

Syllabus

for course at first level

Portuguese II
Portugisiska II

**30.0 Higher Education
Credits**
30.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	PO2200
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Department	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
Main field:	Romanska språk
Specialisation:	G1F - First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was adopted by the Board of the Department of Romance Studies and Classics on 2015-09-08 and revised on 2016-09-06 and 2017-05-30.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Basic Course in Portuguese, 20 points, Portuguese I, 30 credits.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
2DEL	Contemporary Portuguese Literature and Culture	7.5
DEL4	Culture and Society in the Portuguese -speaking Countries	7.5
SPR1	Language structure and introduction to linguistics	7.5
FÄRD	Oral and written language proficiency	7.5

Course content

The course discusses the Portuguese language and literature, as well as the history, culture and society of Portuguese-speaking countries. The course consists of the following course units:

Language Structure and Introduction to Linguistics, 7.5 credits

This course unit discusses linguistic aspects of modern Portuguese and includes a review of basic linguistic terminology and key aspects of Portuguese grammar and phonetics. Students will learn how to analyse authentic texts and identify similarities and differences between Brazilian and European Portuguese.

Contemporary Portuguese Literature and Culture, 7.5 credits

This course unit mainly studies fictional texts, complemented by other forms of cultural expression (e.g. music and film) from Portuguese-speaking countries. The material is analysed from both a linguistic and a literary perspective, as well as placed in a social, political, and cultural context. The course is based on literary as well as cultural studies and aims to highlight the relationship between literature and society in the Portuguese-speaking countries.

Oral and Written Proficiency, 7.5 credits

This course unit aims to increase students' ability to communicate in spoken and written Portuguese. Students will learn to write structured texts that are adapted to the type and genre of text, using adequate vocabulary

and the proper application of language rules. In addition, students will be given the opportunity to work on their texts after receiving feedback from other students and teachers. In oral communication, students will learn to express themselves clearly and in detail, with appropriate word choices, clear pronunciation, and the application of current language rules in Portugal and/or Brazil.

Area Studies, 7.5 credits

This course unit provides a general overview of the history, geography, society, and culture of the Portuguese-speaking countries. The texts are studied in terms of both content and language. Written and oral presentations will be made in connection with the study of texts

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course unit Language Structure and Introduction to Linguistics, 7.5 credits, students must be able to:

- describe the key aspects of Portuguese grammar;
- identify and describe different linguistic structures;
- explain basic linguistic terminology;
- explain basic phonetic concepts and terms applicable to Portuguese;
- describe the pronunciation rules of the Portuguese language.

In order to pass the course unit Contemporary Portuguese Literature and Culture, 7.5 credits, students must be able to:

- identify and analyse aspects of cultural, social, and political conditions in contemporary Portuguese literature and culture;
- identify and analyse aspects relating to issues of gender, class, and ethnicity in contemporary Portuguese literature and culture;
- present and discuss the studied material in Portuguese, both orally and in writing.

In order to pass the course unit Oral and Written Proficiency, 7.5 credits, students must be able to:

- apply the current language rules of Portugal and/or Brazil in speech and writing;
- express themselves in speech and writing using level-appropriate vocabulary;
- adapt their spoken and written language to the communication situation/text genre.

In order to pass the course unit Area Studies, 7.5 credits, students must be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge of key aspects of the history, society and culture of the Portuguese-speaking countries;
- describe and discuss, in Portuguese, key aspects of area studies as they relate to the Portuguese-speaking world;
- use relevant sources of information in Portuguese and other languages.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures, seminars, and exercises.

The language of instruction is Portuguese, Swedish, or English. The structure of all course units is based on the assumption that students attend all teaching sessions. No additional support is provided in the case of absence.

For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be available at least one month before the course starts.

Forms of examination

a) Examination

The course unit Language Structure and Introduction to Linguistics, 7.5 credits, is examined on the basis of a written examination.

The course unit Contemporary Portuguese Literature and Culture, 7.5 credits, is examined on the basis of

The course unit Oral and Written Proficiency, 7.5 credits, is examined on the basis of individual oral and written assignments.

The course unit Area Studies, 7.5 credits, is examined on the basis of individual oral and written assignments.

For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be available at least one month before the course starts.

b) Grading scale

Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent
B = Very good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Adequate
Fx = Inadequate
F = Totally Inadequate

c) Assessment criteria

Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts. Any announced grading criteria related to the learning objectives are binding.

d) Final grade

In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examination tasks.

The letter grades A-E are converted into numbers 5-1 and aggregated to an average grade, which is calculated by weighting the number of higher education credits of each course unit. The final course grade thus constitutes a weighted average of the course units. Standard rules for rounding numbers apply.

The principles for weighting individual course assignments are described in the grading criteria.

e) Failing the course

At least two examination opportunities are offered during each course and semester. At least one opportunity to retake an examination is given during an academic year when the course is not provided.

Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be addressed to the department board.

Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

f) Supplementary assignments

The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on oral presentations or written assignments may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. The assignment must be submitted within a week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Approved corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, inaccuracies or too limited arguments – will receive the grade E.

In courses where the form of examination is a written examination, no opportunities will be provided to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

Interim

If this course is discontinued, or its contents substantially altered, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester for three further semesters.

Limitations

The course can not be credited to the degree with an other approved Swedish or non-Swedish course with a content, in whole or in part, in accordance with the content of this course.

Required reading

For up-to-date information about the required reading, please refer to the department website at www.su.se/romklass.

The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.