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**All students with previous background in Spanish who did not take the AP or IB (HL) Exam MUST take the PLACE Placement Diagnostic.**

### Placement in Spanish 1010 – 2020

Spanish 1010 Elementary Spanish (4 credits)	Spanish 1020 Elementary Spanish (4 credits)	Spanish 1060 Accelerated Elementary Spanish (4 credits)	Spanish 2010 Intermediate Spanish (3 credits)	Spanish 2020 Advanced Intermediate Spanish (3 credits)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No previous Spanish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPAN 1010 at UVA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLACE score: 1.0-3.25*</li> <li>SAT II score: 420-510</li> <li>Experience in a related world language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPAN 1020 or 1060</li> <li>PLACE score: 3.25*-4.25*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPAN 2010</li> <li>PLACE score: 4.25*-5.0</li> <li>Int'l Baccalaureate (IB) Exam (Spanish B, high level only) score of 5 or 6</li> </ul>
*If your score is 3.25, you may enroll in SPAN 1060 or 2010. If your score is 4.25, you may enroll in SPAN 2010 or 2020. See the Threshold Scores document to determine which course is right for you.				

**Note:** The College of Arts & Sciences requires that if you have more than one form of placement, you must use the highest placement. Students who place themselves incorrectly will receive an F for the course in which they enroll without department permission.

### Placement in Spanish 3010/3015 and Above

Exam	Score	Placement	Credits You Receive
PLACE Placement Diagnostic	5.25 – 6	SPAN 3010/3015	No Credits Awarded
	6.25 and beyond	Places out of SPAN 3010	
UVA Spanish Placement Diagnostic (used prior to May 1, 2022)	536-650	SPAN 3010/3015	No Credits Awarded
	651+	Place out of SPAN 3010. May take any of the following: SPAN 3000, 3020, 3030, 3040, 3050, 3060, 3070, 3200 & 3300.	
SAT II Test	641-700	SPAN 3010/3015	No Credits Awarded
	701-800	Place out of SPAN 3010. May take any of the following: SPAN 3000, 3020, 3030, 3040, 3050, 3060, 3070, 3200 & 3300.	
AP Exam Spanish Language	4	SPAN 3010/3015	6 credits for SPAN 2010 & 2020
	5	Place out of SPAN 3010. May take any of the following: SPAN 3000, 3020, 3030, 3040, 3050, 3060, 3070, 3200 & 3300.	
AP Exam Spanish Literature S	4	SPAN 3300	6 credits for SPAN 2010 & 2020
	5	Any SPAN course at the 3000 level, EXCEPT 3010 and 3300.	
IB Exam Spanish A1 or A2	5, 6, or 7	Place out of SPAN 3010. May take any of the following: SPAN 3000, 3020, 3030, 3040, 3050, 3060, 3070, 3200 & 3300.	6 credits for SPAN 2010 & 2020
IB Exam Spanish (High Level)	5 or 6	SPAN 2020	3 credits for SPAN 2010
	7	SPAN 3010/3015	6 credits for SPAN 2010 & 2020

If you have questions regarding the PLACE Placement Diagnostic or about SPAN 1010-2020, please e-mail [spa-pla@virginia.edu](mailto:spa-pla@virginia.edu). If you have questions regarding Spanish courses at the 3000 or 4000 level, please contact the Director of Undergraduate Programs, Alicia López Operé at [al7d@virginia.edu](mailto:al7d@virginia.edu).

## Threshold Placement Diagnostic Scores: Which Course Is Right for You?

### If your score was 3.25...

**SPAN 1060** is a 4-credit accelerated elementary level course which reviews elementary level vocabulary, verb use and sentence formation in present and past indicative tenses.

The focus is on using Spanish to talk about yourself and relevant familiar topics. **SPAN 1060** is probably the right course for you if...

- You've had 1-2 years of Spanish experience.
- The Spanish classes you've taken were primarily taught in English and/or you didn't get a lot of practice using the language to speak, listen, read and write.
- It's been over 2 years since your last Spanish course.
- Your basic vocabulary needs refreshing; you would struggle to talk about yourself and familiar topics relevant to everyday life.
- You need to review how verb conjugation works and how to structure simple sentences.
- You need more practice to be able to express yourself in the present tense.

### If your score was 4.25...

**SPAN 2010** is a 3-credit intermediate level course which reviews present and past indicative tenses and adds perfect tenses, commands and the subjunctive mood.

The focus is on using Spanish to express yourself with greater nuance and variety and engage with cultural texts. **SPAN 2010** is probably the right course for you if...

- You've had 2+ years of Spanish experience including practice with speaking, listening, reading and writing.
- You have a solid basic vocabulary; you usually have the words to talk about yourself and familiar topics relevant to everyday life.
- You understand the general principle of verb conjugation and how to structure simple sentences.
- You can generally express yourself in the present tense. Note that this doesn't mean that you always remember every irregular verb conjugation or use verbs with perfect accuracy all the time.
- You may have had some practice with additional tenses (e.g. preterite and imperfect) and moods (e.g. subjunctive) but need to review them.

**SPAN 2020** is a 3-credit intermediate level course and the bridge to upper level. It covers using the present and past subjunctive in various contexts.

The focus is on using all tenses to continue to build nuance, variety and confidence in self-expression in Spanish. **SPAN 2020** is probably the right course for you if...

- You've had 2+ years of Spanish experience including substantial practice with speaking, listening, reading and writing.
- You have the vocabulary to talk about yourself and familiar topics relevant to everyday life at length with variety.
- You understand the general principle of verb conjugation. You can easily structure simple sentences, connect sentences with words like "and" and "because," and use a variety of verb constructions (e.g. *have to*, *going to*).
- You can use the present tense flexibly and you have had practice with additional tenses (e.g. preterite and imperfect) and moods (e.g. subjunctive). Note that this doesn't mean that you use verbs with perfect accuracy all the time.