Portuguese Program

Welcome to the Portuguese Program at the University of Washington!

The Portuguese Program at University of Washington offers many ways to study Portuguese and the cultures of Brazil, East Timor, Portugal and Lusophone Africa: Cape Verde, Mozambique, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, and São Tomé and Príncipe. We offer a Minor in Portuguese Language and Luso-Brazilian Studies in collaboration with the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

Portuguese holds a study abroad program to the city of Salvador da Bahia every two years as part of the Early Fall Exploration Seminar: Afro-Cultures of Brazil - Arts, Activism and the Politics of Race. The next study abroad program to Brazil will be offered in the Early Fall of 2022.

In order to reduced textbooks costs, students taking first-year Portuguese classes use open educational resources (OERs), including an e-text available through Press Books with the UW Libraries: Bate-Papo - An Introduction to Portuguese - Available at: https://uw.pressbooks.pub/batepapo/

Offering first, second, and third year Portuguese language classes, our language program follows the theoretical and pedagogical guidelines developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and the World-Readiness for Language Learning, and the main goals of instruction are as follows:
In our efforts to promote the standards above, we work in partnership with the local community and other educational institutions to provide students with opportunities to connect with Portuguese speakers and to experience the cultures of Portuguese speaking countries. We are currently offering real-time classroom interaction with Brazilian university students through the Teletendem Program and with the local community through the Seattle Portuguese Meetup group.

We also encourage students to take part in events in the Seattle area involving the arts and cultures of Portuguese speaking countries:

- Events with the UW Brazil Club - BRASA (Link to Facebook)
- Information on events in the Movimiento Afrolatino Seattle
- Bate-papo conversation groups on Meetup.com
- Classes and workshops in the Union Cultural Center

Portuguese is considered a critical language in the US. The Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships are available for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who are US citizens or residents at UW.
FLAS Fellows receive:

- Academic Year Graduate: $18,000 tuition, $15,000 living stipend
- Academic Year Undergraduate: $10,000 tuition, $5,000 living stipend
- Summer Graduate/Undergraduate: $5,000 tuition, $2500 living stipend

More information on FLAS Fellowships may be found on the Jackson School of International Studies website.

For course information, please visit our current course listing.

Please contact Eduardo Viana da Silva, Portuguese Program Coordinator, if you want to know more about the classes offered in the Portuguese Program at UW at evsilva@uw.edu

Current Instructors:

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