

Portuguese, Minor

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Did you know that worldwide, Portuguese is the fastest growing European language after English, is the most spoken language in South America, and is rapidly growing in southern Africa? Studying Portuguese can open the door for you to a world of new career paths and opportunities for growth and exploration.

Description

Students pursuing the minor in Portuguese gain an understanding of the language, literature and cultures of Portuguese-speaking countries.

Portuguese is the official language of Portugal, Brazil, Mozambique, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, East Timor, Equatorial Guinea, Macau, Cape Verde, and São Tomé and Príncipe. It is also an official language of both the African Union and the European Union. It's the sixth most spoken language in the world, and the second most spoken Romance language (second to Spanish).

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The Portuguese minor requires a minimum of 18 credit hours, at least 12 of which must be upper division. Only courses completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher can be used to fulfill minor requirements.

Portuguese Language -- 6 credit hours

[POR 313: Portuguese Conversation and Culture \(G\) \(3\)](#)

[POR 314: Portuguese Composition and Culture \(G\) \(3\)](#)

Electives (choose four) -- 12 credit hours

At least two courses must be completed at the upper-division level.

[GCU 323: Geography of Latin America \(GCSI OR SB & G\) \(3\)](#)

[POR 194: Desert Landscapes of Brazil: Soc&Culture of Sertão \(3\)](#)

[POR 194: Food, Culture, and Society in Latin America \(3\)](#)

[POR 460: Brazilian Society Through Music \(HU & G\) \(3\)](#)

[POR 472: Transatlantic Encounters: Brazil and Portugal \(HU & G\) \(3\)](#)

[POR 490: Consumer Culture in Latin America \(3\)](#)

[POR 494: Global Challenges in Cinema: Brazil, Africa, Portugal \(3\)](#)

[POR 494: Why is the Amazon Burning? \(3\)](#)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: None

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Students in the minor have the opportunity to attend the following summer study abroad program through the Global Education Office and approved by the School of International Letters and Cultures to give them a global experience studying the language and culture of Brazil.

[UA: Arizona Summer in Brazil](#)

- This is an ASU-authorized summer program.
- Students can advance their Portuguese language skills during this summer program to the vibrant coastal city of Fortaleza, in northeastern Brazil.

- In addition to courses taught by local Brazilian faculty, students will live with a host family to experience Brazilian culture firsthand and to further develop their Portuguese skills.
- Common excursions on this program include trips to Jericoacoara and Canoa Quebrada, two beautiful beach towns located in the state of Ceará.
- This program is open to students of any major; based on course offerings, it is ideal for students seeking courses in Portuguese language.
- POR 102 credit is a prerequisite to participate in this program.

Career opportunities

A minor enables students to enhance marketable skills and knowledge they acquire in their major program and also to develop additional competencies. Because of the growing economies of many of the countries in which Portuguese is spoken, a minor in this language can prove a valuable addition to students' resumes.

More specifically, a minor in Portuguese can help students with communication and cultural competency skills as they pursue career fields such as these:

- diplomacy
- education
- entertainment
- international business
- interpretation and translation
- marketing
- political analysis
- sociology
- science and technology
- tourism and hospitality

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