



# 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 or Advanced levels. In addition to language skills, including speaking, reading, writing and listening skills, students will be introduced to various aspects of Lusophone literature, film, culture and history. Students will emerge from their studies equipped with knowledge that will open the gateways to Portugal, Brazil and Portuguese-speaking 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. As a Romance language, students with existing knowledge of French or Spanish are in a good position to adapt to learning this new language. Degree students will be warmly encouraged to spend an Erasmus year in Porto, Coimbra or further afield.



CAO Code	BA Modern Languages (DN541)	BA Joint Honours (DN520)	BA Humanities - European or Global Studies (DN530)	BEd Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages (DN760)
<b>Length of course</b>	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)
<b>Entry requirements</b>	O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and three other recognised subjects			
<b>Special Entry Recommendation:</b>	Both Beginners and non-Beginners are welcome and may be accommodated in separate streams. Cultural modules are designed to accommodate both complete Beginners and fluent or native speakers. For the non-beginners level a minimum of H4 grade in Leaving Certificate Portuguese or equivalent is strongly recommended.			

## YOU MAY \*NOW\* CHOOSE PORTUGUESE AS A DEGREE SUBJECT!

As of 2023, UCD students may study Portuguese as a full degree subject across a range of prestigious degree programmes

- BA Modern Languages: take Portuguese Beginners/non-Beginners & a language you already know
- BA Joint Honours: take up Beginners/non-Beginners Portuguese & another Subject
- BA Humanities (European Studies/ Global Studies): take Portuguese Beginners/non-Beginners
- BEd in Education with Gaeilge &/ Modern Languages: choose either Portuguese & Gaeilge OR Portuguese & French/ German/ Italian/ Spanish.

## HOW DO I TAKE PORTUGUESE AS A STRUCTURED ELECTIVE?

- A Structured Elective will be awarded when you complete 15 consecutive Elective credits in Portuguese during your studies
- Students may select any 3 SLCL Portuguese language modules in sequence out of a choice of 6 (Beginners to Advanced): PORT10020, PORT10030, PORT20040, PORT20050, PORT30040 or 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!"

*(Maika Nguyen, PhD in Modern Languages)*

