

PORTUGUESE de VivaVoz

Course Guidelines



Aprendizagem ao Longo da Vida



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1. FRAMEWORK

In the context of a unified Europe and with the increasing globalisation, the knowledge of several languages and the cultures they convey becomes decisive for the promotion of citizens' mobility and for the peaceful and sustainable development of today's world. Today, languages are not only passports and vehicles of circulation, but also privileged ways of (re)knowing and valuing the cultural diversity that surrounds us. Their learning corresponds to an individual process of identification and gradual appropriation of discursive behaviours linked to different enunciation situations, often conventionally established and culturally marked.

As far as the Portuguese language and culture are concerned, it is increasingly recognized and pointed out the role it plays in this globalisation process. Their projection are the result of a multiplicity of factors of which the most important are:

- the approximately 250 million native speakers of Portuguese (which represents approximately 3.7% of the world population and corresponds to 4% of global wealth);
- the 8 Portuguese-speaking countries (covering an area of 10.8 million square kilometres, about 7.25% of the Earth's continental surface);
- the fact of being the fourth most widely spoken language in the world (present on all five continents) and the most widely spoken in the southern hemisphere;
- the highest growth rate registered in the internet (fifth most used language), in social networks (third most used Facebook and Twitter), in the production of scientific articles/journals and in learning as a foreign language;
- the establishment as a vehicular language of many diplomatic and commercial treaties;
- the highest growth rate recorded between 2005 and 2012 in trade between the European Union and the Portuguese-speaking world (161% growth rate)¹.

As stated in Article 3 e), "Assignments", of Universidade Aberta's Statutes (Normative Dispatch no. 65-B/2008), one of the priority spheres of action of this Portuguese public distance education university is "To conceive, produce and disseminate mediated and networked educational resources, that can be used through information and communication technologies, aimed at (...) the defence and promotion of the Portuguese language and culture, in Portugal and abroad (...)".

¹ These data that were collected at <u>https://infoeuropa.eurocid.pt/files/database/000057001-000058000/</u> 000057636.pdf prove the economic potential of the Portuguese language.

Paragraph h) of the same article also adds to this purpose the imperative of the institution "To contribute, within its sphere of activity, to international cooperation and to bringing peoples closer together, with special emphasis on Portuguese-speaking countries and European countries".

With the aim of contributing to the fulfilment of this strategic desideratum and in line with the above-mentioned statutory mission, the present course of Portuguese as a Non-Native Language / Portuguese as Second Language was developed, generically entitled *Português de Viva Voz / Portuguese Live*.

2. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND CHARACTERIZATION

Português de Viva Voz course is structured in its own learning environment, which combines the advantages of e-learning technologies with a concept of plural communicative competence, in which the different aspects that compose it – linguistic, socio-cultural and pragmatic-discursive – are integrated.

Priority is given to the spoken language and its use in everyday situations, linking its learning to the situational context in which it is used. Thus, the learning path is developed from the exploration of a set of Everyday Scenarios performed by native speakers, which can be attested to a high degree of authenticity.

On the basis of selected communicative events, step by step, the student is invited to discover specific verbal and non-verbal uses of a given communicative situation (lexical, grammatical, pragmatic-discursive) which he/she will have to apply in targeted exercises for training and learning, and then use in solving more complex communicative tasks.

In this way, the Scenarios appear as the starting point for the presentation of the course contents and allow the observation of the different components of the communicative act – linguistic, sociocultural and communicational – within authentic contexts. Based on certain uses considered relevant to the communicative situation presented in video or audio, the learner has direct access to information structured into several components: Vocabulary, Communication, Grammar, Oral marks / Pronunciation and Spelling, and Cultural Notes.

A central concept in defining the communicative objectives of the course is that of Task. Throughout each level, the learners' work is conducted in such a way as to prepare them to solve certain communicative tasks with precise goals.

