

Syllabus: “Verbal Communication B1/B2 for Portuguese Speaking Students”

International School
Summer Term 2025, Gloria Valencia

(a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

- The course provides knowledge of the Spanish language especially for students from all faculties whose native language is Portuguese. It focuses on social interactions, oral presentations, and the exchange of opinions, information, and experiences.
- The course is designed in accordance with the B1/B2 language proficiency levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), with a strong emphasis on speaking skills.
- Course content:
 - Discussing current topics related to science, professional life, and students' everyday experiences while applying grammatical structures in a communicative context.
 - Deepening the understanding of grammatical structures in the context of speaking.
 - Exchanging longer and more complex pieces of information, verifying and confirming them with minimal visible effort.
 - Expressing, justifying, and defending personal opinions and emotions on controversial public discussion topics in a nuanced and persuasive manner, using illustrative examples (e.g. personal experiences and anecdotes) to clarify and explain one's position.
- This course is specifically designed for students who come from Portugal or Brazil. Given that the lexical similarity between Spanish and Portuguese exceeds 85% and their grammatical structures are closely related, the greatest challenge often lies in distinguishing what is identical in both languages and what differs. The course methodology leverages these linguistic similarities to facilitate faster and more efficient language acquisition while addressing common sources of confusion.
- Registration on Stud.IP is required to take part in the course.

(b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The course focuses on communicative tasks aimed at developing and improving oral expression skills in academic and professional contexts.
- By the end of the course, the students will be able to
 - clearly and accurately express their needs, desires, and opinions in a precise manner, using largely correct language while ensuring cultural and situational appropriateness. They will also be able to justify and defend their statements when necessary.
 - answer questions and requests with clear and detailed explanations or descriptions, even when more complex or extended responses are required.
 - participate in conversations on everyday and professional topics with explanations, statements, descriptions, or expressions of opinion spontaneously and fluently, without noticeable effort or communicative deficiencies that might burden the conversation partner.
 - contribute to the progression of conversations and discussions, as well as to the successful resolution of conflicts and problems, through active participation in dialogue.

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- 2 weekly lecture hours
Tuesdays 14:00-15:30 Room: H 0114

(d) Kontakt | Contact

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- Written examination (60 min)
- Examination date: 11/07/2025
- 3 ECTS