GOA UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PORTUGUESE

M.A. IN PORTUGUESE LITERATURE AND CULTURE

PRC104 - HISTORY OF PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE 2010-2012

Course Title	HISTORY OF PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE	
CourseDuration	Semester I	
Objectives	At the end of this course students will have gained knowledge of: the origin of Portuguese language; the cultural contributions to Portuguese language along the centuries; the history and evolution of Portuguese language; the cultural diversity that the Portuguese language entails as the official language of eight countries and as a language spoken worldwide. In addition they will have gained experience in: reading, understanding and discussing texts or essays related to the origin and evolution of Portuguese language. didentifying the most characteristic aspects of Portuguese language understanding and comparing different internal and external aspects of Portuguese language within	
	CPLP (Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa).	
Teaching & Learning Methods		Number of contact teaching hours/credits
Lectures		60 hours; 4 hours per week; 15 weeks / 4 credits

Method(s) and Timing of Assessment

- . Internal Assessment performance:
- 4 best of 5 Assessments/tests conducted on Saturday at the end of every 3 weeks of classes (12 hours teaching hours contact) 50 marks

Semester-End Exam:

2 hour written examination. The written examination will consist of two topics out of four. – 50 marks

Syllabus

- Introduction to Portuguese culture in the context of the early European history module 1 (4 hrs)
- From Latin to the first texts in Portuguese (13th.century): historical events; phonetic evolution from Latin; evolution of the grammatical structures and vocabulary module 2 (8 hrs)
- European Portuguese: autonomy and evolution since 14th. century; Portuguese language as the official language of Portugal and its first written grammar module 3 (12 hrs)
- The standardization of Portuguese; the two phases of Modern Portuguese (from 16th to 18th century and 19th and 20th centuries) module 4 (12 hrs)
- Portuguese language in Brazil, in Africa and in Asia: historical events; spread of the language as lingua franca and official Language module 5 (12 hrs)
- Concepts, varieties and diversification of cultural and linguistic aspects among Portuguese speaking Countries module 6 (12 hrs)

Work Requirements

Research and reading of essays about the history and evolution of Portuguese language.

Reading References

Required books:

- História da Língua Portuguesa, by Paul Theyssier, Edited by Sá da Costa Editora, Lisboa.
- História da Língua Portuguesa, by Serafim da Silva Neto, MEC/Presença, Rio de Janeiro
- Pequeno Curso de Língua Portuguesa, by Maria Inês Castelo Branco, Lisboa

Recommended books:

- Gramática do Português Contemporâneo, by Celso Cunha & Lindley Cintra, Edições Sá da Costa, Lisboa
- Dicionário Etimológico da Língua Portuguesa, by José Pedro Machado, Editora Confluência, Lisboa, 1977
- Dicionário de Língua Portuguesa, Academia das Ciências de Lisboa, Lisboa; any other

Other suitable books and materials will be required or recommended at the beginning of the course