The focus is primarily on the meaning of the communicative act in question, and the approach to the verbal and non-verbal elements involved in it is viewed in functional terms, i.e. from the linguistic needs of the learners at the moment they are trying to solve the task they are involved in.

Finally, in the proposed didactic work a distinction is made between Receptive and Productive Activities. In relation to the former, it is considered that learners should have access to written and/or spoken materials with a high degree of authenticity. In the activities developed to explore these materials, a distinction is also made between global, detailed and selective comprehension, which is in line with the reading/listening processes we use in everyday life in the context of our mother tongue.

The Productive Activities result from Tasks to be developed in the framework of specific interaction situations and may be oral or written (using innovative tools available on the platform).

2.1. Target audience

The course's target audience consists in adults with or without an academic background who wish to acquire, develop or consolidate communication skills in Portuguese.

2.2. Admission requirements

A fundamental requirement to attend the different course modules is to have access to a device with broadband internet connection (also incluing the possibility to listen/ watch and record audio/video files) and to an updated email address. After enrolment, Universidade Aberta will provide the learner with an institutional email account, which should be used in all communication with the University.

The exploration of multimedia resources and the full use of learning tools require the use of the browser Google Chrome.

At the beginners' level (A1) it is necessary that the learners have an intermediate level of competence in the English language, since the environment for working online uses English as the language of communication. Moreover, all the instructions for the execution of the activities, as well as the correct exploitation of the learning resources are, at level A1, given in both Portuguese and English.

The learners who have studied Portuguese previously have to choose the most appropriate course level for themselves. In order to do that, they can take into consideration the certificates of Portuguese they have already earned or consult the information at https:// europa.eu/europass/en/common-european-framework-reference-language-skills to identify the most appropriate course level for them. The learners alone are responsible for the choice of their course level.

2.3. Goals

2.3.1. General goals

Português de Viva Voz course aims to provide learners with the opportunity to acquire

or consolidate knowledge in Portuguese and develop their communicative competence in everyday situations.

The course is divided into several levels defined according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Each level is structured in 12 or 16 weeks, corresponding to a certain number of topics. Each topic represents specific daily life scenarios selected according to the learners' linguistic and communicative needs when interacting with native speakers of European Portuguese. Levels A1.1 and A1.2 involve 78 hours of online work, while the other levels demand 104 hours of work.

2.3.2. Specific goals

The specific goals of the course are:

- To familiarise the learners with the linguistic and communicational mechanisms needed to act in the Scenarios selected for each learning level.
- To promote a growing awareness of the functioning of the target language through the observation of its use by native speakers in different contexts of verbal interaction.
- To highlight the confluence of linguistic, sociocultural and interactional aspects in the selected communicative events.
- To provide working materials which enable the learners to apply the acquired knowledge and facilitate its consolidation.
- To involve the learners in Communicative Tasks appropriate to their level and linked to the Scenarios worked on during the learning module they have attended.
- To offer learners the opportunity to obtain certification of the knowledge acquired throughout the modules attended.

3. COURSE

The teaching-learning activities proposed for each of the levels function at a distance using the UAb's e-learning platform (Moodle platform, duly customized according to the requirements of Universidade Aberta's Virtual Pedagogical Model, in which innovative technological tools specifically designed for online language learning have been integrated).

At the beginning of the each level, learners attend an Online Familiarization Block, in order to become familiar with the virtual learning environment and with the particularities

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of pedagogical interaction in this context.

This course follows the guiding principles of the pedagogical model designed for virtual education at Universidade Aberta, applying its most important premises:

- Teaching centred on the learner and their needs and objectives, actively involving them in the process of building their knowledge.
- Flexibility of access to content and learning activities, allowing the learner to manage their work schedule according to their personal availability. This principle is materialised in the primacy of asynchronous communication, creating time intervals of greater or lesser duration for viewing, reading, processing information and solving activities in interaction spaces. Nevertheless, such primacy does not prevent the occasional synchronous sessions, duly scheduled and agreed with groups of students, taking into account their geographical location and respective time zone.
- Promotion of a diversified interaction between learner and teacher, between learners or between learner and learning resources.
- Integration of the learner in a virtual class, to which the course teachers and the other learners have access.

