Portuguese 1010
Fall Semester 2016
MWF, 1:30 PM – 2:20 PM, Old Main 006
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Course Description:
Portuguese 1010: speaking and understanding, pronunciation, reading and writing, basic
grammar, cultural aspects of the language. The course is based on the communicative approach
and will emphasize Brazilian Portuguese and culture.

Course Objectives:
1) To apply the process of Portuguese-language learning to the material found in chapters 1-
3 of the required textbook Ponto de Encontro 2nd Ed. With Access Card.
2) To provide students with language learning activities that advance Portuguese language
skill proficiency (especially speaking proficiency) to the level required for continued
progress at the next course level (USU Portuguese 1020).

Required Text:

- Online access code for MyPortugueseLab
- Course ID # CRSKL1E-469787

This is the text for both Portuguese 1010 and Portuguese 1020.

DO NOT purchase a used textbook. If you do, you will still have to purchase the
MyPortugueseLab passcode that will cost you the same or more than had you purchased the
special package.

Grading:
The instructor will determine your grade based on the number of points accumulated against the
maximum points possible. Grade distribution will be as follows: above 94% = A,
90-93.99% = A-, 86-89.99% = B+, 83-85.99% = B, 80-82.99% = B-, 76-79.99% = C+, 73-
75.99% = C, 70-72.99% = C-, 60-69.99% = D, and below 60% = F.
Your grade will be calculated as follows:

40% – Four partial exams (Each partial exam is worth 10% of your grade)
25% – MyPortugueseLab activities
5% - Cultural activities
10% – Final exam
20% – Class attendance, participation, and adherence to the Portuguese-only rule

My Portuguese Lab:

MyPortugueseLab (MPL) is a set of online activities designed by Pearson, the publisher of Ponto de Encontro, to provide practice in using the language and cultural topics taught in the textbook, including listening comprehension with audio and video. These activities will help develop your Portuguese skills and will also help prepare you for exams, which are based on MPL activities.

Cultural Activities:

You are required to participate in two Portuguese-speaking settings beyond the classroom. The Brazilian club is a very nice way of experiencing Brazilian culture. Students can also, for example, go to festivals, attend music concerts, etc. Students are supposed to turn in a two-paragraph report in Portuguese containing a description of the activities in which they participated and what they learned.

Utah Brazilian Festival 2016 Saturday, September 10th Gateway Center - SLC
http://www.utahbrazilianfestival.com/UBF/

Partial Exams:

Four partial exams during the semester—each covers two chapters—will assess the language skills that you have developed during the study of those two chapters. Each partial exam will assess your skills in listening comprehension, grammar and vocabulary usage, reading comprehension, and writing competency. Graded exams will be returned to you and reviewed briefly within two or three class sessions following the exam.

Test # 1 Lição Preliminar
Test # 2 Lição 1
Test # 3 Lição 2
Test # 4 Lição 3
Final Exam Lições Preliminar- 3
Final Exam:

The comprehensive 2-hour final exam given at the conclusion of the semester during final exam week will assess both your knowledge of material contained in the final chapter and the cumulative knowledge and Portuguese-language skill that you have developed during the entire semester.

Portuguese-only rule:

The language of the class is Portuguese. Neither the instructor nor the students will speak English except on rare occasion—and only when the instructor allows—so that instructions regarding assignments are understood and questions relative to those instructions can be asked and answered. Should you need to discuss matters with the instructor in English, you should do so during the instructor’s office hours.

CANVAS:

We will be using CANVAS, and you should access it often. The course program, readings, and assignments will be posted online. Canvas also allows you to communicate with your instructor and classmates, to post comments, and to find information about the course, such as important dates and additional materials and activities.

Additional important advice:

Attend class every day and be on time. Prepare yourself well for class and participate enthusiastically in class activities. Remember, work required in the e-book and Activities Manual falls due a half hour before class on the day it appears on the course schedule and on the assignment calendar in MyPortugueseLab. Practice with your classmates and others outside of class as often as possible (study groups are a very good idea). Remember, anything you read in Portuguese should be read out loud.

USU Portuguese 1010 and Portuguese 1020 are 4 credit-hour courses. By standard expectation, this means a minimum of 1½ hours of quality personal out-of-class study for every credit hour. If you are a “full-time” student, this means a 40-hour workweek. The normal load for a student is 16 credit hours. Times that by two and a half and you get 40 hours. It is true that a student may need to spend more than 40 hours a week because of his or her aptitude or lack of prior preparation. But the 1½-hour outside-class to 1-hour credit-hour ratio as a minimum requirement is not excessive. If you are spending 1½ hours for each of the 4 credit hours, you are spending 7 hours (the extra 1 hour of class time not scheduled + 6 hours) per week studying Spanish outside of class, plenty of time to accomplish the program as it is prescribed, meaning ALL the required activities in MyPortugueseLab.

