

## Spanish Courses at Middlebury: Information for Advisors

Course Number	Course Content
<p><b>101 (offered every Fall <u>and</u> Spring semester)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This course does NOT fulfill any distribution requirements.</li> <li>• Students <u>must take a placement test</u> to enroll in the course, even if they've never taken Spanish before. (This is department policy and is not open to discussion.)</li> <li>• Students who enroll in this course but have Spanish on their high school transcript will automatically be removed from the class.</li> </ul>	<p>Intro to Spanish language designed for beginners who have never ever taken Spanish before.</p>
<p><b>104 (offered every Fall <u>and</u> Spring semester)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This course does NOT fulfill any distribution requirements.</li> </ul>	<p>Part 2 of Spanish for beginners. Students may advance to this class after taking Spanish 101 or may be placed at this level upon completing the placement test.</p>
<p><b>201 (offered every Fall <u>and</u> Spring semester)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only courses at this level (200) and above fulfill the college distribution requirement LNG, Foreign Language.</li> </ul>	<p>Intermediate Spanish, Part 1. Grammar review from present tense to basic subjunctive. Speaking and writing skills development. Students may advance to this class after taking Spanish 104 or may be placed at this level upon completing the placement test.</p>
<p><b>220 (offered every Fall <u>and</u> Spring semester)</b></p>	<p>Intermediate Spanish, part 2. More advanced grammar, including different forms of subjunctive. More advanced speaking and writing skills development. Students may advance to this class after taking Spanish 201 or may be placed at this level upon completing the placement test.</p>
<p><b>250 (offered once every academic year)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This course is open <u>only</u> to self-identified heritage speakers of Spanish who place at (or advance to) 201 or 220-level Spanish.</li> </ul>	<p>Spanish language course designed for Spanish heritage speakers. Instructor approval required. After completing of this course, students advance to a 300-level course.</p>

<p><b>300-399 (offered every Fall and Spring semester)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must take at least one course at this level during the semester immediately before they travel to study abroad;</li> <li>• Students must take at least 2 courses at this level in order to advance to the 400 level;</li> <li>• These courses are not open to seniors without special permission from the instructor.</li> </ul>	<p>Courses that provide mainly culture (including literature, film, etc.) and linguistics (syntax, language variants, etc.) content. These courses are taught in Spanish and require/assess intermediate-advanced reading, writing, and speaking skills.</p>
<p><b>400+ (offered every Fall and Spring semester)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These courses are not open to first-year students.</li> <li>• Courses taken during Study Abroad and some advanced Summer Language School courses may count as 400-level courses after approval from the department chair.</li> </ul>	<p>Courses that provide mainly culture (including literature, film, etc.) and linguistics (syntax, language variants, etc.) content. These courses are taught in Spanish and require/assess advanced reading, writing, and speaking skills.</p>

**Notes:**

Please encourage students to take the Spanish placement test before arriving to campus. Please let students know that they may enroll in a Spanish course ONLY after taking the placement test. Their AP scores or other test scores are not taken into account and Banner will not allow them to register without a placement test score.

Many students, especially first-years, are insecure about their foreign-language speaking skills and want to start at a lower level than what their placement test indicates. Please reassure them that speaking skills (as well as all language skills) are practiced and developed in all Spanish courses and it makes no sense for students to waste time at a lower language level than the one at which they placed.

Please note that, unlike other languages on campus, the Spanish sequence does not require beginners to take a Winter term language class.

Please encourage advisees to take language early on in their studies at Middlebury. Because of the nature of language learning and language instruction, it will be very hard for students, especially those at the beginner and lower-intermediate level, to reach the necessary language proficiency to study abroad, or to major or minor in any of the majors that require a language component (e.g., Spanish, IGS, IPE, etc.).

Language study at one of Middlebury's Summer Schools is an option for students who need to reach the necessary language proficiency faster. However, enrolling in the Summer School is separate from being enrolled at the College and is not included in the comprehensive fee Middlebury students pay. They will need to spend additional money to take Summer School courses.