

Instructional Prospectus for PRTG-0018 Perspectives in Afro-Luso-Brazilian Culture

INSTRUCTOR: Carlos Bento dos Santos Pio

Spring 2025 TR 1:45pm-3:14pm

This interdisciplinary survey course offered in two sections (Portuguese and English). This section PRTG-0018 will be offered in English and will provide additional exposure to the language and culture of the Portuguese speaking countries (including Brazil, Portugal and its ex-colonies in Africa), and students will broaden their knowledge by complementing the classroom discussions with the experience of visiting historic and cultural sites in Minas Gerais, Brazil during Spring break.

The history of Portuguese colonization and its influence, and current discussions about contemporary challenges will be incorporated in this course as a way to familiarize students with key issues, such as the influence of African and Indigenous culture in Brazil's language, art, culture, and racial relations in Portugal and the Portuguese ex-colonies in Africa. At the end of this course, students will recognize and discuss important themes, historical figures and cultural characteristics of the Portuguese speaking countries.

This course is a Penn Global Seminar, which includes a travel component. An application is required. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://global.upenn.edu/pennabroad/pgs>