

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 in this document. If you are uncertain of your placement, you can contact the Director of the Intensive Spanish Program for help. To earn exemption from COM 2, you must start by scoring 465 or above on the placement test. **If you have never studied Spanish, you should take LAIS 121. Contact LAIS for approval to enroll.**

To Take the Placement Test:

- Open a browser to <https://webapps.richmond.edu/GlobalStudio/> .
- Enter your net ID and University password.
- Follow instructions to take the test.

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 LAIS for approval to enroll in 121.

To Place Yourself:

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. López Operé (alopezop@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. López Operé 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.

To Receive an Exemption from COM 2:

- Bring a print-out of your placement test score **with a picture ID** to Phyllis Dudding, Administrative Coordinator of Latin American and Iberian Studies, in INTC 334.
- Under Ms. Dudding's supervision, complete a brief (15 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. Ms. Dudding 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:

<http://globalstudio.richmond.edu/in-person-services/placement-test.html>

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