The learning activities take place in the virtual environment created for each training module and are carried out exclusively online, using mainly communication devices of two types: learner moderated forums and teacher moderated forums.

The student moderated forums function as class dialogue spaces. In them the sharing of ideas about the Scenarios under study and their main contextual, textual, discursive, functional, grammatical, lexical and socio-cultural features should take place.

The forums moderated by the teacher are mainly used to clarify doubts and overcome difficulties that have not been overcome through discussion among learners. These forums will be open at times determined by the teacher and with a previously established duration. There will also be work forums indexed to a specific topic where learning activities will take place and where the teacher will be able to introduce more input material concerning the communicative strategies and linguistic structures worked on. The different phases of the above mentioned work should be previously defined in a Learning Contract negotiated with the learners at the beginning of their training.

4. ONLINE TRAINING

In a first block of work lasting around one week, learners should familiarize themselves with the modes of communication and online behavior, as well as with the technological tools allocated to the virtual environment in which the teaching and learning activities will take place.

During this period, the course participants – learners and teachers – are invited to establish socio-affective relationships in informal interaction spaces, leading to the creation of a learning community, which will facilitate later communication and collaborative performance of online activities.

The online training block is of a practical nature, with an orientation centred on knowhow. At the end of this block, the learners should be able to

- Establish contact with the other course participants in the different spaces and methods of communication available, demonstrating communication and coexistence skills in a virtual learning environment;
- Apply general competences of Internet use (communication, research, consultation and evaluation of information) in the virtual environment of the course (effective use of e-mail, online group work, collection of information on the Web);
- Move within the different course environments, recognizing the specificities and potentialities of each;
- Use the technological tools available, in particular the specific tools for practising pronunciation/prosody and carrying out oral production activities;
- Act effectively in the work spaces provided.

5. COURSE PLAN

5.1. Course structure

Português de Viva Voz course is structured in independent learning modules/sections, whose sequence seeks to cover the different components of communicative competence provided by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Table 1 lists the level modules associated with the respective communication contexts.

	Levels	Communication contexts	Duration (hours)
A1	A1.1. Arrival in Lisbon	At the airport	78
		At the hotel	
	A1.2. In the city	Having meals with friends	78
		Seeing the doctor	
		Traveling	
A2	A2 Daily life in a new town	Using services and at the doctor	104
		Sharing experiences with family and friends	
		At school and workplace	
		Discovering culture and history	
B1	B1. Challenges and possibilities of contemporary life	Developing education and work experiences	104
		Travelling and dealing with mobility	
		Using ICT	
		Reflecting on society, environment, and lifestyles	
		Discussing art, culture, and history	
B2	B2. Recognition of different social, economic, and cultural contexts	Discussing everyday topics with different interlocutors	104
		Reflecting on the social and economic situation of a country	
		Deepening the knowledge of cultural and historical facts of Lusophony	

TABLE 1 – LEVELS

5.2. Course topics, vocabulary and communicative competences

Tables 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 show the course topics and main contents of vocabulary and communicative competences to be developed in each level.

COURSE TOPICS	VOCABULARY (main contents)	COMPETENCES (main contents)
 Let's start Waiting at the airport To greet Introductions Arriving at the reception Completing check-in Saying goodbye and thanking 	Cardinal and ordinal numbers Name and age Address Nationalities and birthplace Professions and occupations Marital status Airport and hotel Days of the week, months, and seasons Meals Activities Parts of the day and hours Everyday objects	Introducing (oneself) and reacting to introduction Greeting and reacting to greeting Saying goodbye Thanking and reacting to thanking Apologizing Asking to wait Asking for and giving personal details (name, nationality, birthplace, residence, telephone) indicating location Asking for and giving information about time and weather Expressing opinion, satisfaction, agreement, need, likes and preferences, wishes Justifying
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TABLE 2 - LEVEL: A1.1. ARRIVAL IN LISBON

