

## **PARTICIPATION**

Class Participation requires preparation, presence, and attention. Occasional inability to complete the assignments or to not prepare fully is understandable. Consistently not being well-prepared will affect your participation grade. If you are not prepared for class by having not read the assigned material, or having not prepared the required activities, you will be considered unprepared for the purposes of evaluation of the class participation grade.

You must be in class in order to participate. If you are absent, you are not participating and will receive a zero for that hour's participation grade. Participation CANNOT be made up. You should refrain from engaging in activities that are disruptive to the class, including, but not limited to using electronic devices. Being a contributing member of a learning community requires that you refrain from unproductive behaviors (eating, talking, laughing, passing notes, playing games, reading newspapers) while others are speaking, or in any other manner disrupting the educational process by being rude or inattentive. If you behave in ways that do not contribute to the learning environment, you will be asked to leave the classroom and will receive a zero for participation.

### **Holistic Descriptors of Daily Class Participation**

Student is prepared, contributes readily to the conversation in Portuguese, but doesn't dominate it. Makes thoughtful contributions that advance the conversation; shows interest in and respect for others' views; participates actively in small groups in Portuguese. Is attentive and involved in class; responds appropriately in Portuguese, when called on.	<b>100-90</b>
Student is prepared and makes thoughtful comments in Portuguese when called on; contributes occasionally without prompting; shows interest in and respect for others' views; participates actively in small groups in Portuguese; while the student's contributions are less well developed, they nevertheless advance the conversation. Uses English occasionally during activities in which Portuguese is expected.	<b>89-80</b>
Student is marginally prepared, but does not voluntarily contribute to discussions in Portuguese and/or gives only minimal answers when called on; nevertheless student shows interest in the discussion, listens attentively and participates actively in small groups. Uses English frequently during activities in which Portuguese is expected.	<b>79-70</b>
Student appears not to be adequately prepared, or participates in problematic ways, for example, by using English. Student may talk too much, make rambling, poor tangential contributions, may interrupt with requests for English translation or digressive questions underlining lack of out of class preparation. Has difficulty responding appropriately when called on.	<b>69-60</b>
Student appears not to be prepared, bluffs in the discussions and activities. Does not take advantage of opportunities to practice speaking Portuguese; uses more English than Portuguese in class. May be inattentive and/or not engaged in the class; may be disruptive, hostile, or overtly rude, thus compromising the learning environment. Does not respond appropriately when called on.	<b>59-59</b>
Student did not engage in the class; may have refused to use Portuguese when addressed. Student did not demonstrate sufficient preparation for evaluation. Student may have left class early or not have been present.	<b>0</b>

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Participation is the way that students demonstrate their preparation for class, their engagement in the learning process, and their emerging speaking abilities.

Students will earn daily participation grades based on your evaluation of them on a percentage basis in the areas of preparation, contributions to class discussion, small group participation, overall engagement, and general use of the language. In two-hour classes there will be two participation grades, one for each hour.

You will record the participation grade for each of your students each day. At the end of each week, you will record the average grade, as a percentage, in the Bb gradebook.

Areas:	Preparation	
	Contribution	
	Small groups	
	Engagement	Daily
	Portuguese	Grade _____

To get the weekly average:  $\text{Sum of daily grades}/4 = \text{weekly average}$

Participation is not a fixed score of 100% just for attending class. It is an evaluation of the student. Days on which students are absent, they earn a zero for participation. Participation cannot be made up, even for valid excuses.