Course Information
Hours of contact: 60
C9: Tuesdays and Thursdays 16:00-17:30
Second semester 2017

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Course Description
The course aims to introduce students to basic knowledge of Brazilian Portuguese, in order to achieve satisfactory oral and written competence. In line with this objective, we will deal with diverse lexical and grammatical contents and carry out didactic activities so that students can perform properly in communicative situations at a beginning level.

Course Requirements
Students must attend 75% of class sessions in order to take the final exam. The attendance monitoring system is electronic. The professor will also manually monitor attendance, as this is a formal part of the final grade (see also Grading Policy). Lack of punctuality (being late by more than ten minutes or leaving the class early) will be considered half an absence. In the case of an absence, it is the student’s responsibility to contact their peers or their teacher to get the assignment and complete those tasks assigned for the next class.

Students are expected to participate actively in classes and to give an oral presentation accompanied by a written text (the subject and date for this will be agreed upon with the professor). During the semester, the students will have homework and other assignments for each class, which must be completed as scheduled. The professor will decide whether to accept assignments beyond the set timeline.

Grading Policy

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For a better understanding of the system of grade equivalency and transfer to the European or North American systems, consult the comparative table in the student orientation kit (p.9).

Academic Calendar

Week 1: Presentation of the course. Introduction to Phonology. Personal introductions. The alphabet. Verbs ser/estar/tener.


Week 7: Past perfect – Irregular verbs, conjunctions, time indicators. On the phone. Desserts and fruits. Public establishments. Comparatives-


Week 15: Comprehensive oral final Exam. "Students with a tourist visa will not be able to sit for the final exam; they must regularize their immigration status on the 17th floor before taking the exam."

Last day. Grades close & status sheet closed/signed (Compulsory attendance). Final grades and written exams distributed.

Required Textbooks and Materials
Bem-Vindo! A língua portuguesa no mundo da comunicação. Editora SBS Português Nível 1 – Exercícios Extras

Suggested Course Materials
Diccionario OCEANO (español – portugués) - Editorial LOSADA OCEANO. DICIONARIO FRANCES-PORTUGUES/PORTUGUES-FRANCES - RONAI, PAULO - NOVA FRONTEIRA