

Subject: EM: Discover the Benefits of Learning Portuguese at the Claremont Colleges

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Dear CMC Students,

I am excited to welcome you to the new academic year! As you prepare for your classes, we want to share an exciting academic opportunity that can enhance your education and global experience: studying Portuguese with our intercollegiate Portuguese program, coordinated jointly by CMC and Pitzer College.

Why Learn Portuguese?

Portuguese is the official language of Brazil, the sixth-largest economy in the world, and the most spoken language in South America. With more than 250 million speakers worldwide, Portuguese offers you access to a rich cultural landscape, from literature and music to cinema and art. Whether you're interested in government, international relations, economics, environmental issues, arts, or humanities, Portuguese is a valuable asset in an interconnected world.

In addition, learning Portuguese opens doors to study abroad programs, particularly in Brazil. The Colleges offer amazing opportunities to immerse yourself in the language and culture, and can prepare you to experience Brazil's diverse culture, history, and language firsthand.

If you are new to Portuguese, you can enroll in Portuguese 1 this fall semester.

Contact Professor Mara Barbosa (mara_barbosa@pitzer.edu), included in this e-mail, if you have any questions about this course.

Learning Portuguese is not only a way to engage with a global language, but it's also an enriching cultural journey that will prepare you for a lifetime of new perspectives.

We look forward to seeing you in our classes!

Best regards,

Mara Barbosa and Norman Valencia

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