Why Learn A World Language?

- In an increasingly globalized world, the knowledge of a world language becomes an indispensable skill important not only for personal enrichment, but also for broadening employment opportunities.
- According to a study from the University of Chicago, knowledge of a world language helps you boost decision-making skills.
- Students who study world languages score higher on standardized tests as a study from York University in Toronto showed.
  Students who study a world language for at least one year score an average of 38 points higher on the SATs.
- Knowledge of a world language increases your chances of landing a good job, as demonstrated in a recent poll in The Economist.
  An MIT study shows that people who know two or more languages earn an average of $128,000 more over their lifetimes.
- Learning a second language has compelling health benefits - a study from York University in Toronto connects the prevention of the onset of dementia with foreign language learning.
Why Study Portuguese?

Portuguese is the essential binding force of the Lusophone union which comprises countries in Europe to Africa, South America and Asia. Known as the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa, CPLP), this body of nations is evolving from its original cultural identity to emerge as a powerful economic entity. Brazil, for example, is the 5th largest country in the world with the 8th largest economy. Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo are among the biggest urban centers in the Americas. The CPLP is also an important producer of crude oil. There is a large community of Portuguese and Brazilian immigrants in the United States, and the Portuguese language has become commonly spoken in several areas of the US. It is also one of the official languages of the United Nations. There are infinite career opportunities for students of the Portuguese language who want to work in any of these countries.

Who speaks Portuguese?
Portuguese is a Romance language and the sole official language of Portugal, Brazil, Mozambique, Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, and São Tomé and Principe. It also has co-official language status in Macau (China), Equatorial Guinea and East Timor. The language has about 220 million speakers worldwide. Portuguese is the sixth most widely spoken language in the world, before German (10th), French (11th) and Italian (15th).

Interesting Fact
The name "Portugal" derives from a Roman or pre-Roman settlement called Portus Cale (the modern city of Porto) near the mouth of the Douro River.

Famous People of Lusophone Descent
- Buddy DeSylva - American songwriter, movie producer & co-founder of Capitol Records
- John Dos Passos - novelist - playwright & artist
- Al Gore - former Vice President of the United States
- Teresa Heinz Kerry - philanthropist, heiress of H.J. Heinz Company
- Craig C. Mello - winner of 2006 Nobel Prize for Medicine
- Katy Perry - singer and songwriter
- Jada Pinkett-Smith - American actress
- Jonathan Taylor Thomas - actor and former teen idol

Learn these everyday phrases!
- Welcome: Bem-vindo(a) / or Bem-vindos(as)
- Hello (General greeting): Olá
- What's your name?: Como se chama?
- My name is ____ : Chamo-me ____
- How are you?: Como esta’? / Como vai?
- Reply to ‘How are you?’: E o senhor / a senhora?
- Where are you from?: É de onde?
- I'm from ____ : Venho de ____ or Sou de ____
- (Very) Pleased to meet you: (Muito) Prazer
- Morning greeting: Bom dia
- Afternoon / evening greeting: Boa tarde
- Nighttime parting phrase(s): Boa noite

Indiana University is home to as many as 70 world languages!

- Akan/Twi
- American Sign Lang
- Arabic
- Avestan
- Azerbaijani
- Bamana
- Bengali
- Bosnian/Croatian/
- Serbian
- Catalan
- Chinese
- Czech
- Dari
- Dutch
- Egyptian (Demotic)
- Egyptian (Middle)
- ESL
- Estonian
- Finnish
- French
- Georgian
- German
- German (Old High)
- Greek (Classical)
- Greek (Modern)
- Haitian Creole
- Hausa
- Hebrew (Biblical)
- Hebrew (Modern)
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Kazakh
- Korean
- Kurdish
- Kyrgyz
- Lakota
- Latin
- Macedonian
- Mongolian
- Norwegian
- Old Church Slavonic
- Pashto
- Persian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Quechua
- Romanian
- Russian
- Sanskrit
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Tajik
- Thai
- Tibetan
- Turkish (Ottoman)
- Turkish
- Turkmen
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Uyghur
- Uzbek
- Wolof
- Yiddish
- Yoruba
- Yucatec Maya
- Zulu