

Portuguese

The list of topics is indicative only (as typically encountered at those levels) to help prospective students select the most appropriate course. When topics and grammar points appear under several levels, they will be either a revision and/or more in-depth study of the topic/grammar area. Most grammar structures and vocabulary items are of course encountered again and often reinforced in subsequent levels.

Accelerator	Progression	Development	Typical topics	Grammar
Stage 1 (continued next page)	Beginners	Step 1	The alphabet Numbers Greeting & Introductions Nationalities Occupations Places & locations Describing places & objects The city, shops, shopping The house Everyday activities The time, days of the week Food, beverages & meals Expressing preferences Leisure activities,	Personal pronouns – subject Present tense of : ser & estar, chmar-se, ter, -ar verbs, haver, regular verbs saber, ver, ler, vir Reflexive verbs Estar a + infinitive Demonstrative pronouns Gender Adjectives Definite & indefinite articles Prepositions: de/em, Prepositions of time Compound prepositions Interrogative, affirmative & negative sentences ‘Queria...’ Sempre, nunca, às vezes
		Step 2 (continued next page)	Ordinal numbers Going to a café daily routine Invitations, accepting/declining Apologies Writing letters, talking on the phone Transport Countries & cities Agreeing/disagreeing Hobbies	Present of irregular verbs: ir, poder, querer, fazer, dizer, trazer, sair, cair, pedir, ouvir, dormir, pôr, dar, doer Precisar de/dever Indirect object pronouns Ir + infinitive (future tense) Ter de + infinitive The imperative Ha, desde Prepositions : a, para, de, em

Stage 1 (continued)		Step 2 (continued)	Holidays Making suggestions, giving advice Clothes, colours The weather, seasons, months Health, illness, the body Shopping, prices, the bank Family, appearance & personality Experiences & future plans	Com + pronoun Comparatives & superlatives Possessives Demonstratives Para/por
	Elementary	Step 1	Introductions Family relationships Likes & dislikes Education Accommodation Weather & seasons Food & drink Clothes Giving advice, giving opinions Directions & instructions Publicity Traditions & festivals Past experiences & future plans Leisure activities & holiday plans, travelling	Gender Present tense Possessives Adverbs Prepositions + pronouns Object pronouns + prepositions Variable & invariable pronouns The imperative (irregular verbs) Haver de + infinitive Quantifiers The past perfect Time expressions
		Step 2	Biographical stories Professional features & b gals, interviews Writing emails CVs Surveys Habitual past actions	Andar a + infinitive Costumar + infinitive Gostar de + infinitive The imperfect Preterit vs imperfect The future Relative pronouns Adverbs ending in –mente direct complements pronouns (exceptions) Personal pronouns (circumstantial complements)

Stage 2 (continued next page)	Lower Intermediate	Step 1	Information & instructions in different services Giving advice Expressing opinion Advertising Television programmes, newspapers, films Music, culture	Present & past tenses The personal & impersonal infinitives The past participle
		Step 2	Expressing opinion, arguing Superstitions The restaurant, recipes Advising The weather, natural disasters Health, habits Sports	Future tense The conditional Compound tense – present perfect
	Intermediate (continued next page)	Step 1	Health & illness, health services Alternative medicines Personal experiences Daily news, newspapers Oral messages on the phone Buying, returning, exchanging goods Street markets Habits & consumer rights Surveys Traditions	Past perfect, imperfect, pluperfect, future, conditional Passive voice Past participle (regular/irregular) Double participles The gerund Relative pronouns (invariable): que, quem, onde... Placement of personal pronouns Pronominal contraction Synonyms & antonyms, homophones Suffix –aria Collective substantives

Stage 2 (continued)	Intermediate (continued)			
		Step 2	Comparing European & Brazilian Portuguese Culture & traditions Traditional jobs Expressing opinions Hotels & restaurants, recipes Travelling Past & future experiences	Suffixes : -eiro, -or, -ista Estar + gerund Ir + gerund Variable relative pronouns: cujo/a/os/as, o/a qual, os/as quais Pronominal position Possessives without articles The use of você
Stage 3	Higher Intermediate	Step 1	Character & physical appearance Qualities & defects Famous people Dreams Idioms, proverbs Recycling, the environment Emigration & immigration Expressing opinions	The imperative Subjunctive present (regular & irregular verbs) Impersonal expressions Verbs of opinion Compound words
		Step 2	Portugal, Madeira & the Açores Popular sayings, traditions & products Lifestyles Happiness Holidays, seasons, travel Texts from the media, radio news	Verbs derived from: fazer, pôr, pedir, ter, ver, vir Verbs dar, ficar & passar followed by prepositions Subjunctive future Words derived by prefixation and suffixation
	Advanced (continued next page)	Step 1	Introductions, personal emails Voluntary organisations in Portugal Travels, traditions & typical products Holidays Unemployment The elderly Young people's way of life Songs New technologies SMS messages Testimonies in the press	Pronunciation of the letter X The subjunctive, including imperfect & pluperfect Conditional phrases Se + subjunctive imperfect + conditional/indicative imperfect Indirect speech Indirect interrogatives Synonyms

	Advanced (continued)	Step 2	Portuguese from Brazil/European Portuguese The Amazon Portugal & the European Union Carnival How to prepare a <i>Caipirinha</i> Aging Youth & beauty Newspapers, the written media Experiences & future plans	Idioms Indirect speech Indirect interrogatives Future & conditional + pronouns