



College of Humanities & Social Sciences
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Who Is a Native or Heritage Spanish Speaker

Who is considered a Native Speaker of Spanish at LSU?

- An international student who was educated in a country where Spanish is the official language.
- A U.S. citizen student who grew up and was educated in Puerto Rico.
- A U.S. citizen student who grew up and was educated in a Spanish speaking country.

If you are a native speaker of Spanish, you will not receive foreign language credit for a Spanish lower-division course like this one. Please let your instructor know as soon as possible and during the first week of the semester and contact the Lower-Division Spanish Language Program Coordinator, Dr. Carmela Mattza (cmattza@lsu.edu). You will benefit from taking a different Spanish class, and the coordinator and the assistant coordinator will help you to find that class.

Who is considered a heritage speaker of Spanish at LSU?

A student who grew up speaking Spanish or lives in a household or community where it was extensively spoken. If you grew up speaking Spanish, and/or identify as a heritage speaker, you will benefit from taking a different class. If you are a heritage speaker of Spanish, please let your instructor know as soon as possible and during the first week of the semester, and contact the Lower Division Spanish Language Program Coordinator, Dr. Carmela Mattza (cmattza@lsu.edu). The coordinator and the assistant language coordinator will help you to find that class.

* Nota Bene: If you are enrolled in this course after taking the Spanish placement exam, you are in the right class.