Objectives of the course: At the end of this course students will gain knowledge of:

- The basic lexical and grammatical structures and their uses in written and oral communication.
  In addition they will have gained experience in
  1. Reading for information using material of appropriate complexity and length
  2. Listening for information
  3. Conversing and discussing using an appropriate linguistic range on agreed topics
  4. Writing in target language
  5. The systematic study of grammar
  6. Developing study skills, using audio and video aids, group work aimed to short oral and written presentations.

Syllabus:

- Intensive reading of selected texts concerning different areas of activity, literature, commerce and industry, nature, office/bank and others.
- Further knowledge of the use of grammar structures, verbs, subjunctive, correct use of prepositions and conjunctions, direct and indirect.
- Idiomatic expressions and proverbs
- Specialized vocabulary, professions, business, hobbies and scientific areas
- Exercises on vocabulary and conversations proving a correct use of grammar structures, mastering, reading, listening and understanding skills aiming to a colloquial use of Portuguese language.

Note: At the end of this course, students must be able to write short, simple notes and messages relating to matters in areas of immediate need and write a very simple personal letters for example thanking someone for something. They will be also able to communicate in simple and routine task requiring a simple direct exchange of information on familiar topics and activities. They will be able to handle very short social exchanges even though they can’t usually understand enough to keep the conversation going myself.

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- “Portuguese.Português XXI Nivel 1 (Book and CD) “.
3. Maria Fernanda Allen, “Hugo’s Language Books Portuguese in three months”.
5. Deolinda Monteiro & B. Pessoa “Guia Prático Dos Verbos Português”.

7. Note: Other suitable books and materials will be recommended at the beginning of the course.