

## COURSE PLACEMENT IN HISPANIC STUDIES

*No previous experience with Spanish:* sign up for HISP 100.

*For HISP 110* please refer to the course catalog for course description and requirements.

*You have had previous exposure to Spanish:* If you have taken the SAT II or the Advanced Placement (AP) Exam within the past 18 months, you can use that score for placement. Otherwise, you need to take the Brown Placement Exam.

*If you take the Brown Placement Exam:* The Brown Placement Exam is a computer-administered test given during Orientation Week and the first week of class. More information about the exam can be found in the [placement section](#) of our department's webpage.

**Attention!!** The Brown Placement test is designed to place new students in our program, not to evaluate progress. Students are not allowed to skip levels. Once they have entered the Spanish Language Program, they must proceed to the next level. For instance, if a student has completed HISP 200, she/he must take HISP 300 next. S/he cannot take the Brown Placement test and use a high score to place into HISP 400.

	Requirements/placement			
Spanish course	Brown course	SAT II score	AP Score	Brown Placement Exam Score
HISP courses at the 1000 level	HISP 650		5 (literature)	
HISP courses at the 700 level	HISP 600/650 or instructor permission	750 & above	5 (literature)	651 & above
HISP 650 (requisite for the concentration)	HISP 600	750 & above	5 (language)	651 & above
HISP 600	HISP 500	670 – 740	5 (language)	571 - 650
HISP 490** HISP 500	HISP 400	600 – 660	4 (language or lit.)	491 - 570

HISP 400	HISP 300	520 – 590		411 - 490
HISP 300	HISP 200	460 – 510		341 - 410
HISP 200	HISP 100	400 – 450		241 - 340
HISP 110 Intensive Basic Spanish*				Below 340
HISP 100		300 – 390		Below 240
			3 or below: take Brown Placement Exam	

\*Students familiar with Spanish or other Romance languages and with placement scores in the range of HISP 100 and HISP 200, that is, below 340 in the Brown Placement Exam or below 450 in the SAT II, may be eligible to enroll in this intensive (two semesters in one) course. If interested, contact Prof. Nidia Schuhmacher, [nidia\\_schuhmacher@brown.edu](mailto:nidia_schuhmacher@brown.edu) or Mrs Mary Oliver, [mary\\_oliver@brown.edu](mailto:mary_oliver@brown.edu)

\*\*HISP 490 is a Medical Spanish course that has the same placement pre-requirements as HISP 500, but does NOT qualify as a pre-requirement for study abroad or for HISP 600. Students who complete 490 successfully can continue in our program with HISP 500 as the next level. For further questions, contact Prof. [felipe\\_martinez-pinzon@brown.edu](mailto:felipe_martinez-pinzon@brown.edu)

**Note:** If you have a 4 or 5 AP score you will also receive one unassigned credit in Spanish in addition to the credit received after successfully completing one of the courses listed.

**\*\*Please note:** All Spanish Language courses are independent courses and there are no requirements to take subsequent courses in order to receive credit.