

How do I select a Spanish course?

Spanish 01 (5 units): Introductory Spanish I

- Spanish 01 is for the student who has ZERO knowledge of Spanish and who grew up not listening to it or speaking it. It is for those students who grew up speaking ONLY English, Chinese, Korean, or Armenian, or any other language, EXCEPT Spanish! If you are a Spanish-speaker, you will become terribly bored in this class! If you are bored, you will either stop attending class or disengage completely from the material and eventually drop or earn a poor grade. In fact, many native speakers of Spanish do poorly in this course since it is not designed for students with some prior knowledge of the language.
- The following is a sample of what you might hear and say in a Spanish 01 class:

Profesor: ¿Qué es esto? (What is this?)

La clase: Es una silla. (It is a chair.)

Profesor: ¿Qué es esto? (What is this?)

La clase: Es una ventana. (It is a window)

Profesor: Te gusta jugar en el parque? (Do you like to play at the park?)

Estudiante: No, prefiero jugar en la playa. (No, I prefer to play at the beach.)

Profesor: ¿Visitaste a tu hermano ayer? (Did you visit your brother yesterday?)

Estudiante: Sí, lo visité a las 7:00 de la tarde. (Yes, I visited him at 7 in the evening.)

Spanish 35 (5 units): Spanish for Heritage Speakers I

- Spanish 35 is for those students who grew up listening and speaking Spanish at home. **Please, don't let the course number mislead you! Spanish 35, like Spanish 1, and 28, is an introductory course designed for students who understand Spanish because they grew up in a Spanish-speaking environment. It is still an elementary course.** This course is designed for students who have grown up speaking Spanish but have not formally studied it in an academic environment. Those students whose parents/guardians (either one of them or both) do NOT speak English, for example, and therefore required that their children speak Spanish to them should take this class. Some heritage Spanish-speaking students use Spanglish to varying degrees. If you think your level of Spanish fall between SP 01 and 35, please see a professor in the Modern Languages Department.

Read the following paragraph:

"El mundo es cada vez más pequeño. Ahora que un vuelo de Nueva York a Europa dura tan poco tiempo, es posible pasar el fin de semana en un pequeño pueblo de los Alpes y regresar el lunes a los rascacielos de Wall Street. Y no sólo viajan los ricos; la clase media y los estudiantes también dejan su país en busca de nuevas experiencias y oportunidades de trabajo. El intercambio de turistas y trabajadores es particularmente evidente en los EE.UU. Todos los años miles de turistas viajan a diversos países de habla española. Los turistas hispanos que llegan a los EE.UU. son menos numerosos, pero el número aumenta cada vez más. Y sin contar a los turistas, hay millones de personas de habla española que viven en los EE.UU. De hecho, en algunas ciudades -como San Antonio, Texas—los hispanos ya constituyen la mayoría de la población".

- If you had no problems reading it and understanding it, enroll in Spanish 35.
- If you understood everything, but have never read or heard the word "rascacielos" in line 3, "aumentan" in line 9, or the word "constituyen" in the second to the last line, enroll in Spanish 35.
- If you didn't have a problem reading it, but you know that you are NOT be able to write at this level,.... no problem! You should still enroll in Spanish 35!

Not sure what level to take? Please see any Spanish professor in C2-109! You may also contact Prof. Norma Vega at vegan@elac.edu .Note: If any student has taken **AP Spanish Language Exam within the last 6 years** and earned a score of 4 or 5, you may enroll in Spanish 04, or Spanish 37 with the help of any one of the professors. Please go to the Modern Languages Department (C2-109) for more information.**