

Learn Portuguese in Portugal

Lisbon • Faro

CIAL Centro de Línguas Your Portuguese Language School

CIAL has been offering high quality Portuguese language teaching for over 30 years, combining flexibility, competence and friendliness. During this time thousands of students have expressed their satisfaction with our work.

We believe our responsibilities are not confined to the 4 walls of the classroom: the aim is to provide students with a full cultural experience.

CIAL's method places specific emphasis on language for communication.

The method can be described as structural/functional, the grammar and structures being taught and learned naturally, through practical usage.

Students are encouraged to use CIAL's audio, video and library facilities in order to practice language skills.

CIAL employs only qualified teachers, friendly yet highly professional. Refresher courses are held regularly to bring staff up-to-date in techniques and materials.



COURSES

General Portuguese Courses

Group Courses (max. 8 students)

3h/day Year-Round

6h/day June through September

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.

Individual and Private Group Courses

5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 hours/week.

These courses are programmed according to the students' specific requests including different professional and cultural themes if requested.

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

Combined Courses

Group, 3h/day (morning) + Individual 1, 2, or 3h/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.

Easter and Summer Courses (max. 12 students)

Group Course 3h/day for 2 weeks.

Beginner and Intermediate Levels.

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

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.

Teachers' Training Course Ensino de Português Língua Estrangeira (EPLE)

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, 6h/day for 2 weeks.

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

Mini-Course Seminars

Seminars aimed at students wishing to obtain a deeper knowledge of certain aspects of the culture of Portugal or of the Portuguese-speaking world.

Different themes each month.

Portuguese History, Portugal Today, Portuguese Literature, Portuguese Art: Fado and Bullfight, Portuguese Art: Tiles, Brazil: Language and Culture, Portuguese Speaking African Countries.

Gastronomy

Get to know Portuguese cuisine. Typical dishes, wines, sweets and cheeses.

Learn how to cook them, and eat with your colleagues.



CIAL		COUNCIL OF EUROPE	ALTE LEVELS
LEVELS		Common Framework of Reference for Languages	Association of Language Testers in Europe
ELEMENTARY	I Beginner	A1	ALTE Breakthrough
	II Elementary	A2	ALTE 1
INTERMEDIATE	III Pre-Intermediate	B1	ALTE 2
	IV Intermediate	B2	ALTE 3
ADVANCED	V Pre-Advanced	C1	ALTE 4
	VI Advanced	C2	ALTE 5

The entire General Portuguese Course consists of 6 levels of 60h each.

Diplomas, Certificates and Exams

CIAL Certificates

CIAL has developed its own examination scheme and CIAL's Diplomas and Certificates are widely known and recognised.

Attendance Certificate	At all levels and courses
Completion Certificate	At all levels after written Test grading 75% or plus
Intermediate Diploma	At level IV after Exam (Oral and written) grading 85% or plus
Advanced Diploma	At level VI after Exam (Oral and written) grading 85% or plus



Official Certificates for Portuguese as a Foreign Language (PLE)

Students can be prepared for the:
 Exams for **CAPLE** Certificates and Diplomas (Lisbon University)
 Exams in May, July and November
 CIAL can enroll 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

National and International Accreditation

CIAL language courses are recognized as efficient by the Portuguese Ministry of Education.
 CIAL is a teaching centre accredited by the INOFOR/IQF (professional training).
 CIAL courses are accredited by German authorities for Bildungsurlaub programmes.
 CIAL Portuguese Language and Culture Programmes are accredited by some USA Universities.

Member of:

 Associação de Escolas de Português Língua Estrangeira
 International Association of Language Centres
AATSP American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese
CCIS College Consortium for International Studies

Extra Curricular Programme

A monthly programme of activities is available to the students including visits to museums, monuments, evening outings to live music concerts, bars, and Saturday half-day visits to points of interest.

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

Also available are full-day Sunday excursions and typical dinners, at an extra cost, to be paid locally, also subject to a minimum number of inscriptions.

Students are accompanied by monitors who turn all these activities into pleasant experiences of Portuguese culture.

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 Social and Extra-Curricular Programme, but also with any other aspect of their stay in Portugal.

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 chosen.

Accommodation Service

Private home accommodation is an important part of most students' stay. CIAL's carefully selected homes will offer you much more than just accommodation and breakfast. Living in a Portuguese home will help students gain familiarity with the language. Your host may be a family or an individual.

Students are placed in individual bedrooms and will be the only native speaker of their language in the house.

The school is reached either by foot or by public transport, never more than a 20 min. ride.

When students prefer not to stay in a home, CIAL is happy to help find suitable hotel accommodation.



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