

Challenge Testing/Challenging a Course

Section 8.6.12 of Student Rules at Texas A&M University tells us that:

8.6.12 Officially enrolled students who believe they are proficient in the material of an undergraduate course may request that the offering department provide an appropriate opportunity for credit by examination. Department approval is required before an exam for a given course will be offered. Once completed, the department must notify Testing Services regarding the credit earned.

For a student who believes they are proficient in the material of a 300- or 400-level Spanish course, the Department of Hispanic Studies will, upon request, provide the student with the opportunity to “challenge” the course by appropriately testing. If the student achieves a score of 80% or better of the challenge exam, the Department will notify Testing Services of the credit earned.

A student interested in “challenging” a course for credit should first contact the Department of Hispanic Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies, so that arrangements for testing can be made. With approval from the Director of Undergraduate Studies, the student can sign up for testing and pay the associated testing fee via the online app.

Note: It should be noted that only credit is granted for challenge testing. For example, attributes such as W-intensive or C-intensive will not accompany credits for course work that normally would be associated with courses qualifying for writing-intensive or communication-intensive designations (i.e. SPAN 303 or SPAN 303).