

SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR THE OF FALL 2020

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMENT

If you have any questions regarding Spanish course placement or selection, please contact Dr. Rebecca Harmon (RCHarmon@GCC.edu), Dr. Deborah Forteza (FortezaDR@gcc.edu), or any of the Spanish faculty advisors.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

You may satisfy the GCC language requirement through successful completion of the Intermediate-level language sequence (201-202) at GCC in French or Spanish.

Freshmen and transfer students who need to complete the language requirement should **register for a language course as early as possible** in your GCC career. If left to the junior or senior year, completing the language requirement can present last-minute problems, such as failing to graduate on time.

Students who have had non-AP Spanish outside of GCC must take GCC's WebCAPE placement exam to determine in which class they should enroll.

COURSE PLACEMENT

I took	My score was	I receive credit for	I may enroll in
1-5+ years of high school Spanish and the WebCAPE exam	0-250	none	SPAN 101 (fall only)
	251-330	none	SPAN 102 (spring only)*
	331-380	none	SPAN 201 (fall only)
	381-430	none	SPAN 202 (spring only)*
	431+	none	SPAN 295 or 301
AP Spanish Language Exam	5	SPAN 202 & 295	SPAN 301, 306
	4	SPAN 202	SPAN 301
	3 or below	none	SPAN 201, 301, 306
AP Spanish Literature Exam	5	two SPAN electives (6 credit hours)	SPAN 301
	4	one SPAN elective (3 credit hours)	SPAN 301
	3 or below	none	SPAN 201 or 301

*with permission of the instructor

Please note: you may **not** receive credit for the same course twice. If you receive credit for SPAN 295 based on your AP exam score, you **may not** take SPAN 295 at GCC and receive credit for it again.

SEE THE BIG PICTURE

If you already have a good grasp communicating in Spanish, **take your skills to the next level** by choosing classes in advanced language, literature, civilization, and culture. Taking a lower course for easy credit slows the natural process of learning a language. Advanced classes will give you the opportunity to learn a topic in-depth and make relevant connections with your areas of interest. You will improve your speaking and writing and will be trained in problem solving and creativity. **Majoring or minoring is just a step away.**

COURSES OFFERED IN THE FALL OF 2020

SPANISH 101, Elementary Spanish I
SPANISH 201, Intermediate Spanish I
SPANISH 301, Introduction to Literature and Film
SPANISH 306, Advanced Communication

CONSIDER MAJORING OR MINORING

If you already speak Spanish at the 295 level, majoring or minoring will be easy. A second language will set you apart and will expose you to diverse cultures and ways of thinking.

A Spanish major consists of 33 credits beyond the intermediate (201-202). The skills that you will learn by studying a foreign language are transferable to the professional world and will be useful in any line of study or work.

The Spanish minor consists of 18 hours of Spanish courses beyond Spanish 202, including Spanish 295 or 301; Spanish 303; Spanish 305 or 340; one Spanish literature and culture course; one Latin American literature and culture course; and three hours of 300 or 400-level Spanish electives, excluding Spanish 362.

The minor in Spanish for the Professions consists of 18 hours of Spanish courses beyond Spanish 202, including Spanish 295 or 301; Spanish 303, 306, and 315; either Spanish 316 or 317; and one literature and culture course.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN OUR BASIC, INTERMEDIATE, AND ADVANCED SPANISH CLASSES?

Elementary Spanish I – SPAN 101

You will learn greetings and farewells and vocabulary related to the university, family life, the weather, and the city. You will be able to communicate in Spanish using short sentences and formulas. You will learn how to conjugate verbs in the present tense, the differences between *ser* and *estar*, and the laws behind subject, verb and object agreement.

Elementary Spanish II - SPAN 102

You will learn vocabulary related to clothing, shopping, daily routines, food and celebrations, and personal relationships. You will learn how to use reflexive verbs, express comparisons, *gustar*, and the difference between *saber* and *conocer*. With a better understanding of how to employ direct and indirect objects and the preterit and the imperfect, you will be able to construct more complex sentences.

Intermediate Spanish I - SPAN 201

You will learn vocabulary related to technology, the environment, and the professional world. At this point, you will be able to express your thoughts in complete sentences related to the present, the past, and the future using prepositions and relative pronouns.

Intermediate Spanish II - SPAN 202

You will learn vocabulary related to city life, health and well-being, money and banking, the arts, and the professions. You will be introduced to the perfect tenses, which will allow you to talk about past events in relation to the present and the future. At this point you will also learn the subjunctive and will be able to express doubt, necessity, and conditions. Your ability to communicate in series of connected, well-constructed sentences will solidify.

Spanish Language and Culture – SPAN 295

You will review vocabulary related to your personal and professional life as well as the basic and more complex structures of the Spanish language. You will be introduced to literature, culture, and the arts. In this class, you will be able to communicate in complete sentences and will start to feel comfortable expressing yourself in paragraphs.

Intro to Literature and Film – SPAN 301

You will encounter the grammar taught in intermediate Spanish I and II in real texts and films. You will be introduced to the basic concepts of how to read and talk about literature and film, while becoming familiarized with important Hispanic works and their historical and cultural contexts.

SPAN 300 and beyond

In these courses, you will explore all kinds of fascinating subjects ranging from the history of the first inhabitants of the Iberian Peninsula to the configuration of the Latin American cities nowadays. While still receiving instruction on how to improve your Spanish, you will be exposed to topics such as literature, film, history, urbanism, religion, the arts, media and contemporary life, Hispanics in the US, the professions, and business life, among many others. Your professors will design activities that will allow you to express creatively in the language and make connections with your future life as a global citizen and as a committed Christian.