

SPANISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The Spanish language program consists of three major course levels: *Fundamentals of Spanish*, *Intermediate Spanish*, and *Spanish writing*. The goal of the program is to help students develop Spanish proficiency across listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills while also exposing students to practices, products, and perspectives of Spanish speaking communities in the United States and throughout the world.

The **Spanish writing** courses serve as a bridge to upper-division courses (**SPANISH 101A** or above) in the Department for those students who wish to complete one or two of the following undergraduate programs: *the Spanish major*, *the Spanish minor* and/or *the minor in Spanish/English Bilingual Education*. It is also important to note that the **Spanish writing** courses count toward the completion of the three undergraduate programs.

Our Spanish language program follows a blended format in that students meet two or three times a week *in person* and complete *asynchronous online* activities one or two times a week.

Course sequence:

| Fundamentals of Spanish | Intermediate Spanish | Spanish Writing |
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| SPANISH 1A | SPANISH 2A | SPANISH 3: Exploring U.S. Latino Communities |
| SPANISH 1B | SPANISH 2B | ...or... |
| SPANISH 1C | SPANISH 2C | *SPANISH 3: Heritage Spanish: Latinidades en California |

*SPANISH 3H is for students who grew up speaking Spanish in their homes and need to improve their writing skills in Spanish.



FAQs below

STUDENTS' FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What Spanish language course should I take?

To determine which course to begin with in the Spanish Language Program, students must take the Department's placement test through the Testing Center. Students choose between two placement tests depending on their background learning Spanish. For more information on placement tests:

<https://www.humanities.uci.edu/spanishandportuguese/placement-table-and-information>

What should I do if I have never taken a Spanish language course before?

You must take a copy of your high school transcripts to your academic counseling office so they can confirm no prior Spanish courses were taken. Once the information is confirmed, the academic counselor will activate the student's eligibility to enroll into **SPANISH 1A**.

What should I do if I want to take a Spanish language course and have A.P. , SAT Subject or International Baccalaureate credits?

Students with AP Spanish Language and Culture and AP Spanish Literature and Culture examination scores: Students who have completed the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam and received a score of 4 or 5 are eligible to enroll in SPANISH 3 or SPANISH 3H. Students who have completed the AP Spanish Literature and Culture exam and received a score of 4 or 5 have credit through SPANISH 3 or SPANISH 3H and are eligible to enroll in upper-division Spanish Department courses. Students who have completed the AP Spanish Language or AP Spanish Literature and Culture exam and received a score of 3 or below must take UCI's placement test. Eligibility to enroll will be based on the result of the placement test.

Students with GE VI-satisfying SAT Subject Test scores, or International Baccalaureate (IB) scores: Students who have completed one of the previously listed exams who plan to enroll in a Spanish course at UCI are still required to take UCI's Spanish placement test. Students cannot earn units or grade points at UCI in courses from which they have been exempted on the basis of IB credit, even if the placement test result recommends enrollment in such a level

- Learn more here:
https://catalogue.uci.edu/schoolofhumanities/departamentofspanishandportuguese/spanish_ba/#spanishplacementandprogressiontext
- For more information on placement:
<https://www.humanities.uci.edu/spanishandportuguese/placement-table-and-information>
- Find more information about how to register for a placement test:
<https://testingcenter.uci.edu/current-test-dates/>

What should I do if I cannot enroll into a Spanish language course?

Students cannot enroll into Spanish courses unless they have taken the Department's placement test (see link above) or an academic counselor has activated their eligibility to take **SPANISH 1A**. No codes are necessary to take Spanish language courses.

What should I do if I want to take a Spanish language course during the summer?

For information on what Spanish summer courses to take and what grades are needed to move on in the course sequence, go to the following link:

<https://www.humanities.uci.edu/spanishandportuguese/course-equivalencies>

For any other questions, please contact the Spanish Language Program Director whose information appears on the main webpage of the Spanish Language Program:

<https://www.humanities.uci.edu/spanishandportuguese/why-study-spanish>