

# INFO SHEET

## - Brazilian Portuguese



### Why you should study Portuguese

Did you know that without Portuguese there wouldn't be any flamingos? Well, there would be, but they would be called something else. **Flamingo**, along with **cashew**, **marmalade**, **banana**, and **Bossa Nova**, are all loan words English has borrowed from Portuguese.

With more than 260 million speakers, Portuguese is the world's 7<sup>th</sup> most common 1<sup>st</sup> language, official language of Portugal, Brazil, and 6 African nations, and an official language of the EU. Also, did you know there are more Portuguese speakers in Brazil than Portugal, 187 million vs. 10 million; although, both sides will say major differences exist between Brazilian and European Portuguese.

At Carleton, instructors teach primarily Brazilian Portuguese and our interactive classes emphasize language you can use in real life; maybe on your next trip to Rio de Janeiro for Carnival!

As well, if you're studying French, Spanish, or Italian, you'll enjoy the many similarities Portuguese shares with the other Romance languages.

Finally, for all the economic and social issues Brazil is struggling with, the South American nation continues to create an influential place for itself on the world stage hosting such prestigious events as: 2012 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit, 2014 FIFA World Cup, and 2016 Summer Olympics. Proficiency in Portuguese may open doors in turbulent times.

## - Korean



### Why you should study Korean

The Korean language and culture has been experiencing a surge in popularity in recent years, a surge so remarkable it even has its own name: the "*Hallyu*" or "*Korean Wave*". Fueled by the meteoric rise of K-Pop music, Korean dominance in e-sport gaming, and the adaptation of more and more Korean television series to Western television, the trend seems likely to continue.

Interest in Korean classes at Carleton too has surged with record enrolments in our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year classes.

Learning the Korean language opens opportunities to share in a wonderful and inclusive culture and become part of the vibrant Korean community.

Originally created by the Great King Sejong in the 15<sup>th</sup> century as an adaptation of Chinese, Korean is spoken by more than 72 million people living on the Korean peninsula and throughout the many countries of the Korean diaspora. There are about two million people in China who speak Korean as their first language, another two million in the United States and Canada, 700,000 in Japan, and 500,000 in the Russian regions of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

[carleton.ca/slals/languages/](https://carleton.ca/slals/languages/)