



Universidade do Minho



PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE COURSE – PORTUGUESE AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (PLE)

Universidade do Minho (UMinho) offers Portuguese as a Foreign Language (PLE) Courses in the beginning of each semester to all exchange students that choose UMinho as their host institution.

These multi-level courses, organised in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), aim to provide and/or deepen students' knowledge of Portuguese Language and Culture in order to facilitate their integration.

The courses are organised according to the number of applications received and the candidates' language knowledge and therefore not all levels can be made available beforehand. Levels usually offered vary from A1 (basic) to B1 (intermediate).

DURATION

Each course has a 60-hour duration per semester.

First semester courses start at the end of September/beginning of October and end in December. Second semester courses start at the end of February/beginning of March and end in May.

Each course has 6 contact (teaching) hours per week.

Course schedules are duly published through the official webpage of the BabeliUM – Language Centre of UMinho (http://www.babelium.uminho.pt/ple_curso_pos_laboral.php).

ECTS CREDITS

Each course entitles you to 4 ECTS credits.

In order to obtain these credits, you must attend 75% of the total number of class hours given, and must fulfill all assessment requirements.

CONDITIONS

For the academic year 2016/2017, the fee is 90€ per exchange student, which includes the Certificate issued at the end of the course.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

If you are interested in attending the **Portuguese Language Course (PLE)**, please confirm your interest in the **Exchange Student Application Form** to be sent to UMinho's International Relations Office. By sending this document, you are not making a final commitment but simply demonstrating your interest in attending the course.

Upon arrival at UMinho, you will be asked to take a **diagnostic test** in order to ascertain your level of Portuguese. You must then not only confirm your intention to participate in the course but also pay the required fee. All practical relevant information will be provided in the beginning of each semester.