

# Faculty

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Apagar-me  
Diluir-me  
Desmanchar-me  
Até que depois  
De mim  
De nós  
De tudo  
Não reste mais que o charme

Paulo Leminski (Brasil)

Why learn Portuguese?

**P**ortuguese, the language uniting more than 200 million speakers, is spoken in Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Timor. It is also the language of several immigrant communities in countries such as the United States, Canada, Venezuela, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, South Africa, and Australia.

**O**pportunities for employment within the United States include translation and interpretation, international business and marketing, international relations, diplomacy, publishing and teaching.

**I**n Minnesota, among the firms that recruit Portuguese speakers are Cargill, 3M, Medtronic, General Mills, and others.

**P**ortuguese is an integral language to many International Organizations, such as Mercosul, Organization of Iberian-American States, Organization of American States, African Union, United Nations, European Union, Union Latina, Humana People to People.

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## PORTUGUESE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



Lisbon, Portugal

Tudo vale a pena  
Se a alma não é pequena

Fernando Pessoa (Portugal)



*Cabo Verde*



A vida de cada um é assim:  
está sempre toda por viver.

Mia Couto (Moçambique)

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*Bom Bom, Principe*



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The Portuguese program at the University of Minnesota was founded in 1966 by Professor Russell Hamilton (now emeritus), and it is one of the few programs in the nation that emphasizes the historical and cultural interconnections that have shaped the development of the Portuguese-speaking world, in its parts and as a whole, particularly through the experience of colonialism and slavery that are at the root of modernity. In addition, the program uniquely stresses gender, sexuality, and critical race perspectives to the study of culture.

The Program in Portuguese Studies at the University of Minnesota offers courses in language (all levels) and culture (including literature, film, popular music, history, and critical theory), emphasizing the whole of the Portuguese-speaking world: Portugal, Brazil, Lusophone Africa (Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe), and Timor. Degree programs include: a dual undergraduate major in Spanish & Portuguese, an undergraduate minor in Portuguese, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Lusophone Studies.



Tão manso é o lago dos teus olhos  
Que temo avançar a mão  
Cortar as águas  
E semear o espanto  
Na descoberta  
Da minha sede antiga  
Paula Tavares (Angola)



*Maputo, Moçambique*

## Selected Courses

### Undergraduate

- Port 3001: Portuguese for Spanish Speakers
- Port 3003: Portuguese Conversation & Composition
- Port 3501: Foundations: Portuguese Cultures
- Port 3502: Foundations: Brazilian Cultures
- Port 3503: Literatures & Cultures of Lusophone Africa
- Port 3603: Portuguese Speaking Cultures/ Literatures in Translation
- Port 3800: Film Studies in Portuguese
- Port 3910: Topics in Lusophone Literatures

### Graduate

- Port 5520: Portuguese Literary and Cultural Studies
- Port 5530: Brazilian Literary and Cultural Studies
- Port 5540: Literatures & Cultures of Lusophone Africa
- Port 5910: Topics in Lusophone Cultures
- Port 5920: Figures in Lusophone Literatures
- Port 5930: Topics in Brazilian Literature

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