

EAP Language Prerequisite Guide: Spanish & Portuguese

How to Satisfy the Language Prerequisite

It is possible to satisfy the language prerequisite of an EAP program in three ways:

- Coursework** (preferred method): complete the necessary coursework at Berkeley, another institution (such as a community college), or through an EAP program
- Exam Scores:** receive the necessary score on an AP, SAT II, or IB exam.
- Language Evaluation:** complete an EAP Language Evaluation with the Spanish and Portuguese Department to verify that you have met the language prerequisite.

The following **Equivalencies Chart** lists Berkeley courses, exam scores, etc. that satisfy various EAP language prerequisites.

	EAP Language Prerequisite	Semesters of Coursework	Berkeley Courses*			AP	SAT II	IB	High School
						Spanish Language Exam Score	Spanish Subject Test Score	Higher Level Exam Score	Language Course-work
Spanish	1 year of university-level Spanish	2 semesters Spanish	Spanish 2	Spanish 12	Spanish 15	3	350	4	4 years
		3 semesters Spanish	Spanish 3	Spanish 21		4	450		
	2 years of university-level Spanish	4 semesters Spanish	Spanish 4	Spanish 20	Spanish 22	5	550	7	
		5 semesters Spanish	Spanish 25						
Portuguese**	1 semester of university-level Portuguese	1 semester Portuguese	Portuguese 11	Portuguese 101A					
	1 year of university-level Portuguese	2 semesters Portuguese	Portuguese 12	Portuguese 101A & 101B					

*If you've taken coursework beyond the level of the Berkeley courses listed in the equivalencies chart above, then you have satisfied the language prerequisite. For example, if the first Spanish class you took at Berkeley was Spanish 102A, then you have progressed beyond the equivalent of 2 years of university-level Spanish.

The language prerequisite for the programs in Brazil can be satisfied with either Portuguese **or twice the amount of university-level Spanish. For example, the 1 year of university-level Portuguese prerequisite can be satisfied with 2 years of university-level Spanish. For more information please contact the EAP Adviser.

Satisfy the Language Prerequisite with an EAP Program

Some EAP programs can be used to fulfill the language requirement for another EAP program. Please check with the EAP Adviser for further details.

1. Coursework

Most students satisfy the language prerequisite with coursework. This is the preferred method. Some important things to consider:

- **Classes taken P/NP**

If you've taken a language course at UC Berkeley or at another college on a Pass/Not Pass basis, please ask your instructor to provide a written statement of your letter-grade equivalent for the class. This can be written in a letter format to be included with your application or the information can be emailed to the EAP adviser by your instructor by the application deadline.

- **Time elapsed since your last language course**

If by the time the EAP program starts it will have been more than two years since your last language course, you may be required to take an additional course to refresh your proficiency.

- **Using courses taken at another institution or high school to satisfy the language prerequisite**

- **You must provide documentation to verify completion of the course(s)**

Unofficial copies of your non-UCB or high school transcript (e.g. a photocopy or online print out with your name clearly stated) are acceptable. Submit these with your EAP application.

- The EAP Adviser will review the course description(s), use ASSIST.org, and/or consult with the Spanish and Portuguese Department to confirm that the courses you've taken are equivalent to the Berkeley courses which satisfy the language prerequisite.

If you have any questions about whether the coursework you have completed at another institution is equivalent to Berkeley coursework, consult with the EAP Adviser before applying.

2. Exam Scores

If you have not taken the courses necessary to fulfill the language prerequisite, you may be able to satisfy the prerequisite with scores you received on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam, SAT II exam, or International Baccalaureate (IB) exam. Some important things to consider:

- **You must provide documentation to verify your exam score**

Unofficial copies of your score report (e.g. a photocopy or online print out with your name clearly stated) are acceptable. They must have your name clearly stated on the results page. Submit these with your EAP application.

- **Time elapsed since you took the exam**

If by the time the EAP program starts it will have been more than two years since you took the exam, you may be required to take a course to refresh your proficiency.

3. Language Evaluation

If you feel that you have the degree of language proficiency necessary for the program because you are a heritage speaker, you have studied the language independently, etc., you must provide verification of this by completing a Language Evaluation.

How to schedule a Language Evaluation with the Spanish and Portuguese Department

1. Email the following instructors to schedule an evaluation:

- **Spanish:** email **Professor Agnes Dimitriou** at agnesd@berkeley.edu.
- **Portuguese:** email **Professor Clélia Donovan** at cleliadonovan@berkeley.edu.

Please be advised that Professors Dimitriou and Donovan are not always immediately available. You should schedule your evaluation appointment well in advance of the EAP application deadline.

2. Print a copy of the [EAP Language Evaluation](#) form and bring it to your appointment. The results of your evaluation will be recorded on the Language Evaluation Form.

3. Submit a copy of the completed and signed Language Evaluation form with your EAP application.