

**PORT 113 – Accelerated Elementary Portuguese  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This is an accelerated first-year course geared to students with previous knowledge of other Romance languages. It emphasizes Brazilian Portuguese through pronunciation and authentic vocabulary, but students will also be exposed to European Portuguese usages. The course follows the national *Standards of Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century*, integrating language, communication and culture. Students will work on the four linguistic skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Readings include cultural texts on Brazil and on the other countries where Portuguese is the official language, including Angola, Cape Verde, Mozambique and Portugal. In addition to cultural readings, students will benefit from a comprehensive and integrated audiovisual program and a lab component, both of which will enhance their learning experience.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Throughout the semester, students will be working to achieve the following:

**LISTENING**

- comprehend familiar materials using a variety of listening strategies.
- extract basic information from authentic materials on familiar topics.
- comprehend oral instructions, questions and oral passages on familiar topics.

**SPEAKING**

- use learned words, phrases and sentences needed for daily situations with reasonably accurate pronunciation.

**READING**

- read familiar materials with reasonable comprehension using a variety of reading strategies.
- extract basic information from authentic materials on familiar topics.

**WRITING**

- write about familiar topics using correct spelling, punctuation and grammatical structures.

**CULTURE AWARENESS**

- develop an awareness of cultural connections and contrasts, and learn about the culture of Brazil and other Portuguese-speaking countries.

Portuguese 113 fulfills the mission of W&L's Department of Romance Language in the following ways:

- it fosters in students an intellectual and vital interest in language itself, and provides students with the skills and motivation to use the target language in multiple contexts;
- it allows students opportunities to communicate in Portuguese, in interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes;
- students gain knowledge and understanding of Portuguese-speaking cultures through examination of their practices, perspectives, and products;
- students develop insight into the nature of language and culture through comparisons

between the language and cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world, and their own language(s) and culture(s).

**TEXTBOOKS and other material (required):**

Klobucka et al, *Ponto de encontro. Portuguese as World Language*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (2013)  
*Oxford Portuguese Dictionary (both for use in class)*

MyPortugueseLab for *Ponto de encontro*. **Course ID number:** TBD

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES:**

In order to succeed in the course, the fundamental requirement is to be well prepared for class and to actively participate in class. This means that for each class you will have diligently studied the assigned pages, and prepared or written out the assigned exercises as indicated.

**Grade Distribution:**

Participation and attendance:	<b>15%</b>
Quizzes, tests and compositions:	<b>10%</b>
Oral presentations:	<b>20 %</b>
Homework:	<b>10%</b>
Three exams:	<b>45 %</b>

**GRADING SCALE**

97-100 = A+	87 - 89 = B+	77 - 79 = C+	67 - 69 = D+
93 - 96 = A	83 - 86 = B	73 - 76 = C	63 - 66 = D
90 - 92 = A-	80 - 82 = B-	70 - 72 = C-	60 - 62 = D-
			0 - 59 = F

**NOTES:**

**Students with Disabilities:** Washington and Lee University makes reasonable academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. All undergraduate accommodations must be approved through the Office of the Dean of the College. Students requesting accommodations for this course should present an official accommodation letter within the first two weeks of the (fall or winter) term and schedule a meeting outside of class time to discuss accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to present this paperwork in a timely fashion and to follow up about accommodation arrangements. Accommodations for test-taking should be arranged with the professor at least a week before the date of the test or exam.

**Honor System:** All Washington and Lee students have had orientation about, and are expected to comply with the Honor System. All work is to be completed by the individual student without assistance from classmates, advanced Portuguese students, native speakers of Portuguese, or Internet resources (including Translation Assistance programs such as Google Translator), unless specifically directed by the professor. All submitted work must be pledged in full. If students have doubts about the System, they should consult with their professors.

\*\*\* The use of computer, web, or technology-based translation methods (e.g. Google Translate) in the completion of any homework or assignment is a violation of academic integrity. Automated translation devices or web sites that facilitate translation are seldom

sophisticated enough for our purposes and are not permitted. If you are unsure about what is permissible, ask your instructor.

**Atenção!! Cell phones are not allowed in class, except for specific class activities when instructed by the Professor. Please turn all electronics off before entering the room.**

#### SOME USEFUL VOCABULARY

**PE** = *Ponto de encontro* textbook.

**P = prepare**; this section lists the material from the textbook you should prepare **before** coming to class. You should study the grammatical explanations and examples; mark down what needs clarification, prepare the exercises in the pages indicated (try to write out some of the answers, if not all of them—you do not have to turn them in), and be ready to ask and answer questions.

**Para casa** = homework assignment; this may be from MyPortugueseLab or additional homework assigned as “para casa,” and announced in class and through Canvas. **NO** late homework please. All written homework **must** be double-spaced and fully pledged.

**Prova** = quiz or test; these may be previously announced in class/on Canvas, or pop quizzes. **NO** make-ups.

**Composição dirigida** = guided composition (written in class or assigned to be done at home); you will have a chance to write multiple versions of each composition; each version of the compositions must be pledged. You will submit all the versions, with edits and corrections clearly marked, for grading. The final version of each composition must be typed, double-spaced, and fully pledged. No make-ups for compositions.

**Apresentação oral (AR)** = oral report

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