

Spanish Language Course Recommendations

Course sequence:

- Spanish for Communication 1-6 should be completed sequentially. Students should not complete any of the 1-6 courses concurrently.
- [Spanish: Advanced-Beginner Conversations](#) is an optional lower level conversation class. Students should enroll in this class after completing Spanish for Communication 3, either by itself or concurrently with Spanish for Communication 4. This class does not count towards the Spanish Language certificate and is an optional additional class.
- After completing Spanish for Communication 6, it is recommended that students advance to a Refining Fluency course:
 - [Spanish Refining Fluency: Spain & the Caribbean](#)
 - [Spanish Refining Fluency: Mexico & the Southern Cone](#)
 - [Spanish Refining Fluency: Andean region and Central America](#)
- After completing at least one Refining Fluency course, students can then advance to the Conversation courses:
 - [Spanish Conversations: Practical Dialogues](#)
 - [Spanish Conversations: News and World Issues](#)
 - [Spanish Conversations: Literary Café](#)
 - [Spanish Conversations: Film](#)

Course placement:

- Within the course description page for each Spanish for Communication course there is a link to a self-placement exam. This exam is self-graded (answers are at the end of the PDF) and is meant to be a guide to assist students in placing themselves in the correct Spanish level. The exams test some of the vocabulary and grammar points covered in each level. Students scoring an 80% or higher are recommended to advance to the next level. For example, if a student completes the exam listed under Spanish for Communication 1 and scores a 90%, they should then review the exam listed under Spanish for Communication 2. If they then score a 60%, then Spanish for Communication 2 should be a good starting point in their language learning.
- The refund deadline for the language courses is typically two days after the first class meeting. This allows students to enroll in a class, attend the first meeting and then if needed either transfer their enrollment to a higher or lower level or submit a drop request if they don't feel the class is a good fit for them. The exact refund deadline for each section is listed in the section notes.

Course materials:

- The Spanish for Communication 1-6 series uses the 9th edition of McGraw-Hill's [Puntos de Partida](#) textbook and [Connect](#) materials.
- Students can purchase a physical textbook or work from an e-book. Log-in instructions will be shared with students at the first meeting. Those opting for the e-book should bring a laptop/digital device to class. Materials will be discussed in more detail during the first class meeting; students should wait until the first class meeting to decide on which version they will use. All students will submit homework via an online platform regardless of textbook version.