



Why study Portuguese?

WHY STUDY PORTUGUESE?

Portuguese is one of the most spoken languages in the world and Portugal has the oldest untouched borders in Europe. Having completed Portuguese modules, students will be equipped with the cultural knowledge and the ability to communicate not only in Portugal but also in Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, East Timor and other Portuguese-speaking countries.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Over the course of three years, our modules will take students from beginners' level in Portuguese language to upper intermediate level. In addition to language skills, including speaking, reading, writing and listening skills, students will be introduced to various aspects of Lusophone culture and history. Students will emerge from their studies equipped with knowledge that will open the gateways to Portugal, Brazil, Portuguese-speaking countries and territories in Africa and Asia.

CAREER AND GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES?

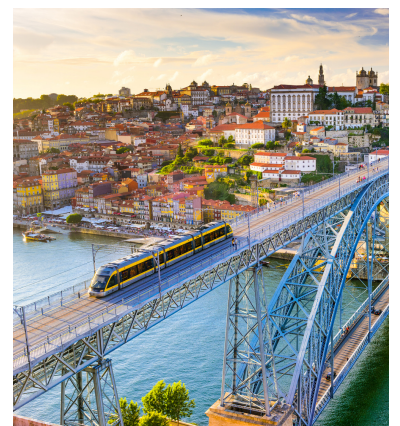
Graduates with Portuguese languages skills are currently sought after due to the increasing Brazilian population in Ireland and increasing business ties with Brazil and Portugal. Furthermore, as a Romance language, students with existing knowledge of French or Spanish are in a good position to adapt to learning this new language. The school also offers Erasmus exchanges to Porto and Coimbra.



CAO Code	BA Modern Languages (DN541)	BA Arts (DN520)	BA Humanities - European or Global Studies (DN530)	Bed Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages (DN760)
Length of course	As a major: 4 Years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)	As a major: 4 years with Erasmus, 3 without	As a major: 4 Years (includes internship/study abroad)	As a major: 4 Years (includes placement/study abroad)
Entry requirements	O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and three other recognised subjects			
Leaving Certificate	Non-beginners only: Recommended minimum H4 in Portuguese or equivalent			

HOW DO I TAKE PORTUGUESE AS A STRUCTURED ELECTIVE?

- In order to receive a Structured Elective in Portuguese you must take the specified modules in or after 2013/14.
- To receive a Structured Elective you must take the required modules as Elective modules and not as Core or Option modules.
- You do not need to register for the Structured Elective in advance; it will be awarded when you complete 15 credits during your studies.
- The Structured Elective consists of ten language credits per year plus one content module worth five credits.
- In order to progress, students must take the language modules in order (i.e., PORT10020, PORT10030, PORT20040, PORT20050, PORT30040 and PORT30050)



STUDENT TESTIMONY

"Though my focus lies in French, I had been looking for the chance to improve my Portuguese and was incredibly happy to do so at UCD. I felt that I was able to progress quickly because of the comfortable and encouraging environment, and, on top of that, we also learnt about lusophone culture and Portugal's influence around the world. Learning Portuguese is definitely a gateway into literatures and cultures both within and outside of Europe, but it's also enriching in itself to be able to learn a new language and develop that skill set for the future. I would definitely recommend taking it!"

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