

Winter 2025 Study Abroad Programs

Porto, Portugal

Portugal: History, People, and Culture

HIST 3290: Special Topics in European History (3 credits)
Winter Intersession (January 1, 2025 – January 21, 2025)

This course is an overview of the history of Portugal from its founding monarchies during the Middle Ages through its integration in the European Union in the present day. Classes and field trips will introduce students to the history of the country through the lens of politics, society, religion, food, culture and Portugal's extensive empire in Africa, Asia and South America. Along with the instructor, who is a historian of early-modern Portuguese imperial expansion, students will interact with period specialists to understand Portuguese history into the modern world, as well as contemporary Portuguese culture and society.

Objectives of Course:

- 1. Introduce students to the history and culture of Portugal.
- 2. Train students in the interpretation of primary and secondary sources in a variety of contexts.
- 3. Enable students to articulate the major socio-political trends which have characterized Portugal over many centuries.
- 4. Develop in students the analytical skills needed to critique and employ written sources in their argumentation.
- 5. Enable students to articulate their interpretation of primary and secondary sources in class discussions.
- 6. Offer students a hands-on, interactive experience of contemporary Portuguese society, including meeting local people and experiencing culture and foodways.

This program is open to undergraduate students from all majors.

Applications Due: Tuesday, October 31, 2024



For more information on the program and available scholarships, and to apply, please visit: https://www.brooklyn.edu/study-abroad/



Students must also contact the faculty program director to express their interest:

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