

Spanish Language Courses 2008-09

This table summarizes the title/number changes to several Spanish language courses. Course descriptions are found below. For questions, please contact either Heather Colburn (hcolburn@northwestern.edu) or Elena Lanza (e-lanza@northwestern.edu).

IMPORTANT NOTE: All courses used to attain the WCAS foreign language proficiency must be taken for a letter grade; they cannot be taken P/N. Students must fulfill the pre-requisite indicated below.

Spanish Language Course Number and Title Changes			
OLD		NEW	
102-1, -2, -3	Intermediate Spanish	121-1, -2, -3	same as old 102
102-3 Fall	Intermediate Spanish	125-0	Accelerated Intermediate Spanish
199-0	Language Workshop	same	Language in Context: Contemporary Spain
201-1	Reading & Speaking I	201-0	Conversation on Human Rights: Latin America
201-2	Reading & Speaking II	202-0	Conversation on Current Topics
202-1	Reading & Writing I	203-0	Individual & Society through Written Expression
202-2	Reading & Writing II	204-0	Reading & Writing the Art of Protest

Spanish Language Course Descriptions

Spanish 101-1, 2, 3: Elementary Spanish

This three-quarter first-year language course is ONLY for students who have never studied Spanish or studied Spanish less than 1 year in high school.

Spanish 115-1, 2: Accelerated Elementary Spanish

A two-quarter first-year intensive course offered as a Winter-Spring sequence. To enroll in this course, you must take the online Spanish Language Placement Test. You may NOT enroll in 115-2 without having completed 115-1.

Spanish 121-1, 2, 3: Intermediate Spanish

A three-quarter second-year language course. Successful completion of 121-3 fulfills the WCAS foreign language requirement. Prerequisite: Spanish 101-3 or 115-2, or online Spanish Language Placement Exam.

Spanish 125-0: Accelerated Intermediate Spanish

This course emphasizes the functional use of Spanish language with focus on interaction and communication. Course components – vocabulary, grammar, culture, and literature -- develop language skills and cultural awareness. Outside on-line video lab twice per week. Successful completion of Spanish 125-0 fulfills the WCAS foreign language proficiency requirement. Prerequisite: AP score of 3 or online Spanish Language Placement Exam.

Spanish 199-0: Language in Context: Contemporary Spain

This course is intended as a bridge course between the intermediate and the advanced levels. It focuses on the development of fluency and grammatical accuracy in speaking and writing through examination of contemporary Spain. Students will refine their knowledge of grammar; however, note that this course is NOT intended as a grammatical review. Prerequisite: 102-3/121-3; Spanish 125-0; AP score of 4; or online Spanish Language Placement Exam.

Spanish 201-0: Conversation on Human Rights: Latin America

First course of sequence designed to develop speaking strategies and structures through analysis of modern (XX/XXI) culture in Latin America. Emphasis on accurate informal conversation. Prerequisite: Spanish 199-0 or departmental placement.

Spanish 202-0: Conversation on Current Topics

Second course of sequence designed to develop speaking strategies and structures through examination of various culturally-related topics in the Spanish-speaking world. Emphasis on formal conversation and specialized vocabulary. Prerequisite: AP score of 5, Spanish 201-0 or departmental placement.

Spanish 203-0 Individual & Society through Written Expression

First course of sequence designed to develop writing skills and structures through examination of the relationship between the individual and society. Emphasis on short texts and essays. Prerequisite: AP score of 5, Spanish 201-0 or departmental placement.

Spanish 204-0 Reading and Writing the Art of Protest

Second course of sequence designed to develop writing skills and structures through analysis of socially-committed art. Emphasis on cultural analysis and development of longer essay. Prerequisite: Spanish 203-0. These courses MUST be taken in sequence.

Spanish 301-0: Topics in Language—Advanced Grammar

Special topics in grammatical, historical, or other linguistic aspects of Spanish. Prerequisite: Spanish 204-0 (202-2) or 207-0. Offered in Fall 2008.

Spanish 301-0: Topics in Language—Translation

Special topics in grammatical, historical, or other linguistic aspects of Spanish. Prerequisite: Spanish 204-0 (202-2) or 207-0. Offered in Spring 2009.

New Spanish Language Courses for 2008-09

Please find below course descriptions for new/revived courses to be offered in 2008-09. For questions, please contact either Heather Colburn (h-colburn@northwestern.edu) or Elena Lanza (e-lanza@northwestern.edu).

Spanish 205-0 Spanish for Professions: Health Care

An advanced course for developing communication skills in Spanish for health care purposes. Emphasis on language skills for the medical field, specialized terminology and vocabulary, and cultural nuances in the Spanish-speaking world. Prerequisite: AP score of 5 or Spanish 199-0. Offered in Winter 2009 only.

Spanish 206-0 Spanish for Professions: Business

Advanced course for developing communication skills in Spanish for business purposes. Emphasis on language skills for the global marketplace: specialized terminology; writing; comprehension of cultural nuances in the Spanish-speaking business world. Prerequisite: AP score of 5 or Spanish 199-0. Offered in Spring 2009 only.

Spanish 207-0: Spanish for Heritage Speakers

A course for heritage speakers without formal instruction in Spanish that emphasizes writing, syntax, and formal modes of the language. You must have the consent of the department to enroll in this course. Please contact Jeannie Jacob (j-jacob@northwestern.edu). Offered in Fall 2008 only.