COURSE TOPICS	VOCABULARY (main contents)	COMPETENCES (main contents)
COURSE TOPICS Meeting people Physical activities At the doctor In the cafe Traveling around the country Arrival in Cascais 		
	Clothing and packing Weather Parts of the town and services Travelling and tourism Shopping and using mail services Parties, feasts, and traditions	Complaining Asking, giving, and thanking advice and suggestions Narrating events Inviting Speaking on the phone Looking for basic information online Understanding and producing oral and written texts of different genres (invitations, letters, postal cards, receipt and invoices, menus)

TABLE 3 – LEVEL: A1.2. IN THE CITY

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2. Describing the next here f_{ij} is further and Γ_{ij}	sking, giving, and confirming formation (directions, locations…)
3. Getting servicesappliancesDes4. Shopping and cookingServices (bank, pharmacy, post office, shopping, health centres)Inter5. Taking care of healthComparing weather and habitsInter6. Comparing weather and habitsClothing and physical and psychological descriptionInter7. Getting to know other colleagues and countriesClothing and physical and 	bllowing instructions escribing spaces, people, and physical

TABLE 4 – LEVEL: A2. DAILY LIFE IN A NEW TOWN

COURSE TOPICS	VOCABULARY (main contents)	COMPETENCES (main contents)
 Education and languages Searching the first job Relationships at work Travel planning Migration and mobility Geography of Lusophony Buying technology Advantages of ICT Problems created by technologies Family and demography City life Pollution and ecology Culture and art Literature in Lusophony History of Portuguese- speaking countries 	School, university and foreign languages World of work and job search Transport, travel, and tourism Migration and mobility Communication and information technologies Family and demography Town and housing Ecology, environment, and pollution Culture (cinema, music, literature) Geography and history	Asking and giving advice, instructions, information, directions, word meaning, confirmation, opinion, permission Expressing danger, surprise, hypothesis, probability, prohibition, obligation, recommendation, opinion, comments Inviting, accepting, and declining invitations Reporting past events and making plans for the future Interacting in stores, at workplaces, in videoconferences Communicating in situations such as a job interview, a discussion on the phone, a search for help Producing written and oral texts on topics such as family, people's description, cultural objects Understanding different genres (expository text, argumentative text, cover letter, curriculum vitae, opinion article, report, news, interview, film synopsis, short story, advertisement)

TABLE 5 – LEVEL: B1. CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES OF CONTEMPORARY LIFE

COURSE TOPICS	VOCABULARY (main contents)	COMPETENCES (main contents)
 Social movements Formal and informal education Environment Media and social networks Leisure in the digital world Automation and employment Traditional and electronic commerce National industry Imports and exports Tourism in Portugal Figures of Portuguese culture Gastronomy, religion, and traditions Lusophony Guinea-Bissau São Tomé and Príncipe 	Social movements and society Education (formal and informal) and educational system Ecology Hobbies ICT, social networks, and media New and old professions Economy, industries, commerce (traditional and electronic), imports and exports Tourism Biographies and history Gastronomy, traditions, and religion	Expressing satisfaction, compassion, anxiety/fear/concern, irritation, nervousness, hope and desire, intention, obligation, doubt, orders, opinion, agreement and disagreement, suggestion, probability, probability in the past, improbability, supposition, action in an eventual or imprecise future, hypotheses, comparisons, time, cause, consequence, goal, opposition Interrupting a conversation Arguing and offering counterarguments Asking for and giving instructions Asking permission Confirming understanding Congratulating and toasting Commenting on facts (economics), news, reports Understanding media reports, dramatic texts, expository texts, argumentative texts, biographies, excerpts from novels, requests, complaints, reports Writing formal emails, formal letters, complaints, informal opinion texts, summaries of narrative texts, reports

TABLE 6 - LEVEL: B2. RECOGNITION OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS

6. ASSESSMENT

Due to the particular nature of the virtual learning context, a continuous assessment system is adopted, which requires an active participation from learners in all activities and tasks designed for each of the levels.

