COURSE NO: THMO-131  
TITLE: FOREIGN LANGUAGE (PORTUGUESE I)  

TOTAL CONTACT HOURS: (30 HOURS)

Objectives and Contents of the Course: At the end of this course students will have gained knowledge of:

- The basic lexical and grammatical structures and their uses in written and oral communication in addition they will have gained experience:
  1. Reading for information using material of appropriate complexity and length
  2. Listening for information
  3. Developing study skills using audio and video aids

Syllabus:

- Pronunciation: Alphabet, explanation of Portuguese pronunciation going into all the nuances and varying sounds involved (Vowels, consonants and nasal sounds)
- Introduction to the basic rules of sentences structure.
- Articles, Nouns, gender and plural endings of nouns.
- Pronouns, personal pronouns/subject pronouns.
- Adjectives, agreement of adjectives with nouns/plural of adjectives.
- Negative and interrogative forms.
- Verbs, paradigm of three regular conjugations/irregular verbs, present tense and past definite, imperative
- Introduction to the use of prepositions.
- Vocabulary: acquisition of day to day practical vocabulary concerning social life, transportation and nature
- Reading and conversation skills.

Note: The acquisition of these grammar skills will depend on simple and practical examples followed by intense experimental self testing.

Work Requirements
Weekly aural, oral and written exercises, once a week the Language Laboratory facilities will be used.

Recommended Reading List:

1. Anna Tavares (Coord by Renato Borges de Sousa), edited by LIDEL, Lisboa- "Portugal.Portugues XXI Nivel 1 (Book and CD)".
2. Ana Tavares, edited by LIDEL, "Lisboa Portugal Portugues XXI Nivel 1- Caderno de Exercicios (Livro Segundo o novo Acordo Ortagrafico)".
3. Maria Fernanda Allen, "Hugo's Language Books Portuguese in three months".
5. Deolinda Monteiro & B. Pessoa "Guia Pratico Dos Verbos Portuguese".
6. The New Michaelis Dictionary (English Portuguese/Portuguese English), Melhoramentos, Sao Paulo.
**Note:** Other suitable books and materials will be recommended at the beginning of the course.