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ANU is ranked #1 in Australia and in the top 20 globally for 9 disciplines across humanities, arts and social sciences.

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

Portuguese is the seventh most widely spoken language in the world, with over 230 million native speakers and around 25 million additional-language speakers. Originating in what is now Portugal more than one thousand years ago, Portuguese today is a global language, the fastest-growing European language after English, and spanning nine countries and four continents: it is the most spoken language in the Southern Hemisphere, from Brazil (the largest economy in Latin America) to Mozambique, Cape Verde to Guinea-Bissau, including Angola, Equatorial Guinea, São Tomé and Príncipe. Portuguese is also one of the official languages of UNESCO, the Mercosur, the European Union and the African Union, and it is spoken in key neighbouring countries, territories and states, such as East Timor and Macau and the Lusophone influence is predominant in Indian states such as Goa.

Studying Portuguese will equip you with the necessary skills to communicate and function effectively in Portuguese-speaking environments. By providing you with knowledge and understanding of culture and traditions in

Portuguese-speaking countries around the world, it will greatly enhance your global cultural insight.

Portuguese is a language of commerce, science, technology, and international partnership, and it is rich in linguistic, literary, and artistic heritage.

Unique opportunity at ANU

ANU is the only university in Australia to offer Portuguese – this is just one of the languages that make ANU the leading tertiary provider of languages in Australia.

Portuguese is offered at 1st year level and it can be an excellent complement to other Romance languages such as Spanish (a neighbour language in both Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula) and Italian (with strong ties given by the Italian diaspora in Brazil).

Portuguese at ANU is offered in a unique online-live format (via Zoom), meaning that you can join the class from anywhere, while interacting with your teacher and classmates. We also work with students from Brazil, in an online exchange, providing the opportunity to expand your cultural understanding alongside your linguistic skills.

Career Options

Studying Portuguese suits those interested in working for organisations, businesses or government agencies dealing with, or based in, Portuguese-speaking countries.

Graduates of Portuguese may find work in international organisations, diplomacy, trading companies, translation, language teaching, tourism, aid and development projects, and many other fields.

Study Program

ANU offers an outstanding variety of programs that cater to students interested in studying a language.

Portuguese may be studied as an elective, or within numerous degrees and areas of study including International Relations, Bachelor of Arts, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, the Bachelor of Languages and the Diploma of Languages.

Portuguese language courses can be taken without prior knowledge, however if you have previous knowledge of the language, you can take a placement test so you start Portuguese.

In recognition of both the linguistic similarities and cultural ties, students who are enrolled in a Spanish or Italian major can take any Portuguese course as an elective towards that major.

Prizes and scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available to current ANU students to help with the cost of your studies. Donors and benefactors, external organisations and the Australian Government fund many of the scholarships we offer. Visit the ANU scholarships and page to find out more: anu.edu.au/students/scholarships



Oliver

**Bachelor of International Relations and
Bachelor of Languages**

Studying Portuguese at ANU is important to me as it enables me to study a language that is spoken by so many of my friends who have come to ANU to study. Learning Portuguese has fostered my understanding of Brazilian life and culture alongside my study of Latin American politics within my Degree of International Relations and Languages. I love learning Portuguese because I am able to communicate and network with so many people around the world.





Flexible Double Degrees

As part of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Languages, a Portuguese major can be combined with other Art and Social Science degrees as well as with degrees in Law, Business, Science or Engineering and Computer Science as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program.

For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double

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