

PRTG 104 PORTUGUESE FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS I PROSPECTUS

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

Portuguese 104 is designed for students who have studied Spanish. The course begins with exposure to basic vocabulary and structures, advancing at an accelerated pace. Classroom activities will emphasize pronunciation, spoken production as well as language structures and vocabulary. Students will participate in pairs, small-groups and whole-class activities that focus on the meaningful and accurate exchange of information. The class will be conducted in Portuguese. At the end of the course, students should be able to produce language to talk about themselves, their interests and professional preferences. In addition, students should be able to perform some linguistic tasks, such as talking about everyday needs, using a limited vocabulary to describe family relations, meals, professions, likes and dislikes and other day-to-day activities. Students will be exposed to exercises to develop their writing skills and should also be able to produce short texts in Portuguese.

2. ASSESSMENT AND GRADING POLICY:

40% - 4 quizzes; date to be published on the course syllabus.
20% - 1 interview and 1 presentation
15% - 2 essays consisting of a draft and a revision based on two movies.
10% - 1 journal entry
15% - Homework, attendance and active participation

3. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Ponto de Encontro, 2nd Edition, Pearson (Textbook and Activities Manual)