

Spanish Language Certificate Proficiency Exam

The goal of the Spanish Language Certificate Program is to provide language skills in Spanish up to an intermediate level. The certificate program includes the initial component of a required, six-level sequential communications series of language acquisition courses and several elective choices emphasizing conversation or reading/writing. Students who successfully complete the Spanish Certificate Program will demonstrate at least Intermediate Mid proficiency, as measured by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). In addition to the Extension certificate, graduates of the program will receive the official ACTFL-OPI certificate, indicating their rating.

OPIc Exam:

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) is one of the most widely recognized standardized tests of foreign language oral proficiency in the United States. The OPI is used by many branches of the US government and Fortune 500 companies. Assessments are accepted by over 1400 postsecondary, graduate and postgraduate institutions. All tests are scored by ACTFL Certified Raters, and all test candidates are issued an official ACTFL Certificate indicating their rating on the test.

The OPIc is the computer based version of the OPI and takes between 30-60 minutes to complete.

Students must obtain a rating on the OPIc of at least Intermediate-Mid to complete the UCSD Extension Spanish Language Certificate. Students who receive a rating lower than Intermediate-Mid will not meet the requirements to complete the certificate; should this happen the student will be encouraged to take an additional elective, practice, and retake the exam the following quarter.

The exam fee is \$105 (\$70 test fee, \$35 Extension proctoring fee).

This requirement only applies to students who enrolled in the Spanish Language Certificate in Summer 2015 and later. Students who enrolled in the Spanish Language Certificate during Spring 2015 or earlier should contact ahl@ucsd.edu once they have completed their certificate course requirements.

OPIc demo: <http://opicdemo.actfltesting.org/TesteeCD.html>

Additional OPIc information: <http://www.languagetesting.com/oral-proficiency-interview-by-computer-opic>

To schedule the OPIc exam, please email ahl@ucsd.edu.