

**In Procedure for Applying for ACE (American Council on Education) Credit Recommendation by
 completing the ACTFL OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) and/or ACTFL WPT
 (Writing Proficiency Test) for SPANISH at IUP
 Updated Fall 2023**

Students may receive course credit for their oral and written proficiency levels in Spanish through the American Council on Education (ACE) Credit Recommendation Service and Language Testing International (LTI), the assessment vetting agency for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

Students MUST complete all steps for earning ACE credits prior to completing their first Spanish course at IUP.

Students may receive the following course credits in Spanish at IUP by first taking the Departmental Placement Exam and being recommended to pursue ACE credits. Upon recommendation, students may

1. take an ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) or OPIc (Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer) and/or
2. take an ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT).

Source: <https://www.actfl.org/assessments/college-credit>

ACTFL Rating	ACE Credit Recommendations - OPI	IUP Spanish Course Equivalencies - OPI	ACE Credit Recommendations - WPT	IUP Spanish Course equivalencies - WPT
Intermediate-Mid	6 lower-division credits	2 courses: SPAN 101 – 201, depending on placement on departmental exam	6 lower-division credits	2 courses: SPAN 101 – 201, depending on placement on departmental exam
Intermediate High/Advanced Low	9 lower-division credits	3 courses: SPAN 101 – 220, depending on placement on departmental exam	6 lower-division credits PLUS 2 upper-division credits	3 courses: SPAN 101 – 230, depending on placement on departmental exam
Advanced Mid	6 lower-division credits PLUS 3 upper-division credits	3 courses: SPAN 201, 220 and 350, depending on placement on departmental exam	6 lower-division credits PLUS 3 upper-division credits	3 courses: SPAN 201, 230 PLUS 330 OR 3XX, depending on placement on departmental exam
Advanced High/Superior	6 lower-division credits PLUS 6 upper-division credits	4 courses: SPAN 201 220, 350, and 450, depending on placement on departmental exam	6 lower-division credits PLUS 6 upper-division credits	4 courses: SPAN 201, 230, 330 AND 3XX, depending on placement on departmental exam

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STEPS TO FOLLOW:

1. **After taking the Department Spanish Placement Exam**, eligible students should arrange for a meeting with Dr. Marjorie Zambrano-Paff (mzambran@iup.edu), Department of Foreign Languages, IUP. Based on an informal oral proficiency interview (OPI), Dr. Zambrano-Paff will advise the student as to whether he or she appears to be qualified to further pursue these credits. *Please include your student number, current or planned major, and a brief description of your language background in your message to Dr. Zambrano-Paff.*
2. If advised to proceed, the student should schedule a meeting with Dr. Huhn (huhn@iup.edu) in the Department of Foreign Languages. Dr. Huhn will guide the student through the registration process.

NOTE: The current fee for the official ACTFL OPI is \$165; the OPIc is \$108, and the online WPT is \$108. Prices are subject to change.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Upon receiving their official rating, students should send their rating to Dr. Huhn, who will contact the Transfer Credit Office. It is the student's responsibility to obtain and present the official rating so the credit can be applied in a timely manner.