PORTUGUESE STUDIES as part of a Modern Languages programme

Portuguese is available at both beginners level and post A-level. You can study it at 40 credits, alongside:

- Catalan
- German
- Japanese
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- English Language
- Business Management
- Film Studies

Please note that, for timetabling reasons, it is not currently possible to combine Portuguese with Italian or Mandarin Chinese.

If you are doing Portuguese from scratch, you will have 40 credits of Beginners Language. If you are studying post A-level Portuguese, you will also have another module.

Year one modules:

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<th>Beginners Portuguese Language (40)</th>
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<td>This module offers an in-depth study of the syntax of Portuguese, with emphasis on certain areas, such as the placement of object pronouns, use of the preposition, formation and use of verbs. The classes involve a combination of the grammar/translation method and communicative method, and are delivered mainly in Portuguese. Students are taught in carefully planned steps: they practice using Portuguese structures and vocabulary in a variety of exercises and tasks, then proceed to the next stage.</td>
<td>Coursework (20%), oral (20%), exam (60%)</td>
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<td>Writing types: Translation, essays, diary entries, formal and informal letters</td>
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<th>Post A-level Portuguese Language (20)</th>
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<td>This module consists of an in-depth examination of the syntax of Portuguese, with particular emphasis on certain topics (eg subjunctive, passive voice). Familiarity with the written language is fostered by means of translation to and from the target language, and oral performance is consolidated by the contact with a native speaker.</td>
<td>Written exam (60%), oral (20%), coursework (20%)</td>
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<th>20th-century Portuguese History, Literature and Society</th>
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This module introduces students to a chronologically structured history of Portugal and its overseas possessions from c.1900 to 1974 at a level suited to the non-professional historian. The first three lectures provide an outline background from the emergence of Portugal to c.1900. You will learn to demonstrate general knowledge of Portuguese domestic and overseas developments in the period c.1900-1974; write an essay of an acceptable standard on a Portuguese historical topic; read literature in the Portuguese language.

2 x 2,500-word essays, one in each semester 1-hr seminar per week

Portuguese year two (40 credits max)

CORE Beginners: Intermediate Portuguese Language ex-prelim (3447 1/4) - 20 credits
This module aims to build on reading, writing, speaking and aural comprehension skills acquired in the first year beginners Portuguese course and it will prepare the student for the self-motivated learning and development required in the third year, abroad.
The four weekly hours are distributed between communicative language and grammar (2 hours per week); Translation classes (1 hour per week). The fourth hour will focus on language structure reinforcement and on text comprehension and production to develop reading and writing skills and to promote the development of independent responses to Portuguese-Speaking World literature, history and cultures.

CORE Post A-level: Intermediate Portuguese Language post A-level (6884 1/2) - 20 credits
The module aims to enable students to enhance their skills on reading, writing, speaking and aural comprehension acquired in the first year Portuguese course and to develop their ability to communicate and engage in creative self-expression, using the spoken and written language with confidence.
The three weekly hours will be based on Communicative Language, grammar and vocabulary exercises and translation exercises. There will be a wide range of exercises in spoken and written registers of European and Brazilian Portuguese, to develop their ability to communicate in Portuguese within a cultural context.

CORE: Portuguese Literature and Brazilian Literature 2A/B (0913366/7) - 20 credits
In these linked modules students will read selected works from the canon of modern Portuguese and Brazilian literature. Attention will be given to questions of literary historiography and context. Wherever possible readings of texts will be accompanied by viewings of the filmic version.

Portuguese year three

University placements in Portugal: Coimbra - Universidade de Coimbra; Lisboa - Universidade de Lisboa

University placements in Portuguese-Speaking Latin America: Brazil: Florianopolis - Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina