

Spanish Overview

Spanish courses are designed to develop proficiency in Spanish speaking, listening, reading, and writing; an appreciation for cultural diversity; and the application of conversational Spanish to work and life roles. Beginning and Intermediate-level courses are offered. Students with two-years of high school Spanish are generally prepared for beginning courses while students with three to four years of high school Spanish are generally ready to enter intermediate courses. Students who enroll in Spanish courses fulfill the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements as well as graduation requirements.

Guidelines for Placement in Spanish Courses Students with little or no background in Spanish

If you have little or no background in Spanish, you should register for SPAN 1710 Beginning Spanish 1, which is the first course in our Spanish language sequence.

Students with college-level study of Spanish

If you have taken Spanish courses at another higher education institution, you should have your transcripts evaluated in order to determine appropriate placement.

Students with high school level study of Spanish

If you have studied Spanish for one year or less in high school, enroll in SPAN 1710 Beginning Spanish 1. If you have studied Spanish for two or more years in high school and can answer “yes” to three or more of the following questions, then you may take a placement exam.

1. Did you study Spanish during your junior AND senior years of high school?
2. Did you graduate from high school during the past two years?
3. Did your teacher speak Spanish to you in class?
4. Did you complete written homework and written compositions in Spanish on a regular basis?

Non-credit placement:

Students can determine whether they have the linguistic proficiency to enroll in our second, third, or fourth semester Spanish courses by contacting the instructor of the course in which they wish to enroll. Instructors at Saint Paul College have several years of experience to determine a beneficial level for the student. For-credit placement: College-Level Examination Program (CLEP): This exam has a fee and you can earn college-level credit provided you achieve a certain level of proficiency. Students scoring 50 or above on the CLEP can get 6 credits of electives. Students scoring 66 or above can get credit for SPAN 1710 and SPAN 1720. For more information on how to take the CLEP exam go to saintpaul.edu/CLEP.

Placement and credit recommendation based on CLEP scores:

CLEP score	Spanish Class student should take
34 or lower	Register for Span 1710 Beginning Spanish 1
35-44	Register for SPAN 1720 Beginning Spanish 2
45-54	Register for SPAN 1730 Intermediate Spanish 2
55-65	Register for SPAN 1740 Intermediate Spanish 2

CLEP score	Spanish Class student should take
66+	Credit for SPAN 1710 & SPAN 1720

These guidelines are subject to change. Please, make sure you are following the most current version.

Course	Cr
SPAN 1710 Beginning Spanish 1	5
SPAN 1720 Beginning Spanish 2	5
SPAN 1730 Intermediate Spanish 1	5
SPAN 1740 Intermediate Spanish 2	5
SPAN 1790 Spanish for the Workplace	3
SPAN 1795 Special Topics in Spanish	1-6

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SPAN 1710 Beginning Spanish 1

An introduction to Spanish based on real-life situations, as well as an introduction to various aspects of Hispanic societies. Comprehension and basic speaking skills are emphasized. Some reading and writing is required. The overall goal of this course is to provide students with the linguistic foundation necessary to later achieve proficiency in the Spanish language. No previous knowledge of Spanish is necessary. (Prerequisite(s): READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better or appropriate assessment score) (MnTC: Goal 8) 5C/4/1/0

SPAN 1720 Beginning Spanish 2

A continuation of SPAN 1710. Emphasis is on extending skills in everyday spoken Spanish. (Prerequisite(s): SPAN 1710 with a grade of “C” or better or Placement Exam or instructor approval) (MnTC: Goal 8) 5C/4/1/0

SPAN 1730 Intermediate Spanish 1

This course provides continued development of communication in reading, writing, listening and speaking. There is an emphasis on communicating ideas in writing and conversation. As a part of the course, students will be exposed to the cultures of Spanish-speaking people through art, literature and history. (Prerequisite(s): SPAN 1720 with a grade of “C” or better or Placement Exam or instructor approval) (MnTC: Goals 6 & 8) 5C/4/1/0

SPAN 1740 Intermediate Spanish 2

This course is a continuation of SPAN 1730. The course provides continued development of communication in reading, writing, listening and speaking. There is an emphasis on communicating ideas in writing and conversation. As a part of the course, students will be exposed to the cultures of Spanish speaking people through art, literature and history. This course is usually offered during the spring term (Prerequisite(s): SPAN 1730 with a grade of “C” or better, or Placement Exam or instructor approval) (MnTC: Goals 6 & 8) 5C/4/1/0

SPAN 1790 Spanish for the Workplace

An introduction to basic Spanish conversational communication focusing on the specific context and situations of the workplace. The aim of this course is to achieve a basic level of proficiency in conversational Spanish to exchange information and perform basic everyday tasks. This class may be offered for specific career industries such as the Hospitality or Healthcare industries. When this happens, the career industry will be specified in the title. No previous knowledge of Spanish is necessary. (Prerequisite(s): READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better or appropriate assessment score) (MnTC: Goal 8) 3C/3/0/0

SPAN 1795 Special Topics in Spanish

This course is designed to present additional or unique material and learning experiences within a specified discipline. The course will be based on student need, flexibility, and may be designed to meet various transfer and pre-major course requirements. Please see a current Course Schedule for complete course details. (MnTC: Goal 8) Variable credits 1-6

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