

Placement Testing in Spanish

You can take the placement test from any computer with an internet connection.

Are you planning to take a Spanish course but don't know where to start? Are you trying to earn a COM 2 exemption in Spanish?

Placement in Spanish language courses is based on a combination of previous study or experience and your score on the test. Once you take the test, you should be able to place yourself using the chart on page 2. If you are uncertain of your placement, you can contact the Director of the Intensive Spanish Program for help.

You need to take the placement test if...

- ▶ You scored below 3 on AP OR
- ▶ You scored below 5 on an IB Higher Level exam OR
- ▶ You scored below 630 on the SAT II OR
- ▶ You studied 3 - 4 years and would like to take a 300-level course OR
- ▶ You need to choose between 121, 151, 221.

**You do not need to take the placement test if you have never studied Spanish!
Contact LALIS for approval to enroll in 121.**

You are expected to abide by the University's Honor Code and take this test by yourself without the assistance of other people or reference resources.

To Take the Placement Test:

- Make sure that you need to take the placement test.
- Make sure you have enough time to take the test (at least 30 minutes).
- Open a browser to <https://webapps.richmond.edu/GlobalStudio/>.
- Enter your net ID and University password.
- Follow instructions to take the test.

To Place Yourself:

If you have never studied Spanish, you should take LAIS 121. Contact LAIS for approval to enroll.

Use this chart to place yourself into a Spanish (LAIS) course. If you place into 121, you must contact Prof. Peebles (epeebles@richmond.edu) or Prof. Corradini (ccorradi@richmond.edu) for permission to enroll.

Students who place into 151 may enroll in 221, but they should know that they may have difficulty keeping up with the work of 221. Only students at the upper end of the scoring range for 151 should consider this option. Please consult the information on the placement web pages and/or consult Prof. Peebles or Prof. Corradini for more advice.

Students who place into 221 must not enroll in 151.

Years of Study	Placement Score	Placement	Notes
0 - 2	Below 100	121	See Program Director for Approval
Will Vary	100 - 324	151	
Will Vary (generally 2+)	325 - 464	221	
Will Vary (generally 4+)	465 and above	300-level	Qualify for Exemption from COM 2; see instructions below.

Exemption from COM 2 is NOT automatic. To receive an exemption from COM 2 complete the following steps as soon as possible:

- Bring a print-out of your placement test score with a picture ID to the Administrative Coordinator of Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies in INTC 334. (Call x1543 for an appointment.)
- Under the supervision of the LALIS Coordinator, complete a brief (20 minute) written composition on an assigned topic to demonstrate your proficiency in written Spanish.
- After evaluation of your composition, complete a brief oral interview in Spanish. The Administrative Coordinator will explain how to arrange this.

If Professor Peebles approves your exemption, he will notify the Registrar of your exemption. Keep your test score and any e-mail about your exemption in a safe place until you graduate.

For Technical Help: Global Studio INTC 226 804-287-6598

**For More Help with Placement: INTC 334 804-484-1543
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