



Program Description

This five-day course on Basic Portuguese is designed specifically for European teachers looking to enhance their language skills and cultural understanding. Held in the vibrant cities of Setúbal or Lisbon, the course offers an immersive experience that blends language learning with practical application in real-life situations. Participants will engage in interactive sessions that cover essential vocabulary, grammar, and conversational skills, focusing on scenarios relevant to their roles as educators.

In addition to language instruction, the course includes cultural components that help participants appreciate the rich history and traditions of Portugal. Through guided tours, group discussions, and cultural activities, teachers will gain a deeper understanding of Portuguese society and its educational context. The course is suitable for beginners, offering a supportive and engaging environment for learning.

Competences

The primary objective of the course is to equip teachers with basic Portuguese language skills that can be applied in both professional and everyday contexts. By the end of the course, participants will be able to understand and use common expressions, engage in simple conversations, and navigate typical social situations. Additionally, participants will develop an appreciation for Portuguese culture, enhancing their ability to connect with Portuguese-speaking students and colleagues. The course aims to foster a positive attitude toward language learning, empowering teachers to continue improving their Portuguese skills independently.

Methodology

The course employs a communicative and task-based approach, prioritizing practical language use over theoretical knowledge. Lessons are interactive, involving pair work, group activities, and role-playing exercises that simulate real-life situations. The methodology integrates listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, ensuring a well-rounded learning experience. Cultural immersion is also a key component, with activities designed to expose participants to authentic Portuguese environments, thereby reinforcing language acquisition through context.

Results

By the end of the course, participants will have developed the foundational language skills necessary to communicate effectively in Portuguese, both in professional settings and everyday interactions. The course also fosters confidence and enthusiasm for further language study, encouraging teachers to continue their Portuguese language journey beyond the classroom.

Day by day Planning

Day 1: Introduction to Portuguese Language and Culture

- 9:00-10:00 Welcome and course overview, introduction to Portuguese-speaking countries.
- 10:00-11:00 Basic Portuguese greetings, introductions, and common expressions.
- 11:00-12:00 Pronunciation and alphabet: Focus on key sounds and accents.
- 12:00-13:00 Introduction to Portuguese cultural norms and customs.
- 13:00-14:00 Introduction to digital tools for language learning, with a focus on mobile apps and online resources.

Day 2: Building Vocabulary and Simple Sentence Structures

- 9:00-10:00 Expanding vocabulary: Numbers, days of the week, and basic classroom objects.
- 10:00-11:00 Introduction to sentence structure: Subject, verb, and object.
- 11:00-12:00 Practicing simple questions and answers in everyday situations (e.g., ordering food, asking for directions).
- 12:00-13:00 Cultural session: Overview of Portuguese cuisine and its role in daily life.
- 13:00-14:00 workshop using digital flashcards and language learning platforms to reinforce vocabulary.

Day 3: Developing Conversational Skills

- 9:00-10:00 Practice with common verbs and their conjugations (present tense).
- 10:00-11:00 Role-play exercises: Simulating classroom scenarios and basic social interactions.
- 11:00-12:00 Introduction to Portuguese family structure and important cultural traditions.
- 12:00-13:00 Exploring Portuguese music and its influence on language and culture.
- 13:00-14:00 Integration of digital tools for conversation practice, including voice recognition apps and language exchange platforms.

Day 4: Reading, Writing, and Cultural Immersion

- 9:00- Introduction to reading and understanding basic texts (e.g., signs, menus, simple
10:00 articles).
- 10:00- Writing simple sentences and short paragraphs (e.g., personal introductions,
11:00 descriptions).
- 11:15- Cultural session: Exploring Portuguese history through significant landmarks and
12:00 historical figures.
- 12:00- Visit Local site of cultural significance (e.g., historical district, museum).
13:00
- 13:00- Use of digital resources to support reading and writing skills, including online
14:00 exercises and collaborative writing tools.

Day 5: Consolidation, Practice, and Reflection

- 9:00- Review and consolidation of key language skills learned during the week.
10:00
- 10:00- Group discussion: Reflections on the course, challenges faced, and strategies for
11:00 continued learning.
- 11:00- Cultural session: Discussion on modern Portuguese society, including education and
12:00 the role of language.
- 12:00- Final language practice: Group presentations or conversations on a chosen topic
13:00 related to Portuguese culture.
- 13:00- Introduction to additional digital tools for continued language learning, including
14:00 podcasts, online courses, and community forums. Goodbye session. Surveys and certificates of attendance.