You, the student, are responsible for your preparation for class. Regular diligence is a must. During class sessions, the instructor will orchestrate activities that provide you with additional language skill practice and development based on your preparation. The goal is that during 40% of class time you are speaking the language and during the other 60% (remember the Portuguese-
only rule) you are listening to it. If you have not adequately prepared for class, you cannot benefit from the communicative activities carried out during class sessions.

**Course Fees:**

The $24.00 course fee you have paid is used to staff and maintain the Language Lab (MAIN 004), provide language specific materials, and to pay teaching tutors who assist instructors in the classroom and lab.

**USU Plagiarism Policy:**

Plagiarism includes knowingly “representing, by paraphrase or direct quotation, the published or unpublished work of another person as one’s own in any academic exercise or activity without full and clear acknowledgement. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials” (Code of Policies and Procedures for Students, Article V, Section 3A.1). The penalties for plagiarism are severe. They include “#1) warning or reprimand and #2) grade adjustment” (see: Article VI, Section 1A): Other penalties may also be imposed at the Dean’s discretion. These include probation, suspension, expulsion, withholding of transcripts, denial or revocation of degrees.

Note: Writing in English and then using an online translator to convert your English into Portuguese will not help you improve your language skills and will be considered plagiarism. Use online dictionaries to help you with words or phrases, but do NOT use programs that convert your writing from English to Portuguese.

**USU Students with Disabilities Policy:**

“Reasonable accommodations will be provided for all persons with disabilities in order to ensure equal participation within the program. If a student has a disability that will likely require some accommodations by the instructor, the student must contact the instructor and document the disability through the Disability Resource Center (797-2444), preferably during the first week of the course. Any request for special consideration relating to attendance, pedagogy, taking of examinations, etc., must be discussed with and approved by the instructor. In cooperation with the Disability Resource Center, course materials can be provided in alternative format, large print, audio, diskette, or Braille.”

**Using MyPortugueseLab:**

To access your Student Workstation in the future, go to https://mylabs.px.pearsoned.com/Pegasus/frmLogin.aspx?s=3&fso=1&s=3 and log in. Here, you can open your book, submit activities, view your results, and view your instructor's feedback.
Tentative Schedule:

This schedule is subject to changes and adjustments to accommodate the class needs.

More activities will be posted on Canvas

Homework will be posted on MPL every class day.

Week 1 – August 29, 31 and September 02 Introduction Syllabus Lição Preliminar
Week 2 – September 05 (Labor Day no class) September 07 and 09 Lição Preliminar
Week 3 – September 12, 14 and 16 Lição Preliminar
Week 4 – September 19, 21 and 23 Lição Preliminar Test # 1
Week 5 – September 26, 28 and 30 Lição 1 A Universidade
Week 6 – October 03, 05 and 07 Lição 1 A Universidade
Week 7 – October 10, 12 and 14 Lição 1 A Universidade
Week 8 – October 17, 19 and 21 (Fall Break) Lição 1 A Universidade Test # 2
Week 9 – October 24, 26 and 28 Lição 2 Entre Amigos
Week 10 – October 31, November 02 and 04 Lição 2 Entre Amigos
Week 11 – November 07, 09 and 11 Lição 2 Entre Amigos
Week 12 – November 14, 16 and 18 Lição 2 Entre Amigos Test # 3
Week 13 – November 21, 23 and 25 (Thanksgiving) Lição 3 Horas de Lazer
Week 14 – November 28, 30 and December 02 Lição 3 Horas de Lazer
Week 15 – December 05, 07 and 09 Lição 3 Horas de Lazer Test # 4
Final Exam: TBA
HOW TO CHANGE YOUR COMPUTER KEYBOARD TO PORTUGUESE

If you have a PC:

1. Go to your start menu.
2. Open up the control panel.
3. Find “clock, language, and region” and open it.
4. Under “region and language”, click on the link that says “change keyboards or other input methods”.
5. Select “change keyboards”. Another window will open up that says, “text services and input languages” on the top.
6. Click on “add”.
7. Scroll down on the list of languages and find "Portuguese".
8. Select it, expand the keyboard tab, and select the keyboard and click “ok”.
9. Click “apply”.
10. Your keyboard will appear in the lower right hand screen on the task bar. You can select the small box that says "EN" and change it to Portuguese. While in Portuguese it will say "POR".

If you have a MAC:

1. Go to the apple icon in the left upper corner of your screen.
2. Go to your System Preferences.
3. In the Personal bar, go to International.
4. Go to Input Menu.
5. Select the language(s) (Portuguese and U.S.)
6. Mark the box that says “Show input menu in menu bar”. This will put a flag up on your computer’s main menu bar. You can then change it back and forth from one language to the next. You can also open the keyboard viewer there so you can know which keys produce which figures.