



BA in Portuguese

Study Portuguese at Cardiff University and learn one of the world's most popular languages, with over 200 million native speakers.

- Portuguese is a language with global importance, from Portugal and Brazil to several countries and regions in Africa and Asia.
- The British Council has identified Portuguese as one of the most vital languages for the future of the UK in the next 20 years.
- Portuguese is one of the most widely spoken community languages in the UK, and skills in this language are advantageous for a wide range of professions.
- A degree in Portuguese will equip you for a career in the global economy.

Portuguese is the latest addition to the range of degree programmes offered at Cardiff University's School of Modern Languages. BA Portuguese is available as a Joint Honours degree programme (together with another language from within the School or with Translation) and is supported by the Camões-Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua.

Whether you start as an absolute beginner, or already have advanced knowledge of Portuguese, by the end of your degree in Portuguese you will be fluent in one of the world's most widely spoken languages.

The degree in Portuguese at Cardiff University will deliver specialist training to develop your skills in linguistic and intercultural communication. You will study a broad range of topics relating to the history, societies and cultures of the Lusophone (Portuguese-speaking) world.

Year 1: Foundation

Core modules

- Portuguese language (from absolute beginner or advanced level*)
- Introduction to Lusophone Studies

Year 2: Consolidation

Core modules

- Portuguese language

Optional modules

Choose from a range of topics such as:**

- Symbols of the Portuguese-Speaking World
- Short Literature in Portuguese
- Innovations in European Literature
- At the Roots of European Cultures
- Principles of Translation Theory

Year 3: The Year Abroad

The Year Abroad is an opportunity to enhance and deepen your linguistic fluency and cultural understanding, and gain valuable experience studying or working in another country.

If you study two languages, you will divide the year between two countries, one where each of the languages is spoken.

If you study Portuguese and Translation, you will spend the whole year in a Portuguese-speaking country.

Year 4: Specialisation

Core modules

- Advanced Portuguese Language and Translation

Optional modules

Choose from a range of topics, such as:**

- Modern Literature and Film in Portuguese
- May 68
- Student Language Ambassador Scheme
- European Cinema
- Translation as a Profession
- Dissertation

* From 2016 Entry only. ** Modules may be subject to change.

The four-year programme includes a year abroad with study or work placements in each of the languages you have chosen to study, to enable you to develop your understanding of the language and culture. Cardiff University offers Portuguese study placements in Portugal and Brazil.

You can study a Joint Honours degree in Portuguese from beginners or advanced level with the following subjects:

- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Spanish
- Translation

Students from across the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences may take Portuguese as a third subject in their first year (subject to timetable availability).

Who should study this course?

The BA Joint Honours in Portuguese provides the perfect opportunity to study Portuguese to an advanced level, along with another modern language or translation.

Whether you want to begin Portuguese as another language to complement one that you already study, or whether you want to develop your existing skills in Portuguese further, this degree programme will provide opportunities to gain experience that will equip you for work in the global market.

- The degree in Portuguese at Cardiff University provides an opportunity to gain professional experience in teaching and translation.
- Graduates in Portuguese are in demand by employers in global industry and finance.
- A degree in Portuguese could take you anywhere in the world!

The programme starts in September each year. Applications are accepted through UCAS for 2016, and through clearing from 2015.

Find out more

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