

THS Spanish Honors Program for English speakers

Tomales High School offers Spanish classes to students to meet graduation and University application requirements. Students planning to go to a *California State School* need at least two years of the same language. Students who may want to go to the *University of California* should have at least 3 years. To complete a fourth year is highly recommended since it allows the student to finish all their high school without having a gap in their learning of the language. That is crucial to achieve to successfully continue the study of language at the college level for those students whose goal is becoming proficient.

The THS honors program offers many benefits to students:

- ✓ An Honors program can challenge those students who have already had Spanish at the elementary level, but may not be fully ready or desire to proceed into Spanish 2
- ✓ An Honors program recognizes the hard work of the students
 - a. University of California grants extra points to GPA for college applicants for junior and senior and some sophomore honors classes.
 - b. Even if the classes cannot be counted for UC extra credits, it has a positive effect on their high school transcripts for the college admission process.

Prerequisites for Incoming Freshmen students:

The following will be required to qualify *Spanish 1 Honors* when entering as a Freshman:

Teacher recommendation, 8th grade Spanish minimum GPA of a **B** and overall GPA of **3.0**

The following will be required to qualify for *Spanish 2* when entering as a Freshman:

Teacher recommendation, 8th grade Spanish minimum GPA of **A** and overall academic GPA **3.0**

Students have the possibility to skip Spanish 1 if they meet the above prerequisites, but with full disclosure of possible future conflicts. To that effect, students and parents must sign an acknowledgement form understanding the implications of making the choice to skip Spanish 1 level as a Freshman and possible future ramifications of their decision.