

**BRAZ 111 INTRODUCTION TO THE PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE**

**TRIMESTER 1 2010**  
1 March – 4 July 2010



Course Co-ordinator/Lecturer: Patricia Marotta

## Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 1 March 2010 to 4 June 2010  
Mid-trimester break: 5 April to 18 April 2010  
Study week: 7 June to 11 June 2010  
Examination/Assessment period: 11 June to 4 July 2010

## Withdrawal dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at  
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

## Names and contact details

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### Contact Person for:

### Students with Disabilities

### Maori and Pacific Students

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## Class times and locations

Lectures: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 11am – 12 noon in MY401

Audio-Visual: Tuesdays: 12 noon to 1pm in VZ 003  
Tutorials: Fridays: 12 noon to 1pm in MY 301

**Note: Tutorials and Audio-Visual classes are to be held every week starting in the second week of term.**

## Course delivery

The course will be delivered in three one-hour lectures, one audio visual class and one tutorial.

## Communication of additional information

Any additional information will be conveyed to students via Blackboard.

## Course content

BRAZ 111 is a first trimester 20-point beginner course for students in the Brazilian-Portuguese language. The course provides an introduction to pronunciation, basic grammar, reading, simple composition and conversation.

## Learning objectives

Upon completing the course successfully, students will be able to:

- (i) understand simple spoken Portuguese;
- (ii) relate Portuguese sounds to their written forms;
- (iii) pronounce a simple Portuguese text accurately;
- (iv) demonstrate a knowledge of basic Portuguese grammar;
- (v) write simple sentences about themselves, using present, future, and past tenses and employing a basic vocabulary;
- (vi) demonstrate knowledge of the Brazilian-Portuguese language appropriate to a variety of everyday situations.

## Expected workload

The Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Committee on Workloads and Assessment has laid down guidelines as to the number of hours per week which students are expected to devote to a course in order to maintain satisfactory progress. Students enrolling in a 100-level one trimester 20-point course *should work on average 13 hours per week*, including the 3 contact hours - i.e., in the case of BRAZ 111, *10 hours of private study outside class time*.

## Readings

Klobucka, Anna M. et al. : Ponto de Encontro: Portuguese as a World language; Pearson/Prentice Hall; 2007

Available from VicBooks, Student Union Building (\$129.99)

For the first two weeks of trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of VicBooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two all undergraduate textbooks will be sold from VicBooks and student notes from the Student Notes Distribution Centre on the ground floor of the Student Union Building.

Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at [www.vicbooks.co.nz](http://www.vicbooks.co.nz) or can email an order or enquiry to [enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz). Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from the shop. Customers will be contacted when they are available.

Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

## Assessment requirements

Assessment for BRAZ 111 is, as follows:

- (i) First Written Test: 20% - Due date: 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- (ii) Second Written Test: 20% - Due date: 27<sup>th</sup> May

- (iii) First Composition (length of approximately 100 words): 10% - Due date: 1<sup>st</sup> April;
- (iv) Second Composition (length of approximately 150 words): 10% - Due date: 18<sup>th</sup> May;
- (v) Individual Oral Test: 10% - Due date: From 1<sup>st</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> June. A list of time slots will be posted on the BRAZ 111 noticeboard for students to choose a time convenient for them;
- (vii) Final Exam: 30% - Due date: The final examination will be held during the examination period, 11 June to 4 July 2010.

### **Relation of Assessment to Objectives**

The written tests and the two compositions relate to objectives (iv), (v) and (vi) and the individual oral test and exercises relate to objectives (i), (ii) and (iii), as specified in Section "Learning Objectives".

### **Penalties**

The due date for the assignments given in the Course Programme must be adhered to. Although work may be accepted late in special circumstances, the Course Coordinator should always be contacted on or before the due date if there is a problem. The penalty for work presented late without prior approval is a 5% deduction per day. In addition, please note that up to a maximum of 5% may be deducted for poorly presented assignments (see section below).

### **Mandatory course requirements**

In order to pass BRAZ 111, students are required to do the following, unless specific exemptions have been agreed to:

- (i) attend a minimum of 80% of the audio-visual classes;
- (ii) attend a minimum of 80% of the tutorials;
- (iii) submit the 2 written assignments (compositions) by the date indicated;
- (iv) complete the two written tests on the schedule date;
- (v) complete the individual oral test at the appointed time;
- (vi) complete the final exam on the scheduled date.

In order to pass BRAZ 111 a student must meet the mandatory course requirements and achieve at least an average of a "C" over all the assessment.

