

GENERAL PORTUGUESE COURSES

Group Courses (max. 8 students)

4 lessons/day

Group Courses are organised in modules of 4 weeks. Every month groups start at all levels (from Beginner to Advanced). Courses are progressive from the starting dates, but apart from absolute beginners who must begin on the starting dates, students can join a group at any time if vacancies exist at the suitable level. Groups have a maximum of 8 participants so that monitoring and assessment are continuous and personalised.

Group + Workshop Courses (max. 8 students)

5 lessons/day

In this program, students join the General Portuguese Groups in the morning in the designated starting dates.

In the afternoon there will be 1 lesson per day, with different topics. These topics will range from Conversation, Vocabulary drills, Grammar practice, Presentations, Role Playing to other activities chosen by the the students.

Individual and Private Group Courses

5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 lessons/week. 1 student or 2+ students who book the course together.

These courses are organised according to the students' specific requests and time availability and may include different professional and cultural themes if requested. The topics of the Portuguese for Special Purposes courses can also be included.

Students are welcome to bring any kind of documentation they may need to work on.

Combined Courses

Group, 4 lessons/day (morning) + Individual 1, 2, or 3 lessons/day (afternoon).

Ideal solution for those who want to work further improving oral skills, review the work done in the morning lessons or work in a specific professional field.

It is also possible to combine Group Course + Private Group.

Easter & Christmas Courses

(max. 12 students)

Group Course 4 lessons/day for 2 weeks.

Courses that coincide with school breaks, focused on oral communication skills, with intensive practice.

PORTUGUESE 'PLUS' PROGRAMS (LISBON ONLY)

Portuguese + Surf

Combination of language course (min. 2 weeks) in the morning and Surf lessons in the afternoon in beaches around Lisbon.

Transportation, insurance and equipment are included.

Portuguese + Volunteering

Combination of language course in the morning and Volunteer work in the afternoon in the Lisbon area.

Placements available for different types of work and length of stay.

Portuguese + Professional Internships

Language course followed by an unpaid professional internship (full-time from 8 to 12 weeks) in a company in or around Lisbon.

Availability in several professional areas.

PORTUGUESE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Individual Lessons or Private Groups

These courses aim at providing students with a further spoken and written language practice while exploring a specific field.

Themes:

- ✓ Banking
- ✓ Business Portuguese
- ✓ Computer Science
- ✓ Hotel Industry
- ✓ Insurance
- ✓ Interpreting
- ✓ Law
- ✓ Medicine
- ✓ Translation

BRAZILIAN AND AFRICAN PORTUGUESE

Individual Lessons or Private Groups

Available for starting at any date for chosen length of course.

Specific materials and experienced teachers of Brazilian and African origin or background.

Students will not only learn the characteristics of the chosen variant, but will also get information on the specific social and economical traits of that country.

TEACHERS' TRAINING COURSE

ENSINO DE PORTUGUÊS LÍNGUA ESTRANGEIRA

Course designed for native and non-native teachers of Portuguese as a Foreign Language in public or private institutions in or outside Portugal.

Organised four times a year, 6 lessons/day for 2 weeks.

CIAL may organise a course on any date for a minimum of 4 students booking together.

CERTIFICATES AND OFFICIAL EXAMS

CIAL Certificates

CIAL's Attendance and Completion Certificates are widely known and recognised.

Attendance Certificate: All levels and courses.

Completion Certificate: All levels after test, grading 75% or plus.

Official Exams

Students can be prepared for CAPLE Certificates and Diplomas (Lisbon University). Exams in May, July and November.

CIAL can enrol students for these exams at an extra fee.

Exams for CILP Certificate (Universidade Caxias do Sul, Brazil).

Exams are taken at the school with Brazilian teachers, at any time.

METHODOLOGY & COURSE LEVELS

CIAL's teaching approach can be described as eclectic, as it combines various approaches and methodologies in structured lessons with clear aims.

All skills - listening, speaking, reading and writing - develop naturally with gradual learning of grammar, lexical and phonetic concepts through practice.

The teacher is a facilitator in the teaching-learning process.

Course levels are linked to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), and learning objectives for each course are expressed in 'can-do' statements.

The six levels are:

**A1 - Beginner, A2 - Elementary, B1 - Threshold, B2 - Vantage
C1 - Autonomy, C2-Mastery**

Classes are progressive.

There are starting dates for beginners every 2 weeks.

Students who are not beginners can join a class at any time if vacancies exist at the suitable level. On the first day of classes, students will do an interview and a test in order to assess the knowledge of the language.

STUDY PLAN TO ACHIEVE THE DIFFERENT LEVELS

					C2
				C1	80h
		B2	80h	160h	240h
	B1	80h	160h	240h	320h
A2	80h	160h	240h	320h	400h
A1	80h	160h	240h	320h	400h
80h	160h	240h	320h	400h	480h
160h BASIC USER		320h INDEPENDENT USER		480h PROFICIENT USER	

ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

CIAL offers three main possibilities of accommodation:

Private Home Accommodation

Private Home Accommodation helps students gain familiarity with the language by speaking to their host. CIAL's carefully selected homes offer accommodation and breakfast as well as a family environment.

The school will be walking distance or 15 to 30 minute ride by public transport.

Shared Apartment Accommodation

In Lisbon and Faro students can choose to stay in single or shared rooms and will benefit from a more independent accommodation. Apartments are fully equipped, with cable TV and wifi. Bathroom, kitchen and living room are shared with other CIAL students. In both cities the schools are within walking distance.

Student Residence (Lisbon only)

Home2Students, available in July and August. A self-catering residence offering single rooms with shared bathroom.

Premium Student Residence (Lisbon only)

Livensa Living, available from February to August. Studios equipped with private bathroom ensuite, a fully fitted kitchen, air conditioning, TV and 100Mb Wi-Fi.

Both residences are only a short 10 minute walk from the school.

When students prefer a different option, CIAL is happy to help find suitable hotel, hostel or self-catered apartment accommodation.

TRANSFER SERVICE

A transfer service is available for students who wish to be met at the Airport (or train/bus station) and taken to the accommodation of their choice.

STUDENT SERVICES

CIAL has a Student Service that will advise and help students not only in case of problems or doubts related with the Course, the Accommodation or the Cultural Program, but also with any other aspect of their stay in Portugal.

Students should get in touch with the person in charge of this service directly, or through the receptionists or teachers.

CULTURAL PROGRAM

One of the main features of CIAL is the monthly program of activities available for students in both schools which includes movie screenings and lectures in the school, guided visits to museums and monuments, evening outings to live music concerts, bars, and Saturday half-day visits to points of interest, giving students an insight of Portuguese culture.

These activities are **included in the course fee**, and are subject to a minimum number of inscriptions.

Also available are Friday evening typical dinners, and outdoor sports activities. There will be an extra cost, to be paid locally, also subject to a minimum number of inscriptions. Students are accompanied by experienced monitors who turn all these activities into pleasant and exciting experiences.