

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SPANISH PLACEMENT EXAM

- 1) I took the Placement Exam last fall 2010, but then decided not to take Spanish right away. Now, I want to take Spanish. Do I need to take the Placement Exam again?

YES, you need to take the exam again. Placement exam results are only valid for one academic year. If you waited more than a year to take Spanish, the placement results from fall 2010 are no longer valid and you need to take the Placement Exam again in the fall of 2011.

- 2) Where do I go to obtain my Placement Exam results?

All placement results will be posted on the Spanish and Portuguese Departmental Website on Tuesday, August 30 before 2:00 p.m.

- 3) I can't find my Placement exam booklet number. How can I find out where I was placed if I don't know my booklet number?

If you misplaced your booklet number and do not know it, please email the Language Program Director and send her your name and Yale ID so she can give you your result. You can email her at sonia.valle@yale.edu.

- 4) I was placed in a level that I think it is too high for me. I truly feel very uncomfortable with my knowledge of Spanish at this point. Could I attend a lower level instead?

NO, you must remain and attend the level you were placed in. Then schedule an appointment with the Language Program Director to study your situation.

- 5) I was placed in either L1 or L1/L2. What's the difference?

Level 1 (L1) is Spanish 110a/b and it is worth only 1.5 credits. Level L1/L2 or SPAN 125a is equivalent to two semesters of intensive beginning Spanish and it represents Spanish 110 and 120 together. This intensive beginning course meets every day for two hours each day and it is worth 2 credits.

- 6) I would like to see how I did in my Placement Exam and what the errors were. How can I see it?

Please schedule a meeting with Dr. Sonia Valle (sonia.valle@yale.edu), the Program Language Director, to review your exam. Dr. Valle will have sign-up sheets outside her office in room 210 (second floor) in the Spanish and Portuguese Department at 82-90 Wall Street.

- 7) I took L2 here at Yale two years ago but now I feel I have forgotten everything and don't feel ready to go to L3. Should I take the Placement Exam to check my level? Should I take L2 again?

NO, you have already received credit for L2 therefore your only option is to continue to L3. Nevertheless, you should schedule to meet with a tutor and attend your instructor's office hours as often as possible to help you catch up and improve your Spanish..

8) I want to audit Spanish for free. Do I need to take the Placement Exam?
Unfortunately, due to our large student population, we do not allow auditors in our beginning or intermediate language classes.

9) How long does the Spanish Placement Exam take?
The Spanish Placement Exam is scheduled for a 1 ½ hour period. For dates and times, see <http://www.yale.edu/span-port/placement.html>.

10) Do you need to take the Spanish Placement Exam if you have an AP 4 in Spanish?
YES, you need to take it. Only AP5s are exempted from taking the exam.

11) I forgot to take the Placement Exam in the fall, can I take it in the spring term?
NO, the Spanish Placement Exam is only offered once a year in the fall term right before classes start.

12) Do I need to pre-register for Spanish classes?
Yes. All students who wish to take a Spanish Language Course in Levels L1-L4 (SPAN 110, SPAN 120, SPAN 130, SPAN 140), must pre-register during the Online Pre-Registration period, Tuesday, August 30, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

After the Placement Exam results are posted on the Department website, you will find a link to a preference selection system for section registration for all L1-L4 level courses. After entering your Yale NetID and Password, you will select your top 3 preferences from a list of available sections for your assigned level. For example, if you have placed into L2 level on the Department's placement exam, then you will follow the L2 preference selection link to available sections for SPAN 120. Students who have already taken SPAN 110 at Yale will also follow the L2 preference selection link to available sections for SPAN 120. If your preference cannot be honored due to oversubscription in certain sections, you will be placed in a section by a lottery.

Notice of assignments will be available later in the evening of August 30th. You will again enter your Yale NetID and Password to find your section registration information.

To secure your place in the section for which you have registered, you must attend ALL meetings of the class. Instructors will start waitlists the first day of classes, and any open seats will immediately be filled from the names on the waitlist.

13) I was placed in L3. Can I take the intensive L3/L4 course instead?
YES. Nevertheless, we recommend that the Intensive Intermediate Spanish course be taken only by students who have had more than two years of the target language in high school.

14) I want to learn Spanish because it will be useful in my career as a doctor some day. Do you offer Medical Spanish classes?
YES. We offer Medical Spanish at the L5 or Advanced Level. If you need beginning Medical Spanish please consult with the Center for Language Studies at Yale (<http://yalecollege.yale.edu/content/center-language-study>).

15) I am a senior and I just realized that I need to fulfill my Foreign Language Requirement before I graduate. What can I do?

First, you need to take the Spanish Placement Exam to see where you place. If you place in L1, then you need to take the Intensive Beginning Spanish class in the fall term and L3 in the spring. If you place in L2, then you need to take L2 in the fall and then the Intensive Intermediate class L3/L4 in the spring. If this is not possible, you may need to take Spanish classes during the summer months to fulfill your requirement.

16) Do you offer Spanish classes in the summer?

YES, please check the listing of courses offered during the summer with Yale Summer Sessions (<http://www.yale.edu/summer/>)