GLOBALLY SPEAKING BEGINNER PORTUGUESE CLASS

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Wednesday - Class Time: 05:00 pm – 06:30 pm

Class Location: CAS 325

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This elementary course is designed for students with little or no knowledge of the Portuguese language. Teaches fundamental communication skills with special focus on speaking and cultural integration of the Portuguese-speaking world in particular the Brazilian culture.

COURSE OUTCOME:

• Introduce themselves to others
• Describe themselves or others, giving information about their personality, family, relationships, interests, and hobbies
• Talk about travel and vacation, and ask questions about transportation and accommodation.
• Talk about shopping and stores, ask for the price of a product or service, and describe and value products, such as clothes and accessories.
• Talk about health, food, sports, and physical activities, identify body parts, describe good and bad health habits, and give suggestions for a healthy life.
• Talk about likes, dislikes, and preferences
• Knowledge of Lusophone (Portuguese speaking countries) culture –

Useful websites:

http://www.easyportuguese.com
First week – January 16th

- Greetings and good-byes
- Introduction to the alphabet
- Expression of courtesy
- Portuguese language around the world

Second Week – September 23th

- Introducing oneself to the others
- Expressing nationality and place of origin
- Asking and providing information
- Expressing likes and dislikes

Third week – September 30th

- The Brazilian/Portuguese family
- My family
- Possessives • Location -
- Verbs: ser & estar
- Write a small paragraph about yourself

Fourth week – October 7th

- Eating habits
- Time out: Eating out and eating in
- Food and restaurant
- Ordering food
- Expressing wishes and hopes
- Describing routine
- Making comparisons - cultural differences
Fifth week – October 14th

- Tradition
- Cultural life
- Music - Bossa Nova, Samba and Futebol (soccer)
- Sports - Olympics 2016
- Every day communication

Sixth week – October 21st

- Shopping
- City life vs. beach life
- Clothing - What to wear – where and when

Seventh week – October 28th

- Business -
- Negotiating - when “yes” means “no”
- Formal vs. informal behavior
- Body language

Eighth week – November 4th

- Presentations
- Review
- Course feedback.
- Farewell Party