



A. COURSES

I. INTRODUCTION:

The Vernacular Studies Graduate Program of UFRJ (M.A. and Ph.D.), created in the 70s, covers three fields – *Portuguese Language*, *Brazilian Literature* and *Portuguese and African Literatures*. Its main goals are the development and dissemination of research on the Portuguese language and literature (in Brazil, Europe and Africa) and the education of young teachers and researchers, who can then pursue their work in different regions of the country, teaching at undergraduate and graduate levels.

More specifically, the Program aims at:

1. contributing to the dissemination of research on Portuguese language, and Brazilian, Portuguese and African literatures, providing a more accurate description of their different aspects;
2. making available new theoretical and methodological perspectives for the study of the Portuguese Language and Literatures, ensuring the education of young researchers;
3. focusing on synchronic and diachronic phenomena related to Portuguese and Literatures in Portuguese, not only to deepen their analysis, description and understanding, but also to contribute to the definition of guidelines for teaching at all levels;
4. disseminating and making available corpora on different periods and discursive modalities of varieties of Portuguese as well as on representative texts of the Portuguese Language Literatures to graduate students, providing thus a better understanding of the socio-cultural-historical aspects that characterize and identify the different lusophone communities;
5. publishing the results of research undertaken in the Program three main fields through consistent and continuous scientific production.