

Spanish

“Almost 38 million people in the US speak Spanish. Spanish is the second most common first language in the world (behind Mandarin Chinese), and the third most used language on the internet! Take Spanish classes at Mary Wash and you’ll not only learn to communicate with all these people, you’ll also learn about and even experience their many amazing cultures!”



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All language courses must be completed in proper sequence.

Students with a background in Spanish are strongly encouraged to take the placement exam and be prepared to make adjustments in their course registration for the semester in accordance with the results of the exam. Language placement exams will be offered during summer orientation.

Incoming students with high school preparation should use the following as a general guideline for choosing a language course:

- with 2 years of language—enroll in SPAN 102 or 105**
- with 3 years of language—enroll in SPAN 201 or 205**
- with 4 years of language—enroll in SPAN 202**

With four years or more, a student is eligible to take a **300-level course**, but must consult with the department to determine which course is most appropriate.

Below please find some examples of first semester schedules for a Spanish major. There are many variations of a first semester schedule; the examples are just meant to help you see that there are many ways to reach the same goals.

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Example 1:

| Course (credits) | Requirement(s) Met |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. SPAN 305** - Conversation and Grammar (3) | Major/Minor, Lang |
| 2. HIST 121 - Western Civilization I (3) | HES |
| 3. PHYS 101 - General Physics with Lab (4) | NS |
| 4. FSEM 100K3 Digital Don Quixote (3) | FSEM |
| 5. PHYD 102 - M Basketball (1) | Elective |

Example 2:

| Course (credits) | Requirement(s) Met |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. SPAN 105** - Intensive Beginning Spanish (6) | Lang |
| 2. PSYC 100 - General Psychology (3) | HES |
| 3. PSCI 101A - Intro to Political Science (3) | HES |
| 4. FSEM 100 A3 Writing for a Wounded Planet: Lit and Environment in the US and Latin America (3) | FSEM |

Example 3: Athletes for varsity sports must register for the 400-level course of the sport. Practice times for varsity sports can vary, but generally speaking, athletes should allow for enough time to get to and from practice on weekdays from 3 - 6 p.m. Please check with the individual coach for your sport to verify specific practice times each semester.

| Course (credits) | Requirement(s) Met |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. SPAN 201HN*** - Honors Intermediate Spanish (3) | Lang, HN |
| 2. HISP 101 - The American Heritage (3) | HES |
| 3. GEOG 101 - World Regional Geography (3) | GI |
| 4. FSEM 100F1 - American Detective Fiction (3) | FSEM |
| 5. PHYD 428 - Intercollegiate Swimming - Men (1) | Elective |

***This particular course is in a discipline that allows students with demonstrated competence upon admission to UMW (such as AP/IB credit, dual enrollment, etc.) to begin courses at a higher level. Talk to your Student Success Coordinator if you believe you should start at a higher level.*

****The HN designation is available to students of the UMW Honors program in certain sections of Spanish 201, 202, and 205.*