Portuguese Course Descriptions: 2013/2014

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FALL 2013

PORT 101: 1st Year Portuguese-
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PORT 150: Lusofonia: The Portuguese Speaking World-
Objectives: This course introduces students to the history and contemporary cultures of the regions where Portuguese is spoken (Brazil, Portugal, Africa, Asia and North America). Students will be also exposed to the social importance of the most important unifying icon of Lusophone identity –the Portuguese language- with a special focus on the current-day cultural products and practices of the largest Portuguese-speaking nation, Brazil (e.g., carnival, soccer, popular music
PORT 201: 2nd Year Portuguese-
In this course you will be reinforcing and building upon the fundamental communication skills acquired in first-year Portuguese. Students will be able to practice more complex grammar structures and improve your reading and speaking abilities. The organization of the course follows the information-based task approach, which springs from the idea that languages are best learned when real-world information becomes the focus of students’ activities. Therefore, during this term, besides exchanging real-life information about you and your classmates you will also read and discuss more about Brazilian and Lusophone culture. Class time will be dedicated to communicating in Portuguese using the structures and vocabulary that you have covered previously in assigned readings. Please note: Students and instructor will be communicating only in Portuguese! 

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WINTER 2014

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PORT 199: Portuguese Culture-
This course is design as an accelerated introductory course for speakers of a Romance language. This is the first sequence of the first year of basic Portuguese instruction and it intends to cover the basics of Portuguese grammar, its fundamental skills: understanding, speaking, reading and writing, and present selected aspects of the cultures of the Portuguese speaking countries. The textbook follows the information-based task approach, which springs from the idea that languages are best learned when real-world information becomes the focus of students’ activities. Therefore, during this term, you will exchange real-life information about you and your classmates. Class time will be dedicated to communicating in Portuguese using the structures and vocabulary that you have covered prior in the textbook.

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SPRING 2014

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