

Spanish Placement Guidelines – Summer/Fall 2019 - Spring/Summer 2020

Students with **no previous study of Spanish** should enroll in SPAN-UA 1 Spanish for Beginners I.
 Students with **1 year of High School Spanish** may enroll in SPAN-UA 1 or take a placement test.

All other students must either: **show proof of placement through one of the following: a) the SAT II Placement Test, IB exam, AP test or A Level exam; or b) the NYU Online Placement Exam.** Students who have not taken a placement test and have taken Spanish before will not be allowed to stay in a course. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Students with college Spanish from institutions other than NYU also need to take a placement test if they intend to register for the language here. Transfer credit at or above the Intermediate Two level satisfies the Core graduation requirement (but is not used for placement). Transfer credit below the Intermediate Two level requires students to take our Online Placement Test for placement in our courses.

PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

NYU Online Exam Score	PLACES STUDENT IN
0-20	SPAN-UA 1 Spanish for Beginners I
21-26	SPAN-UA 1 Spanish for Beginners I <i>or</i> SPAN-UA 10 Intensive Elementary Spanish
27-38	SPAN-UA 2 Spanish for Beginners II
39-42	SPAN-UA 3 Intermediate Spanish I
43-46	SPAN-UA 3 Intermediate Spanish I <i>or</i> SPAN-UA 20 Intensive Intermediate Spanish
47-58	SPAN-UA 4 Intermediate Spanish II
59-66	Eligible to take in-person exam for exemption from the College's requirement. To continue study of Spanish, also take the in-person written exam offered by CAS. If instead you register for SPAN-UA 100 Advanced Grammar and Composition, on the first day of classes you will take an in-class exam to finalize proper course placement.
67-74	Eligible to take in person exam for exemption from College's language requirement. For placement in advanced courses, you need to take a special advanced language placement exam at the Department, contact spanish.dlp@nyu.edu or 212-998-8770 .
SAT II Placement Test Score	PLACES STUDENT IN
0-350	SPAN-UA 1 Spanish for Beginners I
350-430	SPAN-UA 1 Spanish for Beginners I <i>or</i> SPAN-UA 10 Intensive Elementary Spanish
440-500	SPAN-UA 2 Spanish for Beginners II
510-540	SPAN-UA 3 Intermediate Spanish I
550-600	SPAN-UA 3 Intermediate Spanish I <i>or</i> SPAN-UA 20 Intensive Intermediate Spanish
610-650	SPAN-UA 4 Intermediate Spanish II
660-710	SPAN-UA 100 Advanced Grammar and Composition, also exempt from language requirement.
720 or above	Exempt from the College's language requirement. If students wish to continue taking classes in Spanish, they need to take a special advanced language placement exam at the Department, please contact spanish.dlp@nyu.edu or 212-998-8770 .
AP Score	PLACES STUDENT IN
AP4 or AP5 Language	Students who score a 4 or 5 on the Spanish Language exam are exempt from the College's language requirement. To continue studying Spanish they can register for SPAN-UA 100 Advanced Grammar and Composition. On the first day of classes they must take an in-class exam to finalize proper course placement. This may result in being asked to drop to a lower level and losing the AP credit.
AP4 Literature	Students receive 4 credits for SPAN-UA 100 and satisfy the College's language requirement. If they wish to continue taking classes in Spanish, they need to take a special advanced language placement exam at the Department (not the online exam or usual written exemption exam) and speak with the Director of the Language Program for proper placement into a course. 212-998-8770 .

AP5 Literature	Students receive 4 credits for SPAN-UA 100 or, with approval of the Director of the Language Program, for SPAN-UA 200, and satisfy the College's language requirement. If they wish to continue taking classes in Spanish, they need to take a special advanced language placement exam at the Department, contact spanish.dlp@nyu.edu or 212-998-8770.
AP3 and under Language or Literature	Students need to take the NYU Online Placement Exam or show proof of SAT II or IB Spanish score.
IB Score	PLACES STUDENT IN
IB6 or IB7 Higher Level	Scores of 6 or 7 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level examination are accepted as evidence of intermediate-level accomplishment and exemption from the language requirement.
IB5 and under (HL) IB Standard Level (ab initio)	Students need to take the NYU Online Placement Exam or show proof of SAT II or AP Spanish score.

Spanish Speakers: If you are a Spanish (heritage) speaker, you must take a test in the department (not an online placement exam) for appropriate placement into SPAN-UA 11 (Intermediate Spanish for Spanish Speakers) or SPAN-UA 111 (Advanced Spanish for Spanish Speakers). Completion of either of these courses will fulfill the language requirement for heritage speakers. Please call 212-998-8770 for more information, or write to the Director of the Language Program spanish.dlp@nyu.edu, or the Coordinators of either of the Spanish Speaker courses for further instructions.

NYU Online Placement Exam link: <http://www.nyu.edu/cas/flpexam/> (about 45 minutes long, be ready to show your true current level).

NYU In-Person Exemption Exam instructions: <http://cas.nyu.edu/page/placementexams> (Foreign Languages section, parts V and VI).

Please be aware that students cannot take the placement test **more than once every year and a half (18 months)** without the permission of the Director of the Language Program. Call 212-998-8770 or send an email spanish.dlp@nyu.edu for an appointment.

When taking the Online Placement Exam, **do not have any other windows or tabs open, or a device nearby (such as your phone) that may make you click on any notifications.** Clicking twice outside of your placement test window will result in the Placement Test shutting down.

Placement test results are not simple recommendations. **Students must register for the course they have placed into.** Only a Course Coordinator or the Director of the Language Program can override a placement test score. Students registered in the wrong course will be dropped from that class and placed into the appropriate one.

Student placement will be assessed by the instructor the first week of classes. **If inappropriately placed, the student may be asked to switch to a different class.**

Incoming freshmen should not take NYU Online Placement Exam while they are waiting for AP, IB, A Level, or SAT exam results. If they do, results will only serve as a rough guideline, since the AP, IB or SAT II results will take precedence. However, for incoming freshmen, if the SAT Spanish exam was taken in junior year of high school, students are advised to take the NYU placement exam for a more recent assessment.

If exam results come in and they are not high enough to earn AP or IB credit, then a student must go ahead and take the NYU Online Placement Exam. For the SAT II, do not take NYU's exam, instead register according to the table above.

Placement test results (as well as AP, SAT II, IB or A level scores) are **valid for 18 months maximum.**

Likewise, if more than 18 months have elapsed since a student took a SPAN-UA course, it can no longer serve as an automatic prerequisite for the next course in the sequence. The student must take or retake the placement examination to determine the correct level of study. This may result in repeating SPAN-UA courses and loss of credit.

Students with college transfer credit from an institution other than NYU have to take the placement test and register for the class they place into. This may result in repeating a level for which they have credit and loss of some of the transfer credit.

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