

FAQ's

Can I obtain the visa once I'm enrolled in a Portuguese Course as Foreign Language (PFL)?

No. PFL courses do not award a degree and, therefore, cannot be used in order to get a Visa (or residence card/citizenship). FLUP does not provide invitation or acceptance letters.

Who can apply for a PFL course?

Every foreign citizen, aged 16 or over, for whom Portuguese is a Foreign Language.

Applicants from non-European Union countries (general public) must send a copy of their Visa, (student/tourist visa or residence card, etc. - valid until, at least, the end of the course) without which the application will not be considered.

I never learned Portuguese, do I have to take the diagnostic test?

No. If you want to enroll at the beginner level (A1), you do not need to take the test.

I never learned Portuguese, but I'm Spanish, should I sign up for A1.1?

No. If you have **Spanish, Italian or Romanian** as your native language, you must register at level A1.2.

What is the duration of the courses?

The semester courses last for one semester;

The intensive courses taught at FLUP facilities take approximately one month, while those taught at FEUP last from one and a half to two months;

The summer courses take place during the month of July.

How much is the course tuition fee?

Tuition fees vary depending on the course and whether or not you are a UP student. Consult section with information on tuition fees.

How do I know which course I can apply for?

You must perform a placement test to know your language level.

Can I do one of the PFL levels without taking the placement test?

The test is mandatory, except for those who have already taken one of the PFL courses at FLUP or for those who have taken the CAPLE exam.

For how long is the placement test valid?

There is a placement test for each admission contest. Therefore, you must take the test at the time you want to take the course.

How much do I have to pay for the placement test?

30€ (non-refundable and non-transferable).

What is the placement test?

It is an online test, through the Moodle platform of the University of Porto, with two parts: written and oral. So you need an audio recorder and a headset.

How do I submit the application?

Once you know the level you were placed in, you should access the page of the respective course where you will find the option of admission applications.

I want to take one of the PFL courses, but I didn't enrol in the 1st semester. Can I still attend the course in the 2nd semester?

Yes. You can attend the 2nd semester regardless of whether you attended the 1st semester or not. However, you must perform the diagnostic test to assess your level.

I'm an ERASMUS student, can I take a PFL course as regular subject in my mobility agreement?

The Portuguese course is not included in the Transcript of Records.

Our Courses of Portuguese for Foreigners are open language courses, so they can't be in the learning agreement. The credits that you get for attending our course are extra the learning agreement. It is your Home University that can accept the credits.

When you conclude our course of Portuguese successfully, you'll get the established ECTS.

After you request, pay and receive the certificate, you just have to give it (or a copy of it) to your Home University in order to receive from them the corresponding credits for this course.

I'm an ERASMUS+ student how much is the fee?

For the intensive courses, ERASMUS + students pay € 150 and the mobility programme will pay the rest (€ 120). See the information about *Fees and other payments*.

Who is considered a UP student?

Every student enrolled in a degree course, at the University of Porto, or those who have completed successfully a course or a curricular unit (subject), at the University of Porto.

I did a PFL level and I intend to take the next level. Am I considered a student?

Yes, as long as you have completed a previous course, with success (classification equal to or higher than 10 values). If you failed a certain level and want to re-enrol at the same level, you will be considered a general public.

What is the difference between application and enrolment?

Application expresses the desire to take the course, without being linked to FLUP and, therefore, no fee will be charged.

Registration requires the payment of a tuition fee.


I submitted the application but decided not to attend the course. What should I do, do I have to pay a fee?

You should let us know about your decision by email, so that you not be charged any fees.

I submitted the application and was admitted, what should I do now?

Being admitted to the course, you must register, according to the instructions you receive by email.

How can I pay?

If you have a bank account in Portugal, you can generate ATM references using your current account (symbol ); if you prefer, or if you do not have an account in Portugal, you can pay by credit card.

To proceed with the payment, you must fill in all the mandatory fields (address) and click on the button “Pay”. Another window will appear in which you should select the payment method (MBWay or “Referência Multibanco” [if you have a Portuguese bank account] or “Cartão bancário” (Credit card).

Another option is to go in person to the Treasury Office (1st floor), where you can pay in cash, by debit or credit card.

How do I access the UP Moodle?

To enter Moodle, you must login with the institutional email (ex.: up2020xxxxx@letras.up.pt) and the password you use to access your student record on our webpage.

I’m already enrolled but I will not be able to attend the course. What should I do now?

From the moment you’re enrolled, the payment of the respective fee is mandatory. *The tuition fee is not refundable or transferable to another course / academic year.*

I finished the course but failed, can I get a certificate?

If you obtained attendance (attendance at least 75% of the total number of hours of the course) but were not approved, you can request a certificate of attendance on your student page.

I finished the course. How can I get the certificate?

If you obtained approval, a final mark equal to or higher than 10 values (out of 20), you can request the course certificate, on your student page.

What is on the certificate?

The attendance certificate states that you attended assiduously the course, with the respective designation and number of course hours.

In the course certificate, it states that you attended and obtained approval on the course, with the respective designation, final mark obtained, number of hours, and number of ECTS credits.

Can I use the ECTS credits?

Only students with university attendance or graduates can be awarded ECTS credits.

Do I have access to accommodation?

FLUP does not provide accommodation. On arrival, students will receive information on the possibilities of private accommodation (at reasonable prices). To receive an updated list of private accommodations in the city of Oporto, please send us an [e-mail](#).

Where can I have my meals?

Students can have their meals, at accessible prices, in the Faculty of Arts’ snack bar and canteen.

More information – [Foreign student guide](#)