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The Artics

*The Portuguese secondary
school system*

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Secondary school education...

...is **compulsory**
and lasts for **3**
years.

Normally, students
start at the **age of**
fifteen and have
to complete the
10th, 11th, and
12th grades.

The conclusion of
Secondary
education with
passing grades
confers a
diploma,
which certifies
the qualification
thus obtained.

The most important types of secondary education

General Secondary Education (higher education-oriented programmes)

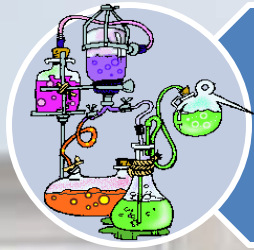
Vocational Secondary Education (work-oriented programmes)

Art Education (art-oriented programmes)

1. General Secondary Education

Areas of Studies:

- Sciences and Technologies
- Languages and Humanities
- Socio-economic Sciences
- Visual Arts



Sciences and Technologies

General compulsory subjects

Portuguese

(10th, 11th and 12th grades)

Philosophy

(10th and 11th)

A Foreign Language, usually English

(10th and 11th)

Physical Education

(10th, 11th and 12th)

Specific compulsory subjects

Mathematics

(10th, 11th and 12th grades)

Two out of these subjects (10th and 11th)

- Biology and Geology
- Physics and Chemistry
- Descriptive Geometry

Two out of these subjects (12th grade):

Biology, Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology,....



Languages and Humanities

General compulsory subjects

Portuguese

(10th, 11th and 12th grades)

Philosophy

(10th and 11th)

A Foreign Language, usually English

(10th and 11th)

Physical Education

(10th, 11th and 12th)

Specific compulsory subjects

History

(10th, 11th and 12th grades)

Two out of these subjects (10th and 11th):

- Geography
- Foreign Language II
- Portuguese Literature
- Maths Applied to Social Sciences,
- Latin

Two out of these subjects (12th)

Law, Sociology, Latin, Geography,
Psychology, Philosophy,
Economics ...



Socio-economic Sciences

General compulsory subjects

Portuguese

(10th, 11th and 12th grades)

Philosophy

(10th and 11th)

A Foreign Language

(usually English - 10th and 11th)

Physical Education

(10th, 11th and 12th)

Specific compulsory subjects

Mathematics

(10th, 11th and 12th grades)

Two out of these subjects

(10th and 11th)

- Geography
- Economics
- History

Two out of these subjects (12th)

- Economics, Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Law, etc.,..



Visual Arts

General compulsory subjects

Portuguese

(10th, 11th and 12th grades)

Philosophy

(10th and 11th)

A Foreign Language, usually English
(10th and 11th)

Physical Education

(10th, 11th and 12th)

Specific compulsory subjects

Drawing

(10th, 11th and 12th grades)

Two out of these subjects (10th and 11th)

- Descriptive Geometry
- Mathematics B
- History of Culture and Arts

Two out of these subjects (12th grade)

- Art Atelier
- Multimedia Atelier
- Materials and Technologies
- Psychology
- Philosophy, etc...

2. Vocational Secondary Education

2.1. Areas of studies

Sports

Tourism

Health

Electronics

Computing

Equipment Design

Multimedia

Administration

Marketing

Environment and Territory Order

Social Action

Social Animation

Others

2.2. Areas of Formation

Socio-cultural

Scientific

Technical

3. Art Education

Specialised Artistic Programmes

Areas of studies

- Music
- Dance
- Drama and Cinema
- Visual and Audiovisual Arts
- Others

Access to higher education

End of 11th grade

Students take national exams in the two specific subjects of their area of studies

End of 12th grade

National Exams in Portuguese and the main subject of area

Access to higher education

Made through a national online process, where students enter college by priority based on their grades



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**“It is the supreme art of the teacher
to awaken joy
in creative expression
and knowledge.”**

(Albert Einstein)

The end