

Self - evaluation
for Spanish 102
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Placement in Foreign Language Classes at GRCC

GRCC does not have a test or other placement instruments to help you determine the best placement in our Spanish courses. The Department of Language and Thought and The Counseling Center apply the same general criteria to help you make an academically and financially good decision for you. That criteria is listed here:

GRCC is an “open enrollment” institution. We do not use testing to place students in foreign language classes. The students place themselves. In order to help them with the decision as to where they should be, we have the following guidelines.

This is what we recommend to students:

- A. 1-2 years of High school Spanish you can take 101 for review or take 102.
- B. 2-3 years of high school Spanish and you should start in SP 102.
- C. If you have completed 3-4 years of high school you should enroll in SP 231.
- D. If you have 4 or more years of high school or if you are a native speaker with some educational background in a Spanish speaking country you should take SP 232.
- E. If you are a native speaker but have never studied in high school or grammar school here or in a Spanish speaking country you should start in SP 102.
- F. If you have had family exposure to the language and can talk and understand but you have never written or read the language, depending on your interests and reasons for taking the language, you should start in SP 101.

These recommendations hold true for French and German also.

If, after reading the above, you still have some doubts or if your experience with Spanish is more than two years old, please take the following self-evaluation. The self-evaluation is available by clicking on the link.

The following questions and translations are intended to help you make a determination as to your placement in Spanish courses at GRCC.

If you have completed a year or two of high school Spanish you may think you are ready for SP 102. When doing the self-evaluation, it is important to be realistic and fair to yourself. If you do not know the answers to the questions or if you cannot do the translations without help, you should begin in SP 101.

If you do not answer the questions with an asterisk next to them correctly, you should not enroll in SP 102. The questions with an asterisk are topics that are covered in SP 101 at GRCC. If you cannot answer them or translate them correctly you will be behind in SP 102 .

Please answer the following questions completely. (Completely means that the answer must contain a verb.)

1. ¿Cómo te llamas?
2. ¿De dónde eres?
3. ¿Cómo estás?
4. ¿Cómo eres?
5. ¿Conversas en español bien o mal?
6. ¿Deseas viajar en el verano?
7. ¿Te gusta jugar deportes?
8. ¿Con quién tienes ganas de asistir a clases?
9. ¿Qué tienes que hacer mañana?
10. ¿Qué vas a estudiar esta noche?
11. ¿Cuántas horas prefieres dormir cada noche?
12. ¿A qué hora sales de tu casa para ir a clase?
13. ¿Qué tiempo hace en Grand Rapids en invierno?
14. ¿Cuál es tu estación favorita?
- 15.* ¿Qué compraste en la tienda?

Translations:

1. I am 21 years old.
- 2.* I can't talk, I am studying in the library.
- 3.* Last year I studied with my friends.
4. There are 58 books in the library.
5. I am at home with my parents.
6. She is a student.
- 7.* The book? I need it for my class.
- 8.* I like this book not that one.
- 9.* It is raining.

Link to oral Questions.

1. ¿Cómo te llamas?
- 2.* ¿Dónde estudiaste español?
3. ¿Cómo son tus abuelos?
4. ¿Eres grande o pequeño/a?
5. ¿Quieres ir de viaje?

Responses to the questions. (Words in parentheses [Yo] in the answers indicate that that word is optional)

1. Me llamo Your name.
2. Soy de your town or city
3. Estoy bien, mal, muy bien, muy mal or así, así (also - regular or más o menos)
4. Soy (some physical or personality characteristic like: alto/a, simpática/o etc.)
5. Converso (en español) bien
or
Converso mal.
6. Sí, deseo viajar en el verano.
or
No, no deseo viajar en el verano.
7. Sí, me gusta jugar deportes.
or
No, no me gusta jugar deportes.
8. Tengo ganas de asistir a clases con name of a person.
9. Tengo que jugar al tenis (In the place of jugar you may place any infinitive that is an action.)
10. Voy a estudiar la química. (In place of química you may place any course.)
11. (Yo) prefiero dormir siete horas (cada noche). (In place of siete you may place any reasonable number.)
12. Salgo de mi casa a las ocho. (In place of ocho you may place any time. Your answer must contain the "de" after salgo and the "a" after casa.)
13. Hace frío en invierno. (In place of frío you may place a variety of weather conditions but not **nieva**, or **llueve**.)
14. Mi estación favorita es verano. (In place of verano you may place any of the seasons.)
15. (Yo) compré una camisa (en la tienda). (In place of camisa you may use any article of clothing, food or object you might buy in a store. Please make sure the article [el, la, los, las, un, una, unos, or unas] is correct.) This answer also requires the "é" on the verb.

Translations:

1. Tengo veintiún años.

2. No puedo hablar, estoy estudiando en la biblioteca.

or

No puedo hablar, estudio en la biblioteca. (Note that the correct word for library is "biblioteca".)

3. El año pasado estudié con mis amigos.

4. Hay cincuenta y ocho libros en la biblioteca.

5. Estoy en casa con mis padres. (Note that the correct word for parents is "padres")

6. Ella es estudiante.

7. ¿El libro? Lo necesito para mi clase.

8. Me gusta este libro no ése.

9. Lluve.

or

Está lloviendo.