

Rowan University
Department of World Languages
STAMP 4S Spanish Placement Exam
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who should take the STAMP 4S Spanish Placement Exam?

A: If you are a native Spanish speaker, a heritage Spanish speaker, or have previously studied Spanish and are not interested in starting your study of the language with Spanish 1 (SPAN 05.101), you should take the Spanish Placement Exam. Also, all new Spanish majors, all new majors in Modern Languages & Linguistics with Spanish as the Advanced Language, and all students enrolled in “Appreciation of Hispanic Literature” (SPAN 05.301) are required to take the exam.

Q: Who should be contacted for information about the STAMP 4S Spanish Placement Exam?

A: If you have questions about the exam after having read through this document or are interested in taking the exam, contact Prof. Esther Mas of the Department of World Languages at mas@rowan.edu. It is necessary to have your e-mail address on file in order to send you your placement results.

Q: By when must students take the exam if they are interested in placing into an appropriate level of Spanish during a given semester?

A: In order to allow time for the placement exam to be scored and for the Placement Coordinator to retrieve the official results report, students must take the exam during the first few days of the drop/add period of a given semester at the very latest. It is the student’s responsibility to take the exam as far in advance as possible. The earlier the exam is taken, the earlier the student may be placed into an appropriate course.

Q: Where is the STAMP 4S Spanish Placement Exam administered?

A: The STAMP 4S Spanish Placement Exam is administered in our Language Labs in Oak Hall North, room 101, and in Bunce Hall 147 under the supervision of our Language Laboratory Supervisor, Bronwyn Schulze (schulzeb@rowan.edu).

Q: How much does the STAMP 4S Spanish Placement Exam cost, and what are the possible methods of payment?

A: The cost of the exam is \$19.90. Students may pay with a debit or credit card. Please click the following link to the online store to submit your payment:

<https://avantassessment.ecwid.com/#!/Rowan-University/c/48871036/offset=0&sort=normal>

Once you submit your payment, you will receive an e-mail with your receipt that you must then forward to Bronwyn Schulze (schulzeb@rowan.edu) in order to verify your payment.

Q: Besides the proof of payment, what else must be available for test day?

A: Students must have the following pieces of information:

1. Photo ID
2. Rowan Banner ID number (If you are not yet a Rowan student, please use another number for identification purposes.)
3. Phone number
4. E-mail address

In the event that students cannot take the exam at the day and time of the previously scheduled appointment, they should contact Bronwyn Schulze (schulzeb@rowan.edu), (856) 256-4070 as soon as possible in order to let her know of the change and reschedule the appointment if necessary.

Q: Into which classes can students be placed?

A: Depending on the STAMP 4S test result, students are placed into one of five class levels: Spanish I (SPAN 05.101), Spanish II (SPAN 05.102), Spanish III (SPAN 05.201), Spanish Reading and Conversation (SPAN 05.211), and Spanish Reading and Composition (SPAN 05.212).

Q: Why might students want to skip class levels?

A: In order to avoid wasting time, effort and money, and in order to get the most out of their Rowan University experience, students are interested in being placed into the most appropriate class level to start out with their Spanish studies. For Spanish majors, skipping a class level may mean finishing the Spanish major that much sooner.

Q: Do students receive credit for the courses that they skip?

A: Yes, students may receive credits for the courses that they skip by completing the Authorization for Credit by Examination form and paying the processing fee (\$75) and per-credit fee (\$10 per credit) to the Bursar's Office. Contact the Spanish Placement Coordinator, Prof. Esther Mas (mas@rowan.edu) regarding this option.

Q: What does the STAMP 4S Spanish Placement Exam test?

A: The exam is made up of four sections, including reading comprehension, writing ability, listening comprehension and speaking ability in Spanish. Both the reading and writing sections are accessed through one button that must be clicked once to start the reading section and then again to begin the writing section; likewise, both the listening and speaking sections are accessed through one button that must be clicked once to begin the listening section and then again to start the speaking section.

Q: Who will score the exam?

A: The STAMP 4S Spanish Placement Exam is a product of Avant Assessment, based in Oregon; representatives of Avant Assessment score the exams.

Q: How long does the test take to complete, and how will I know when I have finished the test?

A: The STAMP 4S Spanish Placement Exam takes approximately two hours to complete. Students are allowed up to 180 minutes (3 hours) to complete the test. After completing all four sections, a screen will appear, indicating that you have completed the test.

Q: Is it necessary to finish the test in one sitting?

A: Yes, it is necessary to finish the test in one sitting.

Q: How will I hear back about the test result?

A: Prof. Esther Mas (mas@rowan.edu) will contact you by e-mail as soon as possible after the date of the test with the test result and a personalized report from Avant Assessment.