

Why study Portuguese?

Global language

Portuguese is spoken by 260 million people around the world and is the 6th most spoken first language in the world. It is spoken as an official language in Europe (Portugal), South America (Brazil), Asia (Timor East), and Africa (Angola, Mozambique, Guiné-Bissau, Cape Verde, São Tomé e Príncipe, and Equatorial Guine).

Relevant to Canada

Canada is an Associate Member of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP). Portuguese is spoken by thousands of people in Canada—particularly immigrants and descendants speak it as their first language.

Expands your horizons

Portuguese is a great asset if you:

- want to know more about the Lusophone (Portuguese-speaking) world
- like traveling and learning about different places
- plan to be active in: international relations, commerce, journalism, mining, forestry, teaching of foreign languages, cultural studies, translation and interpretation, linguistics, arts, literature, and more

Your first Portuguese words

Olá! = Hello!

Bom dia! = Good morning!

Tudo bem? = How are you?



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Study Portuguese at UBC

Every term, UBC offers a Beginner's Portuguese course (PORT 101) and several others.

You can also study the Lusophone cultures, literatures, histories, and interesting topics like music, soccer, typical foods, current politics, ethnic and racial discussions and more.