Thus, for assessment purposes, the tutor will consider:

- the learners follow-up of the learning activities provided;
- · their interventions in the various working forums
- · their involvement in group projects and tasks;
- · the completion of individual tasks with an oral and/or written output;
- the production of other elements that the teachers consider necessary to evaluate the learners' performance at a given level. These assessment elements will be specified at the beginning of the level.

To pass the level attended, the student must obtain a minimum classification of 10 out of 20 possible points and submit at least the number of assessment tasks defined initially as the minimum number.

7. CERTIFICATION

Learners who successfully complete a learning module will receive a Certificate of Attendance and Success, indicating the number of credits obtained (3 ECTS) and the level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The certificate will also detail the syllabus and the communicative skills developed during the module attended.

If students wish to certify their proficiency in Portuguese Language they can apply for the CAPLE (Centro de Avaliação de Português Língua Estrangeira) exams, to obtain the CIPLE (Certificado Inicial de Português Língua Estrangeira).

For more information: http://caple.letras.ulisboa.pt.

8. PEDAGOGICAL AND TECHNICAL LEARNING RESOURCES

The learning, pedagogical and technical resources of this course are available on or easily accessible from the e-learning platform where the training takes place. The learner's work is based on ICTs and on the interaction with digital learning resources, specifically designed for online learning of Portuguese as a non-native language.

Regarding the latter, the relevance assumed by multimedia is particularly relevant, as it is a particularly potentiator of language learning. In fact, by representing with great efficiency and in a contextualized way communicative situations in presence, multimedia facilitates the understanding and internalization of verbal and non-verbal uses of language, as well as the integrated apprehension of linguistic, sociocultural and pragmatic-discursive aspects inherent to communicative action.

Thus, the Scenarios, the starting point of all the work, are initially presented in video or audio, and then unfolded through the association of text, image, audio or avatars and animations, in order to diversify the input of the target language. These resources enrich and facilitate the implementation of receptive activities.

Games and interactive exercises, of diverse types and with immediate and automatic feedback, will also allow for the systematic and playful training of comprehension, vocabulary, communication, grammar and pronunciation aspects. Innovative technologies for language learning have been used for their construction. For example, to practice the pronunciation of Portuguese, the learners can listen to a sentence pronounced by a

Portuguese speaker, record their own voice, and compare their production with that of the native speaker or even interact in a forum with their own voice, because the Moodle platform allows them to easily record directly online.

You can also, by the same process, record and broadcast podcasts in the virtual classroom.

Thus, in addition to reception activities, the environment also provides asynchronous oral production activities. Specific synchronous moments, of chat and videoconference, may also be scheduled, making use of the appropriate tools. Several of the proposed activities are designed as games and challenges for the learner (incorporating playful elements such as automatic feedback, progression bars, accumulation of points and virtual rewards).

The basic learning, pedagogical and technical resources will be available on the e-learning platform where the training takes place. However, other resources available in non-digital format may be recommended.

9. LEVELS

Levels A1.1, A1.2, A2, B1 and B2 will be available directly at the Universidade Aberta website. The C1 level results from a cooperation with Universidade de Coimbra, being the enrolment possible at <u>https://ed.uc.pt/ucd/cursos/cursos-com-candidaturas-abertas/plec1/</u>.

10. REGISTRATION

Applications must be made online at:

https://portal.uab.pt/alv/programasalv/extensao-universitaria-e-cultural/

At each moment, please check which are the course levels accepting registrations.

11. COSTS

The cost of each level is 200 euros (A1.1 and A1.2) or 270 euros (A2, B1, and B2) per student, paid at the time of enrolment.

12. COURSE COORDINATION

The course is coordinated by Professors Adelina Castelo and Ana Braz.

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