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Proposed change in wording regarding item 2 below related to the Spanish Program for Heritage Learners. The proposed change involves the addition of a phrase which indicates that Hispanic heritage learners are required to take Placement/Credit Exam for heritage learners **before enrolling in a Spanish course**.

Justification: the statement that all students with previous Spanish background (heritage or non-heritage learners) are required to take the appropriate Spanish placement test **before enrolling in a Spanish course** used to be included in the departmental program notes in the printed schedule. When the University went to an online schedule, the program note disappeared. The phrase does appear under item 1, but was inadvertently left out of item 2.

#### PLACEMENT AND CREDIT BY EXAMINATION:

The Spanish Program offers two basic language programs that satisfy the foreign language requirement and prepare students for upper-division courses in linguistics, culture, literature, business and other practical areas:

1. Basic Spanish Language Program for Spanish Foreign Language Students. (A four semester sequence: SPAN 1501, 1502, 2301, 2302 - This program is designed for students whose home language is not Spanish.)

Students with previous studies in Spanish are required to take a placement exam, at the Testing Center (Student Service Center, 2nd floor), before enrollment. Enroll (register) online at [www.las.uh.edu/uts/](http://www.las.uh.edu/uts/).

Eligibility for credit by examination is determined by subsequent enrollment and academic performance in the class into which the student was placed. See departmental advisor for further information.

2. Spanish Program for Hispanic Heritage Learners. (SPAN 2307/2308- Heritage language learners are students who grew up speaking Spanish at home). Hispanic Studies offers a Placement/Credit Exam designed for Hispanic heritage learners, who are required to take this exam before enrolling in a Spanish course. Students may be placed in SPAN 1507, 2307, 2308, 3308, or higher, and may earn up to 12 semester hours in Spanish. Credit at the 4000-level may not be earned by examination. For designated test times, see schedule online at <http://www.class.uh.edu/hispanicstudies/>.