Why Study Portuguese?

Portuguese is spoken by over 230 million people worldwide. In addition to Brazil and Portugal, it is the official language of Angola, Cape Verde, East Timor, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, and São Tomé and Príncipe. Also, it is the third most commonly spoken language in Massachusetts. Brazil is the 8th largest economy in the world and the economic superpower of Latin America. Likewise, Lisbon is emerging as a tech hub for Europe. Of course, Brazilian culture, and musical genres such as samba and bossa nova are widely appreciated around the globe.

At MIT, are you considering a MISTI internship in Brazil or Portugal? Coursework in Portuguese language is strongly recommended.
CONCENTRATION OPTIONS

A. Portuguese I, II, or Accelerated Introductory through Portuguese IV
B. Portuguese III and two subjects beyond
C. Portuguese IV or above, plus two more subjects
   - One subject allowed in English (21G.074)

Concentration Proposal approval must be obtained by the first week of classes second term junior year.

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Assessing your level:
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PORTUGUESE SCHEDULE

Spring 2018

21G.074 Topics in Portuguese Popular Culture
Examines contemporary film, music, and literature of the Portuguese-speaking world. Selected literary, historical, and cultural texts serve as vehicles for a deeper understanding of the major political and social shifts that have affected the landscape of the contemporary Portuguese-speaking world: from Brazil's military dictatorship to its transition to democracy; from Portugal's New State to membership in the European Union; and from the wars of independence in Africa to the formation of newly independent nations. Taught in English. HASS-H
MW, 2-3:30, A. Igrejas

21G.802 Portuguese II
Continuation of 21G.801. Focuses on expanding communication skills and further development of linguistic competency. Uses a variety of authentic sources, such as the Internet, audio, video, and printed materials, to help develop cultural awareness and linguistic proficiency. Coordinated language lab. Conducted entirely in Portuguese. For graduate credit, see 21G.852. HASS-H
MTRF, 2-3, N. Dominique

21G.804 Portuguese IV
Continued study of the language and culture to improve fluency, accuracy and style in both oral and written communication. Students discuss current news articles, short literary texts, films, music and web-based materials dealing with issues relevant to the Portuguese-speaking world. Coursework also includes grammar review. Conducted entirely in Portuguese. HASS-H
MTRF, 12-1, N. Dominique

LOOKING AHEAD

Fall 2018

21G.800 Accelerated Introductory Portuguese
Highly accelerated course for students with little or no knowledge of Portuguese. Introduction to the language and culture of the Portuguese-speaking world, with special attention to Brazilian Portuguese. Focuses on basic oral expression, listening comprehension, and elementary reading and writing. Students develop their vocabulary and understanding of grammatical concepts through active communication. Coordinated language lab program. Designed as a two-semester sequence in one semester and covers the equivalent of two semesters. Conducted entirely in Portuguese. HASS-H

21G.821 The Beat of Brazil: Portuguese Language and Brazilian Society through its Music
Builds vocabulary competence and improves oral communication through the study and discussion of topics related to cultural aspect and current issues in Brazil. Presents an overview of Brazilian popular music, from the late 19th century to the present. Focuses on the analyses of songs and genres, and their connection with historical periods and events, as well as on their association with groups differing in ethnic and/or regional origin, class, lifestyle, etc. Looks at how and what Brazilians communicate through musical styles, such as samba, forró, choro, bossa nova, etc. Taught in Portuguese. HASS-H

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