### **Presentation of Assignments**

Tidy presentation of assignments is essential. The compositions may be typed. Allow space for corrections: leave a 4-centimetre margin and write double space. The compositions must include a cover sheet available from the SLC Reception. Assignments are to be handed in to Brazilian assignment box located at SLC Reception area on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of von Zedlitz.

### **Statement on legibility**

Students are expected to write clearly. Where work is deemed 'illegible', the options are:

- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) within a specified time frame after which penalties will apply;
- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) and lateness penalties apply;
- if the student does not transcribe it to an acceptable standard, the work will be accepted as 'received' (so any associated mandatory course requirements are met) but not marked.

### **Language Learning Centre (LLC)**

Students are encouraged to make use of the audio-visual material available at the LLC to practice their language skills.

### **Class Representative**

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

### **Academic Integrity and Plagiarism**

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

### **General University Policies and Statutes**

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the *Victoria University Calendar* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

The AVC(Academic) website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates. This website can be accessed at:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/Publications.aspx>

## Course Programme

### MARCH

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENTS
02 Tuesday	Alphabet Greetings	
04 Thursday	Good-byes Useful expression in classroom Verb <b>Ser</b> (to be)	
05 Friday	Identifying and locating people and objects Numbers from 0 to 99	<b>Due date week homework</b>
09 Tuesday	Expressing dates Telling time <i>OE in Brazil; brief presentation by Clare Penno Student Exchange Coordinator - (Europe and Latin America)- Victoria International</i>	
11 Thursday	Subject pronouns Present tense of regular <b>-ar</b> verbs	
12 Friday	Articles and nouns: gender and number Contractions	<b>Due date week homework</b>
16 Tuesday	Verb <b>Estar</b> Time expressions	
18 Thursday	Some <b>-er</b> and <b>-ir</b> verbs Adjectives	<b>First Composition Due to 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>
19 Friday	Special Verbs <b>Ser</b> and <b>Estar</b> with adjectives	<b>Due date week homework</b>
23 Tuesday	Possessives Some idiomatic expressions Pronunciation: <i>lh, ão, ões, nh, r (rr), ç, ss</i>	
25 Thursday	Verb <b>Ir</b> (to go) Special Expressions	
26 Friday	Expressing future action Verb <b>Ter</b> (to have)	<b>Due date week homework</b>
30 Tuesday	Numbers above 100 Por X Para	

### APRIL

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENTS
01 Thursday	Special verbs	<b>First Composition Due Date</b>

## MID-TRIMESTER BREAK

### APRIL

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENTS
20 Tuesday	Adverbs Revision for the First Test	
22 Thursday	<b>FIRST TEST</b>	
23 Friday	Verbs <b>Fazer, Dizer, Trazer, Sair</b> and <b>Pôr</b>	<b>Due date week homework</b>
27 Tuesday	<b>Faz / Há</b> with time expressions	
29 Thursday	Preterit tense	
30 Friday	Present progressive	<b>Due date week homework</b>

### MAY

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENTS
04 Tuesday	Expressions with <b>Ter</b> , <b>Ficar</b> and <b>Estar com</b>	<b>Second Composition Due to 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>
06 Thursday	Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns	
07 Friday	Verbs <b>Dar</b> and <b>Ler</b>	<b>Due date week homework</b>
11 Tuesday	Verbs <b>Ver</b> and <b>Vir</b>	
13 Thursday	<b>Saber X Conhecer</b>	
14 Friday	Some reflexive verbs	<b>Due date week homework</b>
18 Tuesday	Vocabulary: "Roupa"	<b>Second Composition Due Date</b>
20 Thursday	Preterit of tense of regular verbs	
21 Friday	Preterit of <b>Ir</b> and <b>Ser</b>	<b>Due date week homework</b>
25 Tuesday	Direct object nouns and pronouns Revision for the Second Test	
27 Thursday	<b>SECOND TEST</b>	
28 Friday	Interrogative expressions	<b>Due date week homework</b>

**JUNE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>
01 Tuesday	Some more uses for <b>por, porque</b> and <b>para</b> .	<b>Individual oral test: time and place to be advised</b>
03 Thursday	Indirect object nouns and pronouns	<b>Individual oral test: time and place to be advised</b>
04 Friday	Some irregular preterits	<b>Individual oral test: time and place to be advised</b>

**FINAL EXAMINATION DATE:** The final examination will be held during the examination period, 11 June to 4 July 1010.

**Note:** Tutorials are for practising students' acquired written and oral knowledge through several different activities.