Brazil Highlights

- The 7th largest economy in the world, covers one half of the landmass of South America, and is the 2nd largest industrial power in the Americas.
- One of the world’s agricultural powerhouses: it is the #3 producer of corn, the #2 producer of soy, and #1 producer of sugar cane, coffee, and oranges.
- Home to the largest African diasporic populations in the world, over 50% of Brazil’s population self-identifies as Afro-Brazilians.
- Home to over 200 American Indian Languages, and large German, and Italian-speaking populations.

Portuguese Highlights

- The 6th most widely spoken language in the world with approximately 250 million speakers. It is also the 3rd most widely spoken European language in the world (after English and Spanish).
- The official language of nine countries: Brazil, Portugal, Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, East Timor, Cape Verde, and São Tomé and Príncipe. It is also the lingua franca of the Macau region in China, making it an official language on every continent except North America. There are many people who speak Portuguese in Goa, India.
- Portuguese is one of the official languages of the European Union, MERCOSUR, and the Organization of American States.

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2nd High School
Summer Bridge - Portuguese
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Portuguese ‘17
June 5 - June 16

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DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

- Two-week introductory course directed to High School students.
- 3.5-hours of daily instruction (9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
- Introduction to the Portuguese language for two weeks
- Immersion in Brazilian culture
- Language materials created by our instructors.
- Activities supported with authentic aural/visual materials (music, films, YouTube videos).
- Daily cultural activities designed to introduce students to highlights of Brazilian art, music, history, and food.
- No prior knowledge of Portuguese assumed.
- Enrollment limited to 12 students in one class.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Movie and Discussion
- Music/Dance Activity
- Invited speaker on Brazilian cultural topic
- Brazil Geography and Populations
- Travel highlights

COURSE OUTCOMES

- Understand, produce, and maintain simple conversations on everyday topics.
- Acquire basic understanding of
  - Brazilian culture,
  - Brazilian populations, and
  - Brazilian geography.
- Produce materials to be made available in the CLACS-Portuguese website.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Information:
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- Registration Form: Download from Outreach webpage.
- Teacher Recommendation Form
- Parents’ consent form
- Course Cost: Free (includes materials)
- Registration opens: Monday, February 1, 2017
- Deadline: Friday, April 21, 2017

MEET OUR PORTUGUESE INSTRUCTOR

Our instructor is originally from Fortaleza, Brazil, and has been teaching Portuguese as a foreign language at the University of Illinois since 2011. Raquel has experience teaching all levels of Portuguese, and has consistently appeared in the university’s List of Excellent Teachers. In her classes she incorporates diverse types of authentic materials that are strongly connected to Brazilian society, and highlight the diversity of Brazilian cultures and populations, as well as music and food. Raquel also leads our Bate Papo, a weekly informal conversation gathering, where speakers of all proficiencies meet to interact only in Portuguese. This is Raquel’s second year teaching our Bridge program.

Raquel Goebel