

BYU Department of Spanish and Portuguese Policies Regarding Challenge Exams

The Challenge Exam allows students to receive up to 16 graded credits (SPAN 105, 106, 206, 211, and 212; or PORT 101, 102, 201, 211, and 212). In order to take the exam, students must be enrolled in a Spanish or Portuguese class on campus at BYU Provo. Most returned missionaries take PORT 321 or SPAN 321; however, returned missionaries who wish to strengthen their language skills may start with SPAN 206 or PORT 206, and may take the exam for 12 credits. To qualify for the challenged credits, students must complete the course in which they are enrolled. The exam must be taken during students' first Spanish or Portuguese class at BYU Provo or their first class after their mission; it may not be taken in subsequent semesters. (Non-BYU students may take the exam if they register as visiting students and enroll in 321.)

Who is eligible to take the exam:

Current undergraduate students at BYU Provo who learned Spanish or Portuguese as a second or foreign language during a mission or other language immersion experience, or in an academic setting in a non-Spanish or Portuguese-speaking country prior to coming to BYU, and who have not previously received *graded* credit for some or all of the abovementioned courses. (This includes students who have already earned *ungraded* credit for these courses through Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams.)

Notes:

- Students who have already earned *graded* credit for some of these courses may take the exam, but may only receive credits for those courses for which they have not already received graded credit.
- Students may not receive credit for a course in which they are currently enrolled; for example, students enrolled in SPAN 206 may receive credit for SPAN 105, 106, 211, and 212, but not 206.

Who is not eligible to take the exam:

- Students who grew up speaking Spanish or Portuguese as a first language in the home **and** who completed the equivalent of high school in a Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking country, regardless of how long they have lived in the United States.
- Spanish speakers who want to take the Portuguese exam (or vice-versa) but who have not formally studied the language. (These students may take the exam by enrolling in SPAN 206 or 321, or in PORT 206 or 321.)
- Students at other institutions who are not currently enrolled in SPAN or PORT 321 at BYU Provo. (These students may take the BYU Foreign Language Achievement Testing Service [FLATS] test to potentially earn 12 pass/fail credits, depending on the policy of students' home institution; for more information, see <http://flats.byu.edu/>.)
- Graduate students.

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