

## **(PORT 120) BASIC PORTUGUESE AND BRAZILIAN CULTURE**

PROGRAM OF ARGENTINE AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

UNIVERSIDAD DE BELGRANO

### **Course Syllabus**

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#### **Course Information**

Contact Hours: 60

Semester

#### **Course Description**

The course aims to introduce students to the basic knowledge of Brazilian Portuguese, so that they can know the basic grammatical structures and achieve satisfactory performance in communicating orally and in writing. With this objective, various lexical-grammatical contents will be studied and different didactic activities will be carried out so that students can perform in communicative situations typical of a beginner level. They will also learn a little about the culture of Brazil, through activities, videos and readings.

#### **Requirements**

Students must attend 75% of the classes to be able to take the final exam. The professor will also keep track of attendance, since it is part of the final grade for the course (see Grading System). Lack of punctuality (arriving more than ten minutes late or leaving the class early) will be considered half an absence. In case of not attending a class, it is the students' responsibility to contact their classmates or the professor to find out and complete the assignments for the next class. Students are expected to actively participate in classes and make an oral presentation that must be accompanied by a written exam (the topic and date will be agreed with the professor during the course). During the semester, students will have homework and papers assigned for each class, which must be carried out in a timely manner. It is at the professor's discretion to accept late work.

#### **Grading Policy**

Attendance and class participation	15 %
Oral presentation	10 %
Written Mid- Term exam	20 %
Final oral and written exam	40 %
Short assignments/reports/homework	15 %

## Academic Calendar

- Week 1:** Presentation of the course, the teacher and the students. Greetings. The alphabet. Introduction to Brazilian phonetics.
- Week 2:** Personal Data. Expressions of courtesy. Days of the week. Months. Personal Pronouns. Verbs "*ser/estar/ter*." Affirmative and negative answers.
- Week 3:** Articles. Possessive pronouns. Demonstrative pronouns. Family. Present Indicative – Regular verbs.
- Week 4:** Prepositions and contractions. Present Indicative- irregular verbs. The colors. Numbers. How they greet in Brazil, expressions and gestures.
- Week 5:** Contractions + countries. Verb: "Enjoy." Professions. The breakfast. Meals. Interrogative Pronouns.
- Week 6:** Routine. Pronominal Verbs. The hours. Ordinal numbers. Legumes – vegetables. Typical Foods and Drinks of Brazil.
- Week 7:** Past Perfect – regular and irregular verbs, conjunctions, time indicators. On the phone. Desserts and fruits. Public Establishments.
- Week 8:** Seasons of the year. Climate. Moons. Imperfect Past. Games. Hobbies. Expressions – *é que*. Comparatives. **Carnival in Brazil.**
- Week 9:** Repaso y Consultas sobre el examen parcial.  
**Examen parcial escrito.**
- Week 10:** Gerund. Commercial establishments. Past Imperfect. Sports. Brazilian money. Purchase expressions. Payment methods.
- Week 11:** Tonic syllable. Unstressed syllable. Types of sentences. Future of the present. Adverbs of frequency. **Popular Festivals of Brazil.**
- Week 12:** Immediate future. Commemorative dates. Animals. Verbs in the learned tenses.
- Week 13:** Future. Tell us about your plans for the future. Written production. **Brazilian soccer.**
- Week 14:** Dialogues. Oral elaboration of everyday situations. Review for the final exam.

**Week 15: Final Written exam.  
Final Oral exam.**

**Required Textbooks and Materials**

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**Suggested Course Materials**

<https://www.conjugacao.com.br/>

<https://diccionario.reverso.net/portugues-espanol/>

<https://diccionario.reverso.net/portugues-ingles/>

<https://www.dicio.com>