



SUMMER PORTUGUESE INTENSIVE COURSE 2017

OFFICIAL REGULATIONS

Regulations for the summer intensive course in Portuguese as a foreign language 4thSPIC:



1. Course dates and place



1.1. Dates

Start: Monday, 28th August 2017

End: Friday, 15th September 2017



1.2. Place

Department of Languages and Cultures (room 2.1.8)

University of Aveiro

Campus Universitário de Santiago, Aveiro, Portugal



2. Course objectives



2.1. General objectives

This course offers training in Portuguese as a foreign language at the A1 (beginners), A2 (elementary), B1 (intermediate I) and B2 (intermediate II) levels of the Common European Reference Framework for Languages (CEFR).

The objectives of the course are, firstly, to provide the tools learners need to overcome linguistic barriers and to improve their Portuguese communication and interaction skills and, complementarily, to stimulate their knowledge of Portuguese culture and Aveiro's own (summer) sports activities (Zumba class and surfing course, in different course options, as you can confirm in the section 7.1).

The teaching component will cover a number of domains – language, culture, industry, tourism, architecture, history, sports, etc. – with the aim of facilitating participants' later integration into workplaces and Portuguese society as a whole.

The sharing of linguistic, cultural, sporting and societal knowledge and training will help broaden personal and professional horizons and open up new opportunities, particularly for any future mobility students at the University of Aveiro (UA).

2.2. Descriptors

By the end of the course, learners should develop productive, receptive and interactive written and spoken competences, according to their specific proficiency level, that, in general, will allow them to:

- ✦ Understand and use different expressions and announcements, allowing them to fulfil specific communication needs.
- ✦ Know how to communicate in various situational contexts.
- ✦ Know how to use appropriate vocabulary and structures when communicating/arguing.
- ✦ Write different type of texts in Portuguese.
- ✦ Practise and consolidate grammatical structures in Portuguese.
- ✦ Deal with tangible and intangible cultural topics pertinent to the Aveiro region.
- ✦ Show openness and awareness of multiculturalism and multilingualism.

3. Target public

Any adult foreigner (for whom Portuguese is a foreign language) can apply to the 4thSPIC'17 course, whether or not they are resident in Portugal, as may mobility students (Erasmus+ Exchange Students), whether or not linked to the UA.

Note: applications from citizens of countries where Portuguese is the official language will not be accepted.

4. Course structure

The 90 hours of the course are subdivided in the following way:

- ✦ 60 hours in the classroom
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- ✦ 22 hours of cultural **or** sports activities
- +
- ✦ 8 hours of complementary activities (opening and closing sessions, plus certificate award ceremony and course dinner).

4.1. Organisation of classroom activities

- ✦ The 20-hours per week classroom component will occupy the Monday to Friday morning slots (8:30 am to 12:30 pm).

Note: Exceptionally, on 30/08/2017, there will be classes from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

- ❖ The classroom component as a whole will be divided up in the following way: [Introduction to] Portuguese language (24 hours), Oral Expression Workshop (13 hours), Written Expression Workshop (13 hours), Multimedia Laboratory (10 hours).

❖ 4.2. Organisation of cultural activities

The cultural activities will be designed in such a way as to allow participants to get to know something of the natural, tangible and intangible heritage of the city and region of Aveiro. Over the course, the activities will be distributed in the following way:

- ❖ The first week will be given over to local art, history culture and architecture:
 - Saltpans, Moliceiro boats, Art Nouveau Walk (4 hours), Aveiro Museum and Cathedral (3 hours).
- ❖ The second week will focus on the nautical and fishing history of the region and water sports:
 - Museum of the sea, Aquarium, Santo-André (ship) (5 hours);
 - Secret Surf School: Surf class (4h).
- ❖ In the third week, the industries and local companies of the region will be the focus:
 - Oficina do Doce (4h);
 - Zumba class (2h).

❖ 4.3. Organisation of the surfing activities

The sports activities are designed in such a way as to allow participants to learn how to surf, with lessons given by experts on a beach near Aveiro. Participants will be transported from the university to the beach (Praia do Labrego, in Vagueira) by the surf school bus. Each person will be given a swim suit and a board. The programme for the course is as follows:




- ❖ The first week will be an introduction to surfing, with training on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:30 pm each afternoon (6h)
 - Level 1: the learner can stand with ease, that is, do the take off, stand up and row to catch the wave, with help from the instructor.
- ❖ The second week will focus on basic surfing techniques. Sessions will be on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 1:00 pm each afternoon (8h)
 - Level 2: the learner can row into the sea, turn and catch the wave, all on their own.
- ❖ The third week will be given over to improve surfing techniques to applicants, with training on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 PM each afternoon (6h)
 - Level 3: the learner can surf in a basic way. Once standing, the surfer can turn and surf on the wave wall.

As a supplementary activity, ⁴SPIC students who have applied for the language and surfing course will also join the Zumba class (2h).

* Participants in the ⁴SPIC options, including the surfing course, will receive a certificate of participation from the Secret Surf School, when they have completed the training.

4.4. Organisation of complementary activities

The complementary activities consist of:

-  the opening session: 28/08/2017, from 8:30 to 10:30 am (2 hours);
-  the closing session: 15/09/2017, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm (2 hours);
-  the course dinner: 15/09/2017, from 19:00 to 23:00 pm (4 hours).


5. Assessment and Credits

Under current UA regulations (www.ua.pt/conselhopedagogico/PageText.aspx?id=7790), this course will be assessed using the “discrete assessment” model. This involves from two to four separate assessment points during the course. The course teacher is responsible for deciding the dates and time of these assessment moments.

To obtain the course certificate, students must pass the course, in the terms defined by the teacher.

