
Are you a Heritage/Native Speaker of Spanish?

For U.S.-educated Spanish speakers [including most Spanish speakers from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Texas, and other southwestern states]:

If your secondary (high school) education was in *English*, then you are eligible to take any course in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese (SPPO) (as long as you have met the prerequisites). Do not be confused by the phrase “not open to native speakers” that you see in the catalogue descriptions for Spanish 1101, 1102, 1155, 1103, 2202, and 3403(H). This does not apply to you. In most cases, however, your current level of Spanish may be beyond these course levels. Thus, it is recommended that you take a special series of exams, so that **credit** can be awarded for these courses without taking them, and so that you are placed into the proper course level for your language ability. Please start by taking our free online placement exam called the MultiCAT offered through the Center for Languages, Literatures and Cultures (CLLC). <https://sppo.osu.edu/undergraduate/language-program/departmental-exams/multicat>

Depending on your result, you may then want to consider taking one or more EM-credit exams, offered through SPPO for a fee of \$60 per exam <<https://sppo.osu.edu/undergraduate/language-program/departmental-exams/em>>. Finally, if you place out of SPAN 1103 **and** you want to continue your Spanish studies at OSU (for example, as a major or minor), please contact **Dr. Holly Nibert** <nibert.3@osu.edu> for a free, non-credit-bearing heritage speaker assessment that may release you from required SPAN 2202 and allow you to begin your coursework at the 3000 level. **[NOTE:** A course called “Spanish for Native Speakers” is occasionally offered for students with a cultural/linguistic background in Spanish. For more information, please contact **Dr. Elena Foulis** <foulis.5@osu.edu>.

For Puerto Rican or foreign-educated Spanish speakers [including most Spanish speakers from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Central and South America, and Spain]:

If your secondary (high school) education was in *Spanish*, then the phrase “not open to native speakers” that you see in certain catalogue descriptions applies to you. You are not eligible to take Spanish 1101, 1102, 1155, 1103, 2202, or 3403; nor are you able to receive credit for these courses by taking the MultiCAT or an EM test. Instead, it is recommended that you contact undergraduate Spanish advisor **Jessica Gatts** <gatts.7@osu.edu> and/or **Dr. Elena Foulis** <foulis.5@osu.edu> to be placed into the proper level.

For further information, please contact
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