

POTR 4559

Empire, Colonies, and Democracy

The Lisbon J-Term course offers students the opportunity to contemplate varied forms of expansion (economic and territorial), subjugation (physical and symbolic), and participation through the exploration of Portugal's imperial aspirations beginning in the fifteenth century, its long history of colonization in Brazil and Africa, and its present-day turn toward becoming one of Europe's most progressive nation-states. In addition to readings and class discussions, students will participate in group excursions ranging from visits to historical sites and museums to musical shows and local non-profit organizations. Ultimately, the interaction between the classroom and site visits will provide students with a culturally and geographically diverse experience that will ultimately augment their understanding of Portugal and its role in helping to shape the modern world in which we live.

Participation (25%)

Student's ability to demonstrate that he or she has completed all readings and assigned film screenings prior to each class meeting is central to the participation grade. With this in mind, students are expected to actively engage in our class discussions and field trip excursions by sharing their insights and questions.

Reaction Papers (50%)

Students will be expected to write a total of three 1200-word papers that present their critical responses to a question provided by the professor. .

Daily Journal (25%)

Students will keep a daily journal of their intercultural experiences. Students will turn their journals in at the beginning of our last meeting.

Grades

The final course grade will be based on a percentage system of the points accumulated during the quarter, according to the following scale:

100-98 = A+	97-94 = A	93-90 = A-
89-88 = B+	87-84 = B	83-80 = B-
79-78 = C+	77-74 = C	73-70 = C-
69-68 = D+	67-64 = D	63-60 = D-
59-0 = F		

Film

Manoel de Oliveira, *The Fifth Empire* (2004)

Carla Camurati, *Carlota Joaquina, Princess of Brazil* (1995)

Novel

Readings

David Birmingham, *A Concise History of Portugal* (2018, 3rd edition)

Eça de Queirós, *The Maias* (1888)

Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, *Empire* (2000)

Pero Vaz de Caminha, *The Letter* (1500)

****To be completed prior to arrival in Lisbon: Screen *The Fifth Empire* (2004) and *Carlota Joaquina, Princess of Brazil* (1995); read first 250 pages of *The Maias* and the Introduction and chapters 1-3 of *A Concise History of Portugal***

January 3	4	5	6	7	8
Arrival	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Hotel Check-in	Transfer to the university	Transfer to the university	Transfer to the university	Transfer to the university	Transfer to the university
Lunch on your own	Class at university	Class at university	Class at university	Class at university	Class at university
On-site orientation	Talk / Intro to Portuguese History	Talk / Portuguese Colonization	Talk / Portuguese Democracy	Talk / Portugal Today	Free Afternoon
Intro to Portuguese Language	Transfer to downtown	Transfer to downtown	Transfer to Belem	Transfer	Group Dinner & Fado Show
Orientation to the Area / Market visit	African Lisbon Tour	Visit Castelo de Sao Jorge	Visit Naval Museum / Presentation	Visit Tile Museum	
Group Dinner	Group Dinner at Cabo Verdian Rest.	Walking Tour Alfama & Mouraria Visit Aljube Museum / Presentation	Visit Torre de Belem Visit Monument to the Discoveries		
9	10	11	12	13	14
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Transfer to Sintra	Transfer to Cabo da Roca	Transfer to the university	Transfer to the university	Transfer to the university	Hotel Check-out
Visit to Sintra	Visit Cabo da Roca	Class at university	Class at university	Class at university	Transfer to airport
Visit to Quinta da Regaleira	Transfer to Lisbon	Transfer	Talk / Immigration to Portugal	Round Table Discussion with immigrants	
Explore Sintra on your own	Soccer Game	Visit to CNAI-National Immigrant Support Center	Transfer	Farewell Dinner at Brazilian Barbaque Restaurant	
Transfer to Lisbon			Visit Speak Social Association		

Total Number of Contact Hours = 46