

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, ST. AUGUSTINE
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION
CENTRE FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING**

COURSE DOCUMENTATION

COURSE TITLE: LET'S TALK PORTUGUESE

NO. OF HOURS: 20 (2.5 HOURS PER WEEK FOR 8 WEEKS)

SEMESTER I

PREREQUISITES: LEVEL 1B PORTUGUESE

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Candidates for this course should have some prior, formal academic knowledge of the language. This course will build on the skills learnt in Level 1B Portuguese acquired at the Centre for Language Learning and aims to enhance the learner's ability to communicate effectively in Portuguese. Through synchronous online sessions, the tutor will continue to promote and foster communicative and cultural competence by guiding the students as they develop their knowledge, skills and abilities in their quest to achieve competence in the target language. To this end, learners will enhance the skills involved in conversation based on a linguistic context. Participants will learn how to interact and be proactive so they develop their autonomy in the target language.

COURSE RATIONALE:

This course will give students the opportunity to further their study of one of the languages spoken in the Caribbean region. The purpose of this course is to continue to provide students with the basic communicative skills necessary to function in predictable everyday situations and to deepen their awareness of Lusophone culture. Students will continue to acquire learning strategies to support them in this endeavor.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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LETTER TO THE STUDENT:

Dear Student,

Welcome to another session of Portuguese at the CLL! We hope that you are here because you have a clear interest in the Portuguese language and Lusophone culture. We hope we can continue to help you develop your language skills as well as motivate you to expand your cultural knowledge and your ability to be an independent learner.

Throughout the course, we will be developing your expression and confidence by exploring a wide range of authentic Portuguese videos and articles while engaging in fun and exciting virtual activities and games.

We hope you continue to enjoy this educational experience that you've begun!

Warm regards,
Your tutor

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of this course, students will:

- understand speech about familiar topics and activities (professional life, society, current affairs, culture)
- discuss and defend their opinions
- develop a deeper understanding of Portuguese grammar and syntax
- know further characteristics of life and culture in the Lusophone world
- develop a deeper understanding of themselves as adult language learners

ONLINE SESSIONS:

These sessions will consist of a wide-range of interactive activities, which include but are not limited to:

- debates and presentations
- discussions on cultural videos
- virtual site-seeing
- word games

COURSE CALENDAR:

Date	Topic
Week 1	<p>- Who am I?</p> <p>-Talking about yourself: likes, dislikes, preferences, dreams, future plans</p> <p>-Taking on a new personality and talking about Portuguese-speaking celebrities</p>
Week 2	<p>- My city</p> <p>Describing where you live, your dream house, towns and cities and comparing city and country life in Trinidad and Tobago and Lusophone countries.</p> <p>*Virtual site-seeing/student presentations and debate</p>
Week 3	<p>- Health</p> <p>- Current Affairs/Health</p> <p>- Emergencies/Visit to a doctor/hospital</p> <p>- Healthy living & lifestyle practices</p> <p>*Idioms related to health</p> <p>*debate</p>
Week 4	<p>- Media</p> <p>- Traditional media (TV, radio and print)</p> <p>- Discover media houses</p> <p>- Social media</p> <p>- Current Affairs</p> <p>*Student presentations and debate</p>
Week 5	<p>- Holidays and travelling</p> <p>- Dream destinations</p> <p>- The future of travel</p> <p>- Travel scenarios/Airport & Hotel vocabulary/Planning a trip to a Lusophone country</p>

Week 6	<p>- Fashion & Shopping Fashion designers Shopping scenarios</p>
Week 7	<p>- Culture Talking about Lusophone Culture – Food – Typical dishes/Music/Entertainment</p> <p>*Student presentations</p>
Week 8	<p>Brazil and Portugal</p> <p>Student Presentations</p> <p>*Virtual site-seeing</p>

Material will be shared by the tutor.

Tutor will give feedback at appropriate times.

Award of certificates of attendance (Max. 20 hours can be awarded)