

PLACEMENT GUIDE FOR COURSES
Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures
Virginia Tech

Placement in Spanish: see <https://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/spanish-major.html>. For all other languages, see below.

I. For students who do not have AP or IB scores on record at Virginia Tech:

Language classes taken in high school	Enroll in this class at VT
0-1 yrs.	1105
2-3 yrs.	1106 or 1114*
3-4 yrs.	2105 or 2114**
4-5 yrs.	2106 or 3105
5 or more yrs.	3106 or 3304

*1114 may not be available in all languages.

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NOTE: Use the chart above as a general guideline and if you have recently completed language coursework in high school. If more than a year has passed since your last language class and you have not been using the language, you should consider a class level that is lower than what the table recommends. Also, your actual performance in high-school classes impacts the suitability of the recommended course indicated in the table.

II. For students who have AP exam credit on record at Virginia Tech:

AP Language score (except Latin)	Credit available for that score	Enroll in this language class at VT
3	3 cr. of 2xxx	21xx
4	3 cr. of 3xxx	3105 or 3106
5	6 cr. of 3xxx	Contact an advisor from respective language
Latin 3-5	3 cr. of 2xxx	Contact an advisor
AP Literature score (Spanish Only)		
3	3 cr. of 2xxx	2106 or 3105
4 or 5	6 cr. 3xxx	Contact a Spanish advisor

NOTE: All AP scores are received by Virginia Tech as elective credits. In order to have your AP credits converted to a specific course number, talk with your language advisor.

III. For students who have an IB diploma and IB scores on record at Virginia Tech:

Read the following webpages for information on IB scores and credit at Virginia Tech:

<https://www.registrar.vt.edu/Advanced-Standing-Transferable-Credit.html> (click on “International Baccalaureate IB Credit”).

Consult with a language advisor in order to determine initial course placement.

IV. For transfer students:

Enroll in the next sequential course after the one for which you have received transfer credit. If you feel that you are not prepared for the next sequential course, you may re-take the class for which you have transfer credit, although doing so will result in loss of the transfer credit.

V. For native and heritage speakers:

Generally, native speakers should begin their coursework with 3304. Heritage speakers (people who use the language at home at least some of the time and who completed most of their education in English) tend to start with 3105, 3106, or a literature class, depending on their experience with the language.

VI. Advisors:

Students who do not already have an assigned advisor in their chosen language should contact the program director of that language:

Arabic: Dr. Nadine Sinno (nadine7@vt.edu)

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