Entry level: B1 (Common European Framework for Languages)

Aims: The Portuguese Intermediate course aims to consolidate students’ previous knowledge of the Portuguese language, increase their vocabulary and introduce more complex grammar structures.

By the end of the course students should feel more confident in using the language (should be able to attain B2 level subject to regular attendance) not only in everyday situations but also in more complex environments with a certain degree of fluency. They will develop their competence in dealing with various types of texts in order to support their own studies. There will be plenty of opportunities for the student to practice oral and listening skills.

The program and aims of the course will be adjusted to the particular needs and level of the group.

Syllabus The course will focus mainly on improving grammar learned and the main tenses in the Indicative mood, but it will also introduce the use of the subjunctive. Cultural information such as food, traditions, literature, music and geography will also be discussed. Vocabulary will be increased in the areas listed below.

Functions Introductions, Giving personal information; Describing events in the present and past Understanding public notices and publicity Understanding articles in the Media Making comparisions Understanding information about the weather Understanding and analysing graphs Discussing social issues Expressing opinions, belief and doubt Discussing Portuguese and Brazilian festivals and traditions Linguistic differences between Portugal and Brazil.

Course material will be provided by the tutor. Materials and reference grammars in Portuguese available in the Language Centre Library.