

# Spanish Language Course Recommendations

Course sequence:

- Spanish for Communication 1-7 should be completed sequentially. Students should not complete any of the 1-7 courses concurrently.

After completing Spanish for Communication 7, it is recommended that students advance to a Refining Fluency course:

- Spanish Fluency (intro): Spain
- Spanish Fluency (intro): The Caribbean
- Spanish (intro): Mexico

After completing at least two of the low intermediate courses, students can then advance to the intermediate course.

- Spanish Fluency (intermediate): The Southern Cone
- Spanish Fluency (intermediate): Andean region
- Spanish Fluency (intermediate): Central America

After completing at least two of the intermediate courses, students can then advance to the high intermediate courses:

- Spanish Conversations (high intermediate) : Practical Dialogues
- Spanish Conversations (high intermediate): News and World Issues
- Spanish Conversations (high intermediate): Literary Café
- Spanish Conversations (high intermediate): 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 1-7 series uses the 2nd edition of *Conéctate* by Grant Goodall and Darcy Lear and Connect materials.
- Students can purchase a physical textbook or work from an e-book. Log-in instructions will be shared with students before 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.