Students who do not pass will be given a Certificate of Attendance, provided they have attended at least 80% of classes.



Mobility (Erasmus+) students who pass the course will be awarded 6 ECTS.

-  Participants in the ⁴SPIC options, including the surfing course, will receive a certificate of participation from the Secret Surf School, when they have completed the training (as stated in point 4.3).

6. Applications

6.1. Application schedule

⁴SPIC'15 applications, confirmations and payments shall adhere to the following schedule:

-  enrolments: until 30 June 2017;
-  publication of the enrolment results (applicants selected, applicants students on the waiting list and applicants not admitted): 5 July 2017;

- ❖ confirmation of place email sent to applicants who have been accepted on the course: 5 July 2017;
- ❖ course payment and email from applicant confirming acceptance of place: 5 to 10 July 2017;
- ❖ applicants on the waiting list contacted where places remain to be filled, via email: 12 July 2017;
- ❖ course payment and email from waiting list applicant confirming acceptance of place: 12 to 14 July 2017;
- ❖ publication of definitive course lists: 19 July 2017.

Enrolments are only valid after central services have confirmed payment.

Notes:

(1) Selected applicants are those who meet the requirements for participation in ⁴SPIC (see section 6.3). This selection depends on the number of vacancies on the course (see section 6.4). The applicants on the waiting list are those who meet all the requirements but have not been automatically selected because the maximum number of students has already enrolled in the course. These applicants may be contacted if a vacancy arises because one of the selected applicants drops out. Applicants that are not admitted are those who do not meet the requirements for ⁴SPIC applicants.

(2) Payment details will be sent to selected applicants in their confirmation emails.

❖ 6.2. Application form

All applicants wishing to apply for a place on the ⁴SPIC'17 summer course must fill out an application form.

No application sent after 30 June 2017 will be considered.

Please read the appropriate sections of this document carefully, before filling out the application form.

Once applicants have filled out the application form (electronically), it should be sent to dlc-4spic@ua.pt by 30 June 2017. Applications made in any other way will not be considered.

❖ 6.3. Selection of applicants

Once all applications have been received, the selection process will be carried out. The following criteria will be applied, in the order given:

- ❖ application form correctly and electronically filled out;
- ❖ applicants who will be mobility students at the UA in the 2017-18 academic year;
- ❖ applicants who need Portuguese for professional purposes;
- ❖ gender balance;
- ❖ geographical balance.

6.4. Number of students per class

To ensure that 4thSPIC has the best possible outcome, the maximum number of students per group will be 20, and the minimum number will be 10.

7. Price of the course

7.1. Options

There are price options for the 4thSPIC'17 course:

Option		Fees
1	4 th SPIC'17 Summer Portuguese Intensive Course (Classes and Cultural Activities) (90h)	405 €
2	4 th SPIC'17 Summer Portuguese Intensive Course (Classes and Cultural Activities) (90h)	+ Accommodation (21 nights) 660 €
3	4 th SPIC'17 Summer Portuguese Intensive Course (Classes and Surfing Course) (90h)	535 €
4	4 th SPIC'17 Summer Portuguese Intensive Course (Classes and Surfing Course) (90h)	+ Accommodation (21 nights) 790 €

Note: The accommodation price corresponds to a 21 nights reservation in a single room in the university residence, between August 27th (Sunday/Monday) and September 17th, 2017 (Saturday/Sunday).

The amounts in the table above apply to the 4thSPIC'17 summer intensive course only and may not be reimbursed or transferred to another course.

7.2. Procedures

In accordance with section 6.1 of these regulations, the ForLínguas Office will send all applicants the list of selected applicants, the waiting list of applicants and the list of applicants not admitted, on 5 July 2017.

The selected applicants will then be sent full fee payment details.

Selected applicants should send an email confirming their acceptance of the place on the 4thSPIC'17 course. They should attach the proof of payment to this email, which must be sent before the deadline.

Any payments made after the date stipulated in the regulations will not be considered or serve as a guarantee of a place on the intensive course. Any such payments will not be reimbursable or transferrable (see section 7.1).

If the situation warrants it, the ForLínguas Office will contact the applicants on the waiting list on 12 July 2017.

Following confirmation of payment, the definitive list of course participants will be published on 19 July 2017, on the official website of the University of Aveiro's Department of Languages and

Cultures (www.ua.pt/dlc/4spic). At the same time, participants will receive an email from the ForLínguas Office listing the final 4thSPIC'17 class groups.

Note: Applicants should not make any form of payment unless they have received explicit instructions to do so from the ForLínguas Office Coordinator. Any undue payments made will not be transferrable or reimbursable.

8. Contacts

The Portuguese as a foreign language courses are run by the Office for Training and Languages (ForLínguas Office), located in the University of Aveiro's Department of Languages and Cultures.

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9. Other information

Applicants must choose between "Language course and Culture" Intensive Course type (options 1 or 2), and "Language course and Surfing course" Intensive Course type (options 3 or 4) (see section 7.1).

Applicants who want accommodation at the University of Aveiro should select option 2 or option 4, according to the course type - "Language course and Culture" plus accommodation or "Language course and Surfing course" plus accommodation - (see section 7.1). Accommodation may only be occupied during the time of the course, that is, from Sunday 27th August (check in from 14:00) to Sunday 17th September (check out until 12:00).

Applicants who are to be offered UA accommodation may be contacted directly by the SAS Office, who will provide all the appropriate information.

During the course, 4thSPIC'17 students are welcome to make use of the UA's infrastructures and services, namely: the canteens, the university restaurant, the campus bars, the library, the media library and the internet.

Any other information applicants may require can be requested from the University of Aveiro's International Relations Office (GRI):

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