PORTUGUESE

Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics

The major in Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics is excellent preparation for careers in business, journalism and communications, law, medicine, the service professions, and teaching.

About this Program

• College: Liberal Arts and Sciences
• Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Spanish | Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese | Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Portuguese
• Credits for Degree: 120
• Additional Information
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• Related Hispanic and Latin American Programs

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

The Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Cultures major offers the opportunity to gain proficiency in Spanish and/or Portuguese, two of the most important languages spoken in the United States, the Western Hemisphere and the world. The department offers courses of study in language, culture, linguistics, and literature, as well as a series of courses in languages for the professions, which focus on medical, legal, business and other professional contexts.

By studying the literary and linguistic heritage of Spanish and Portuguese, students gain critical reading and writing skills that help them acquire and refine their abilities to speak, understand, read and write one of both of these languages.

The Spanish track focuses on the language and culture of Spain and Spanish-America, while the Portuguese track stresses the language and culture of Brazil, with complementary study of Portugal and Lusophone Africa. The combined track recognizes the increasingly prominent roles that Brazil, Spain and Latin America all play in international affairs, especially as they relate to Florida. Spanish- and Portuguese-speakers constitute the fastest growing immigrant populations in Florida. Studying both languages and cultures provide a competitive edge for those seeking careers in business, industry, tourism, health care, agricultural affairs, government, and education.

B.A. in Portuguese

The major requires 33 credits, beginning with foundational work in Portuguese and then moving on to more advanced coursework in language, culture and literature.

Students must earn minimum grades of C for coursework to count toward the major.

Required Coursework

• POR 3242
• 30 additional hours of POR or POW courses at the 3000 and 4000 levels.
  • A minimum of 12 credits must be at the 4000 level.
• Only one class in English (PRT) can count towards the major, substituting for POR/POW.
• Classes must be passed with a grade of C or better in order to be counted for the major.
• Two Individual Work courses (POW 4905) may be accepted as part of the major’s requirements.
• Select courses outside the department may also count toward the major under special conditions.

Recommended Coursework

These classes are recommended to enhance students’ overall understanding and appreciation of Portuguese-speaking people and their culture.

• ANT 4336 The Peoples of Brazil
• LAH 4630 Brazil after 1750
• LAS 2001 Introduction to Latin American Studies
• MUH 3541 Latin American Music
• Humanities, arts, and social science courses that relate to the Portuguese-speaking world

Overseas Study

The university sponsors a reasonably priced summer B program in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Majors and minors are encouraged to participate at the 3000/4000 level, where they will earn six credits. The program also fulfills the summer residency requirement.

Placement

See the undergraduate coordinator for placement information, especially for transfer students and heritage speakers.

Relevant Minors and/or Certificates

Majors may want to pursue a certificate in Latin American Studies.

Research

Students who wish to complete a senior thesis for honors should consult Portuguese faculty at least two semesters in advance of graduation.

Related Hispanic and Latin American Programs

• Combined Degree
• Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
• Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Portuguese
• Portuguese minor
Critical Tracking records each student’s progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements: Structure of a CLAS Degree.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

### Semester One
- 2.0 UF GPA required

### Semester Two
- 2.0 UF GPA required

### Semester Three
- Complete POR 1130
- 2.0 UF GPA required

### Semester Four
- Complete POR 1131
- 2.0 UF GPA required

### Semester Five
- Complete POR 3242 and one additional Portuguese course with a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Students are expected to complete the writing requirement while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H or S).

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

*This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student’s academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.*

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### Semester Six
- POR or POW or PRT 4000-level course
- Gen Ed Biological Sciences
- Elective (3000 level and above, not in major)
- Electives
- **Credits**

### Semester Seven
- POR or POW or PRT 3000/4000-level course
- POR or POW or PRT 4000-level course
- Electives
- **Credits**

### Semester Eight
- Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)
- **Credits**

Total Credits: 120

1 POR 3010 may be offered in the Fall, Spring, or Summer A terms and satisfies the CLAS language requirement.

The Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese enables students to achieve communicative competence in all four language skills: speaking, comprehension, reading and writing. Students will become knowledgeable in Portuguese and Brazilian culture, literature and/or linguistics and they will learn how to interpret Portuguese-language texts according to their cultural, literary and/or linguistic content.
Before Graduating Students Must

- Satisfactorily complete an assignment in a 4000-level course that includes the written analysis of a text (text and analysis in Portuguese) according to its cultural, literary and/or linguistic content and an oral presentation and discussion conducted in Portuguese.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

Students in the Major Will Learn to

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Content
1. Knows cultural correlates, literary production and/or linguistic structure of texts written in Portuguese.

Critical Thinking
1. Interprets cultural correlates, literary production and/or linguistic structure of texts written in Portuguese.

Communication
1. Writes Portuguese competently, with appropriate grammar, vocabulary, orthography and stylistic conventions.
2. Engages effectively in spoken communication in Portuguese, including the ability to understand the spoken language, speak with correct grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation and use appropriate registers.

Curriculum Map

\[ I = \text{Introduced}; \ R = \text{Reinforced}; \ A = \text{Assessed} \]

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Assessment Types

- Written project
- Oral presentation/discussion conducted in Portuguese