

Spanish Language Challenge SPAN 301 / 302

This challenge requires the student to demonstrate READING, ORAL and WRITTEN proficiency in Spanish.

OPTION A: Demonstrate proficiency by presenting a high school transcript with a SEAL OF BILITERACY

OPTION B: Demonstrate proficiency with the following 3 steps

1. Reading & Grammar

- **For SPAN 301:** Students must score at least 500 on the WebCape placement exam
- **For SPAN 302:** Students must score at least 550 on the WebCape placement exam

2. Oral

- **For SPAN 301:** Attain an Intermediate High ranking on a full 1/2 hour oral proficiency interview (OPI)
- **For SPAN 302 –** Attain an Advanced Low ranking on a full 1/2 hour oral proficiency interview. (OPI)
- To arrange the interview, contact Language Testing International:
<https://tms.languagetesting.com/IndividualSite/> If you are a new user, follow the steps to register online, or call 1-800-486-8444 or email info@languagetesting.com
- Follow the instructions to register for the exam.
- Choose “**Web-Based Proctoring**”. (*Web-based proctoring allows you to take almost all ACTFL assessments from your own home, 24/7 – all you need is a computer with a webcam, so that the proctor can check your ID, help you access the first test, and then monitor the area to make sure the test is taken in a secure environment.*) This will cost an additional \$20.
- **Angeleen Umfleet in the World Languages Department** will be notified that you took the test and receive your score.
- The cost is approximately \$139 + \$20 (*proctoring*) = \$159, which you will pay online with a credit or debit card to LTI.
- Most oral proficiency interviews take around 30 minutes, though there is some variation.
- Contact Language Testing International regarding the posting of your scores. **PLEASE NOTE: IT IS THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM AND WORK WITH LTI REGARDING EXAMS.**

3. Writing

After completing the OPI, students will write in Spanish for 45 minutes in the Spanish Office using “Blue Book” in the Spanish department, providing a hand-written sample that includes the following: **1.** An introduction to the student in the format of a letter to a pen pal. **2.** A description of past Spanish studies, trips to Spanish speaking countries, interests with the language, a discussion of future hopes, dreams and plans, and any other pertinent information in a format of a descriptive essay. **3.** 10 lines of imaginary dialog between you and God. **4.** 1 to 2-paragraph ad for an agency specializing in ecotourism, focusing on attracting tourists to a Spanish, speaking country; you pick the country.

The writing sample will be evaluated for structure, vocabulary and grammar. In order to earn credit for or waive SPAN 301, the sample must show evidence of strong past narration, biological and spiritual vocabulary. In order to waive or receive credit for SPAN 302, the sample must do the above and also show solid command of the subjunctive and conditional tenses, strong organizational and transitional ability, as well as vocabulary clusters typically covered in SPAN 302.

Dr. Berhó will complete the GFU Credit by Testing Form & turn it into the Registrar. They charge a \$60 service fee.

For specific questions about testing for credit please contact Debbie Berho dberho@georgefox.edu 503-554-2644