Beginning and Intermediate Spanish

Important Placement Information.

We welcome you to the Spanish language program at BYU and hope you have a successful experience with us. Here is some information to help place you in the correct Spanish course:

We have spent the last two years redesigning our curricula to address the needs of students planning either 1) to complete a GE requirement in Spanish or 2) to complete a major or minor in Spanish.

One of the blessings we have at BYU is the large number of returned missionaries who bring to our upper-division courses highly-polished skills in Spanish. This blessing, however, has created problems for those who have taken our 100- and 200-level classes and then tried to merge with the returned missionaries at the 300-level. Furthermore, an inordinate number of students coming from high school with three or four years of Spanish have flooded our 101-102 courses and have pushed out the true beginners, thereby denying them the experience of learning a foreign language.

In an effort to remedy these problems, we have converted our 101-102 sequence to Pass/Fail beginning in Fall 2006. The new Spanish 101-102 will be designed specifically for students with no previous Spanish study. (However, students who have had only one year of high school Spanish may enroll in the new pass/fail Spanish 101/102 Accelerated course.) Also, we have designed a new 105-106 course for students who have had two or three years of high school Spanish, which will be followed by a new 205-206 sequence. The 205 course will replace the 202 course for the purpose of the GE requirement.

We recommend taking Spanish 111R and 112R concurrently with the 105-106 courses, and 311R with 205 or 206, to enhance your conversational skills in Spanish.

New program:

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NB: If you need or want additional focus on conversational skills, add 111R-112R, as well as 311R.