
Ab initio Portuguese

The following webpage contains important Faculty advice on how to prepare for the ab initio Portuguese course: <https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/offer-holders/information-offer-holders-portuguese/beginners-course-portuguese/summer-preparation>.

Please read it carefully and make sure that you obtain the texts listed there and work through the chapters indicated. You are very strongly encouraged to go beyond this minimum level of required preparation, using the suggestions on the webpage to develop your language skills in Portuguese as much as possible over the summer, as the course is demanding and fast-paced. Before the end of the summer, you will be asked to sit a diagnostic test, and you will be placed in streamed classes according to your ability at that point. Using a wide range of different materials and approaches will be most helpful – try language-learning apps, web resources, reading texts in parallel translation, and watching Portuguese-language series to get a feel for intonation and pronunciation.

If you have any questions about preparing for the course, please do not hesitate to contact the Fellow in Spanish at Robinson, Dr Joanna Page (jep29@cam.ac.uk), who is also the first point of contact for students in Portuguese.