Spanish Placement Exam

The Spanish faculty has developed a placement exam to evaluate Spanish aural/listening proficiency, writing, and reading skills of incoming Spanish students. The objective of this exam is to discern the level of students’ language competencies.

At the completion of the exam students should demonstrate competencies at the following levels according to the requirements of the Spanish division at Texas A & M University-Commerce: 1) No proficiency; 2) Elementary Spanish I; 3) Elementary Spanish II; 4) Intermediate Spanish I; 5) Intermediate Spanish II.

Grading and placing guidelines

1. Students scoring at the “no proficiency level” will be placed in Elementary Spanish I (Spa 1301).
2. Students scoring at the “Elementary Spanish I level” will be placed in Elementary Spanish II (Spa 1302).
3. Students scoring at the Elementary Spanish II level will be placed in Intermediate Spanish I (Spa 2301).
4. Students scoring at the Intermediate Spanish I level will be placed in Intermediate Spanish II (Spa 2302).
5. Students who score beyond the Intermediate Spanish II level will be advanced to upper level classes provided they enroll in the upper level classes the semester immediately following the administration of the test. The following provisions apply to students taking this exam:

   a) Students who are placed into Spa 1302 based on test scores may receive 3 hours of credit for Spa 1301, only if they complete Spa 1302 with a grade of C or better at Texas A&M University-Commerce.
   b) Students who are placed into Spa 2301 based on test scores may receive 3 hours of credit for Spa 1302, only if they complete Spa 2301 with a grade of C or better at Texas A&M University-Commerce.
   c) Students who are placed into Spa 2302 based on test scores may receive 3 hours of credit for Spa 2301, only if they complete Spa 2302 with a grade of C or better at Texas A&M University-Commerce.
   d) Students scoring beyond the Intermediate II level, placing out of Spa 2302, may receive 6 hours of lower division Spanish credit if they go on to complete 6 hours of upper division Spanish at Texas A&M University-Commerce.
   e) Students whose degree plan already requires them to take upper division Spanish may not substitute lower division courses for upper division ones. However, they may benefit from taking the placement exam by being exempt from the prerequisites, Spa 2301 and Spa 2302.
**Students can only take the Spanish Placement Exam one time.**

**Students must register for the class/level assigned within the year. If more than a year has elapsed between the time when the student took the exam and the date of registration, the exam will not be valid. Please consult with the Spanish advisor, Dr. Inma Lyons at Inma_Lyons@tamu-commerce.edu**

*Students receiving credit for Spanish classes based upon the Spanish Placement Exam are responsible for requesting credit once they have completed the placement course (with a grade of “C” or better) required for receiving credit. This request should be made in the STUDENT ASSESSMENT OFFICE where the exam was administered.*