Levels of Spanish at Wellesley College

Welcome to the Spanish Department at Wellesley. If for emergency reasons you are unable to attend the Placement Exam during Orientation, the following guidelines will help you choose a course. Please get in touch with Professor Nancy Hall (nhall@wellesley.edu) with any questions and concerns. She will be happy to answer your emails and/or meet in person to discuss your background in Spanish. Professor Hall can also arrange for you to take a make-up Placement Test if doubts remain after your consultation with her.

- **Elementary Spanish 101.** This course is for true beginners, with no experience at all of studying Spanish. Emphasis is on oral communication, with very basic reading and writing assignments as well. Students will have to complete a year-long sequence (101-102) to receive credit for this course. (Please note that 102 is offered only in the spring.) To fulfill the College’s language requirement, students who complete 101-102 must also take 201-202.

- **Intermediate Spanish 201.** If you have studied Spanish in high school, but do not have a test score that exempts you from the language requirement (4 or 5 on the Spanish language or literature Advanced Placement Exam; 690 or above on the SAT II; or 5, 6, or 7 on the High Level International Baccalaureate Exam), Intermediate Spanish is for you. It offers a complete review of grammar, starting with the present tense, and provides opportunities to improve speaking, reading and writing skills. Students will also have to take 202 (offered only in the spring), after which they will have completed the College’s language requirement.

- **Spanish for Heritage Speakers 243.** Are you from a Spanish-speaking family/household yet never took Spanish classes in school? Please contact Professor Veronica Darer (vdarer@wellesley.edu) to see whether this course may be for you.

- **Introduction to Hispanic Studies 241 and Literary Genres of Spain and Latin America 242.** Both these semester long-courses are open to entering students who have earned a 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam, or a 690 or above on the SAT II. Students may also take these classes if the Spanish Department Placement Test indicates readiness.

- **Culture and Literature courses above the level of 242** admit entering students who have earned a 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam, or a 5, 6, or 7 on the High Level International Baccalaureate Exam. Please note that seminars are open only to junior and senior majors.