

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
SPANISH 1A SPANISH 1B SPANISH 1C	SPANISH 2A SPANISH 2B SPANISH 2C	SPANISH 3: <i>Exploring U.S. Latino Communities</i> ...or... *SPANISH 3H: <i>Heritage Spanish: Latinidades en California</i>

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

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?

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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>