlocutor, asking and answering simple questions of immediate relevance and on familiar topics (verbal interaction);
- use simple expressions and phrases for describing oneself and others and to narrate general events and routine actions (oral expression);
- write very brief informal messages and personal notes, filling in forms with personal information (written expression).

The course also introduces certain aspects of Portuguese history, culture and ways of life in order to help participants gain the most from their time and experiences in the country as well as contacting with persons and contemporary realities.

Grading:

40% participation (25% classroom work, 15% homework)
20% mid-term test (written understanding, oral comprehension, written and oral expression)
40% final test (written understanding, oral comprehension, written and oral expression)

Bibliography:

Manual:

Tavares, Ana (2011). *Português XXI 1*. Lisbon: Lidel. (text book, exercise book, CD)

Grammars:

Borregana, António Afonso (2003). *Gramática Universal, Língua Portuguesa*. Oporto: Texto Editora.

Coimbra, Olga Mata and Isabel Coimbra (2011). *Gramática Ativa 1*. Lisbon: Lidel.

Dias, Helena Bárbara Marques (1994). *Exercícios e Notas Gramaticais. Curso Básico de Português, Língua Estrangeira*. Lisbon: Ed. Colibri.

Monteiro, Deolinda and Beatriz Pessoa (1993). *Guia Prático dos Verbos Portugueses*. Lisbon: Lidel.

Portuguese grammar: <http://www.flip.pt/tabid/592/Default.aspx>

Automatic conjugations: <http://lxcenter.di.fc.ul.pt/services/pt/LXServicesConjugatorPT.html>

Dictionaries:

Dicionário de Língua Portuguesa (2009). Oporto: Porto Editora (available online at: <http://www.infopedia.pt/lingua-portuguesa/>)

Priberam, *Dicionário de Língua Portuguesa*: <http://priberam.pt/dlpo/dlpo.aspx>

Other materials:

Mello, Fernando Ribeiro de (1986). *Nova Recolha de Provérbios Portugueses e outros Lugares Comuns*. Lisbon: Afrodite.

Other material selected by the course instructor.