What are my Upper Level Spanish Options?



Levels Upper

Overview

- ☐ Spanish 4 regular
- ☐ Spanish 4 Dual Enrollment
- ☐ Spanish 5
- □ AP Spanish Language
- ☐ AP Spanish Literature (online)

If you...

Want to continue developing your Spanish abilities

Have taken Spanish 3

Are taking multiple other AP classes

Spanish 4 might be right for you!

Continue developing your listening, speaking, writing, and reading abilities, with an emphasis on the ability to interact orally and in writing in a more sophisticated manner regarding contemporary life and community matters.

☐ Level 4 FCPS course

- Workload similar to Spanish 3
- ☐ +.5 GPA bump
- □ Class taught entirely in Spanish with other students interested in developing their abilities

Which topics are studied?

Among the topics addressed in Spanish 4 are:

- Self image
- Heritage and culture
- Contemporary life, Globalization, Technology and Innovation, Environment and Human Expression
 - Workplace
 - Sports and hobbies
 - Travel
 - Social Issues
 - TV and Media

Regular Spanish 4

What are some sample activities?

- Reading and listening comprehension tasks with authentic material
- Conversational speaking
- Informal and formal writing activities
- Contextual advanced grammar practice
- Group and individual projects

Can you take Spanish 4 if you've only taken Spanish 2?

No, Spanish 3 is a prerequisite for Spanish 4. You can't go from Spanish 2 to Spanish 4. (Native speakers may take a placement test)

If you...

Want to continue developing your Spanish abilities.

Want to earn 6 college credits from NOVA.

Have taken Spanish 3...

Spanish 4 Dual Enrollment may be right for you!

- Level 4 FCPS/NOVA college-level course
- Workload more rigorous than regular Spanish 4
- Entirely in Spanish
- Earn 6 credits--with grade of A, B, or C (according to <u>NOVA</u> grading scale--includes zeroes and percentage grades below 50)
- College-level assignments- no final NOVA or national exam (may be a Woodson final)
- +1 GPA bump
- UN Model--Global Classroom Project



What is Dual Enrollment?

- DE Spanish 4 follows both FCPS Level
 4 and NOVA requirements
- Students learn at a faster pace and become familiar with college course formats and systems
- Students can earn both high school and college credits while in high school



Which topics are studied?

- Work and leisure
- Lodging, transportation, and travel
- Aspects of Spanish and Latin American history
- The Hispanic immigrant experience
- Cross-cultural comparisons
- Music, poetry and short fiction in Spanish http://www.nvcc.edu/courses/default.aspx



Benefits

- Receive high school and 6 college credits simultaneously
- Skip lower-level college Spanish classes
- May allow earlier graduation
- \$\$ savings: May lower the price of a postsecondary education (potentially earn 6 credits without cost)



Can you take DE Spanish 4 if you've only taken Spanish 2?

No, Spanish 3 is a prerequisite for DE Spanish 4. You can't go from Spanish 2 to DE Spanish 4. (Native speakers may take a placement test)



Can you take AP Spanish after DE?

Yes, AP Spanish Language and Culture is a higher-level course than Dual Enrollment 4. Successful completion of both DE 4 and AP could potentially lead to earning 9 college credits while in high school.

If you...

Have taken Spanish 4and

Have taken AP Language & Culture or

Are taking multiple other AP courses...

Spanish 5 might be right for you!

- Continue developing more sophisticated writing and speaking skills with an emphasis on professional/community use of Spanish
- Work with authentic reading selections
- Create and listen with understanding to advanced authentic reports and

- Level 5 FCPS course
- Taught entirely in Spanish
- Workload similar to regularSpanish 4
- Further develops abilities and themes from Spanish 4
- +.5 GPA bump

Which topics are studied in Spanish 5? The major topics to be covered are

Spanish 5

- Identity
- Technology and Innovation
- Human Expression
- Globalization
- Environment

What are some sample activities?

- Reading authentic materials (some literature)
- Speaking about a variety of topics
- Meaningful discussions analyzing problems and solutions at individual, community, and global level

Can you take Spanish 5 if you've only taken Spanish 3?

No, Spanish 4 is a prerequisite for Spanish 5. You can't go from Spanish 3 to Spanish 5.

Regular Spanish 4	Prerequisite is Spanish 3 Workload similar to Spanish 3 No national exam +.5 bump
Spanish 4 Dual Enrollment	College level course Up to 6 NOVA credits if A,B,C (NOVA grading scale) No national exam +1 bump
Spanish 5	Prerequisite is Spanish 4 Workload similar to Spanish 4 No national exam +.5 bump
AP Spanish Language & Culture	College level course Many colleges give credits if successful National exam +1 bump
AP Spanish Literature & Culture	^^ (See your counselor)

Ask your teacher or counselor if you have general questions about our Spanish program. For specifics about each course, contact the following teachers.

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