Spanish language placement FAQs for advisers

**Where can my students find the placement exam?**

They can find it by searching **placement exam** in the search bar on the college homepage. Here is the address: <https://www.etown.edu/depts/modern-languages/language-placement.aspx>. All instructions and policies can be found here. Most of the questions that we get from students and their advisers each semester are answered here on this page.

**Can my student take the placement exam more than once?**

No. They should take it during FY orientation, and then take their language class ASAP if they are continuing with a language they have already studied.

**How do I see my student’s placement exam results?**

You can see their result in your advisee roster on Jayweb, under “Academic History” (scroll down to the bottom).

**Can they take a different class, other than the one into which they placed?**

They can take a 111 section of a language they have previously studied for 0-2 years, and do not need to take the placement exam in this case. We will check their High School transcripts to verify. Students who places themselves into a level below where they placed by our department will not get credit for that class.

***If they want to take a Spanish class and they placed into SP 112 or higher, they need to register for the class into which they placed & try it; then during the first week of classes they can talk to their instructor if they feel they need to move down or up.***

**If my student hasn’t taken Spanish for several years can they take a lower level than their placement?**

Please see the previous question above.

**My student placed into SP 111 but was told they could not take it. Why?**

Any student who has taken 3 years or more of a language is not permitted to take a 111 class in that language for credit, regardless of their placement results.

**What is the difference between SP 112 and SP 211?**

The content of these two courses is virtually the same; however, in SP 211 students are expected to be able to use Spanish more (with guidance) and spend less time talking about the Spanish language in English.

**My student speaks Spanish at home. Can they take a Spanish class for Core credit?**

Any native or heritage speaker of a language must arrange a personal oral interview with the Department of Modern Languages to determine proper placement.