

# Portuguese Language

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## Language

English

## Course description and objectives

The course is aimed at students who wish to approach the study of the Portuguese language in a gradual and structured manner. Given the introductory nature of the course and the size of the class, teaching focuses primarily on developing basic listening comprehension and oral interaction skills.

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- understand and use simple everyday expressions
- greet people, introduce themselves and take part in brief exchanges
- ask for and provide basic personal information
- talk about preferences, habits and daily activities
- understand some fundamental aspects of Brazilian culture
- recognise and use some basic grammatical structures of the Portuguese language

## Audience

The course is open to all students enrolled in Bocconi.

## Prerequisites

No prior knowledge is required.

## Duration

40 hours

## Guidelines

**Registration:**



You can sign up for the course only through the yoU@B student Diary, in the "sign-up for various activities" box (please note: this box appears only when registrations open. It will not be visible before then).

Cancellations must also be submitted through the Diary **by the registration deadline**.

No other cancellation methods will be accepted.

Registration will be confirmed a few days before the course starts via a message in the yoU@B student Diary.

### Attendance:

- Attendance of **75% or more** of class hours: obtainment of the **Open Badge**
- Attendance of **less than 25%** of class hours: **Exclusion List**

### Teaching Mode

In-class sessions in physical presence. Remote participation will not be offered.

### Calendar

Lesson	Date	Time	Room
1	Tue 14/04/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
2	Thu 16/04/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
3	Tue 21/04/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
4	Tue 28/04/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
5	Wed 29/04/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
6	Thu 30/04/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
7	Tue 05/05/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
8	Wed 06/05/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
9	Thu 07/05/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
10	Tue 12/05/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
11	Wed 13/05/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
12	Thu 14/05/2026	18:15 - 19:45	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
13	Sat 23/05/2026	9:30 - 11.00	5 (Sarfatti)
14	Sat 23/05/2026	11.15 - 12.45	5 (Sarfatti)
15	Sat 30/05/2026	9:30 - 11.00	5 (Sarfatti)

16	Sat 30/05/2026	11.15 - 12.45	5 (Sarfatti)
17	Sat 06/06/2026	9:30 - 11.00	5 (Sarfatti)
18	Sat 06/06/2026	11.15 - 12.45	5 (Sarfatti)
19	Sat 13/06/2026	9:30 - 11.00	5 (Sarfatti)
20	Sat 13/06/2026	11.15 - 12.45	5 (Sarfatti)

## Syllabus of the course

Lesson	Communicative functions	Linguistic structures	Cultural content
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greetings and farewells</li> <li>Introducing yourself</li> <li>Asking and giving personal information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic pronunciation; sounds</li> <li>Nasals</li> <li>Sentence structure</li> <li>Verb <i>chamar-se</i></li> </ul>	Introduction to the Portuguese-speaking world
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking and stating origin and nationality</li> <li>Saying thank you</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal pronouns</li> <li>Articles</li> <li>Verbs <i>ser</i> and <i>estar</i> (basic usage)</li> <li>Nationality adjectives</li> <li>Preposition <i>de</i> + articles</li> <li>Brazil: geography, climate and political organisation</li> </ul>	Brazil: geography, climate and political organisation
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talking about preferences</li> <li>Describing daily routines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verb <i>gostar</i></li> <li>Regular first-conjugation verbs</li> <li>Adverbs of frequency</li> </ul>	Brazilian cuisine and cultural influences

4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressing possession</li> <li>• Speaking of future plans</li> <li>• Talking about an event in progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possessive pronouns and adjectives</li> <li>• Verb <i>ir</i></li> <li>• Construction <i>ir</i> + <i>infinitive</i></li> <li>• Gerund</li> <li>• Time expressions (past and future)</li> </ul>	Daily life in Brazil
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locating objects in space</li> <li>• Talking about the existence of people or things</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbs <i>haver</i> and <i>ter</i></li> <li>• Verbs <i>poder</i>, <i>saber</i>, <i>conhecer</i></li> <li>• Cardinal and ordinal numbers</li> <li>• Demonstrative pronouns</li> <li>• Second and third conjugation verbs</li> </ul>	São Paul: the city and lifestyle
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking for and giving information about places</li> <li>• Talking about travel</li> <li>• Expressing opinions</li> <li>• Making appointments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Days of the week and months of the year</li> <li>• Prepositions of place</li> <li>• Verbs <i>ir</i> and <i>vir</i></li> <li>• Verbs <i>fazer</i> and <i>achar</i></li> <li>• Telling time</li> <li>• Verb <i>marcar</i></li> </ul>	Everyday idiomatic expressions
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talking about recent events</li> <li>• Talking about leisure time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Past perfect tense (regular and some irregular verbs)</li> <li>• Time expressions</li> <li>• Verbs <i>pedir</i> and <i>perguntar</i></li> </ul>	Brazilian Carnival

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8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consolidation of basic communication skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revision of key linguistic structures</li> </ul>	<p>Innovations in Brazilian society: the PIX payment system</p>
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## Suggested Bibliography

- Dos Santos E. O., *Tire de Letra!*, Hoepli, 2020  
<https://www.hoepli.it/libro/portoghese-brasiliano-semplice-e-veloce/9788820392871.html>
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## Available seats

This activity is limited to **110** participants. No further registrations will be accepted once this number has been reached or after the registration period has closed. Please note that you can withdraw from the course only before the registration deadline.

