

**Procedure for Applying for ACTFL OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) and ACE (American Council on Education) Credit Recommendation:  
SPANISH at IUP  
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*Incoming students* at IUP may receive course credit for their oral proficiency levels in Spanish through the American Council on Education (ACE) Credit Recommendation Service and Language Testing International (LTI), the assessment agency for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). See the current Undergraduate Catalog (Department of Foreign Languages/Spanish) for a list of the proficiency ratings, corresponding ACE credit recommendations, and IUP course credits in Spanish.

Students who have taken an ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) through LTI, received a proficiency rating by LTI, and received credit recommendation by ACE may receive the following course credits in Spanish at IUP:

<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Ratings (rated by LTI)</b>	<b>ACE Credit Recommendations</b>	<b>IUP Spanish Course Equivalencies</b>
Intermediate-Mid	4 Lower Division credits	Either SPAN 102 or 201, depending on placement on departmental written exam
Intermediate High/Advanced Low	8 Lower Division credits	SPAN 201 and SPAN 220
Advanced Mid	10 Lower Division credits	SPAN 201 and SPAN 220 and SPAN 350
Advanced High/Superior	10 Lower Division credits and 2 Upper Division credits	SPAN 201 and SPAN 220 and SPAN 350 and SPAN 450

(This chart also appears in the Undergraduate Catalog under Department of Foreign Languages/Spanish.)

**NOTE:** To maximize the benefit of these credits, students must complete all steps prior to completing their first Spanish course at IUP (Most commonly SPAN230).

**STEPS TO FOLLOW:**

1. *INCOMING* students who think they may qualify to receive course credit for their oral proficiency level should first arrange for a meeting with Dr. Marjorie Zambrano-Paff (mzambran@iup.edu), Department of Foreign Languages, IUP. Based on an informal oral proficiency interview (OPI), Dr. Zambrano-Paff will advise the student as to whether he or she appears to be qualified to further pursue these credits. *Please include your student number, current or planned major, and a brief description of your language background in your message.*

**NOTE:** The current fee for the official ACTFL OPI is \$139.00 and the current ACE transcript fee is \$20.00. Prices are subject to change. \*

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2. If advised to proceed, the student should schedule a meeting with Dr. Huhn ([huhn@iup.edu](mailto:huhn@iup.edu)) in the Department of Foreign Languages who will guide the student through the registration, oral interview, and transcript process.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

The student should present the transcript to Kim Deal in Admissions. Electronic transcripts can be submitted by e-mail to [kadeal@iup.edu](mailto:kadeal@iup.edu), and credit will be granted according to the policy outlined in the Undergraduate Catalog. It will take approximately 3 weeks for the review of this credit. *It is the student's responsibility to obtain and present the transcript, so the credit can be applied.*

\*This is an inexpensive way for students to earn credits for the Spanish they have already acquired *prior to enrolling* at IUP.