

Placement Policy

Department of Spanish and Latin America Studies

The policy of the Department of Spanish and Latin America Studies is to request that any student who has previous knowledge of the Spanish language take the department's placement test, which can be found online. Please email Spanishadvising@dal.ca in order to take the test. It is considered unethical to not disclose previous knowledge of the language, as is stated in Dalhousie's Undergraduate calendar under the following subheadings:

Code of Student Conduct

“No student shall knowingly furnish false information to any person or office acting on behalf of the University”.

Intellectual Honesty Policy

“Dalhousie University strives to provide equal opportunities for learners to demonstrate and to be recognized for their abilities. Any behavior intended to gain unearned advantage over another person violates this principle. A member of the University who attempts, or who assists any other person in an attempt, to fulfill, by irregular procedures, any requirements for a course, commits an academic offence and is subject to a penalty”.

In special circumstances where there is reason to question or discuss the results of the departmental placement test, or this policy, the Academic Advisor and Chair will consult and reach a decision. When relevant, they will consult with the Instructor involved in the matter. In some cases it may be necessary to meet with the student in question.

Any person who might be considered a native speaker - meaning that they have spoken the language since childhood and has had extensive formal instruction in Spanish - will only be eligible to register in literature and culture courses, and in rare cases, the most advanced level language class, with the instructor's permission.

Following Dalhousie's policy all students have the right to repeat a course for which a passing grade has been awarded. If a student has completed SPAN 1020 or 1035, or SPAN 2020 or 2035, they have the right to take SPAN 1021 and/or 1022 in the former cases, and 2021 and/or 2022 in the latter.