

## World Languages

The Department of World Languages offers classes in French, Spanish, German, and Latin. Our classes prepare students to communicate in oral and written forms, and to cultivate an appreciation of the customs, manners, lifestyles, and philosophies of other cultures. All languages have a rich cultural heritage of history, literature, art and music to discover!

Language	The prerequisite for taking the next level of a language is a passing grade in the previous level				
<b>Latin</b>	Latin 1	Latin 2	Latin 3		
<b>French</b>	French 1	French 2	French 3	French 4	
<b>Spanish</b>	Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Spanish 3	Spanish 4	AP Spanish 5
<b>German</b>	German 1	German 2	German 3	German 4	

### LATIN SEQUENCE

#### 5110 Latin 1

**Elective Grades: 9 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

Latin I is the first year of a two or three-year curriculum, depending on enrollment, in which students will learn to read and write the Latin language as they follow a typical Roman family living in Italy about a hundred years after the death of Julius Caesar. Students will not only learn how to read and write Latin, but they will also begin to learn Latin as a world language, as the basis of everyday communication that it was for more than 2,000 years. Students will learn to describe their classroom, the weather, food and drink, and even modern sports and games in the ancient tongue. Grammar and translation will be a major part of first year Latin and students will learn about parts of speech, practice proper pronunciation, and read in context.

Latin I students will also study the mythology of the Ancient World, both Greek and Roman. They will learn about the Trojan War, Hannibal and his elephants, Caesar and Cleopatra, and the city of Pompeii, destroyed by Vesuvius and lost for 1,500 years. Students will learn to recognize ancient art and artifacts as well, Greek, and Roman, and how they became the foundation of European culture to this very day.

Prerequisite: None. As a language class, Latin builds upon itself. Students should be prepared to attend class on a regular basis and should be diligent about making up missed assignments. No world language experience is required but there will be a substantial amount of reading and writing involved. Please feel free to contact the Latin teacher should you have any questions.

#### 5120 Latin 2

**Elective Grades: 10 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

Latin 2 continues to build on the strong foundation acquired in Latin 1, including the study of vocabulary, grammar, translation, reading comprehension, and classical history and culture. Latin 2 students will spend more time learning to

read and discuss texts in Latin and continue to practice Latin as a spoken language and a vehicle of communication. Students will learn about the Roman Empire at its height including gladiatorial games, chariot racing, monumental architecture and inscriptions, the emperors and their legions. *Ecce Romani* is still the main textbook, but students will have more supplementary material, both traditional texts and online assignments, than they did in Latin 1.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of 'C' or better in Latin 1, or prior approval by the instructor is required. While it is not required that students take two years in a row, it is very helpful to do so and is strongly recommended. Please feel free to contact the Latin teacher should you have any questions.

### **5130 Latin 3**

**Elective Grades: 11 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

Latin 3 will continue to build upon the strong foundations established in previous years, including vocabulary, grammar, culture, reading comprehension and expressive communication. Students in Latin 3 will move beyond the textbook and into a series of graduated readings about the ancient Roman empire and about the Middle Ages as well, both books and online. The final goal for students at the end of Latin 3 is to be able to read original Latin texts, such as Caesar, Horace, and Vergil, with some degree of comprehension, and express their understanding to one another, in both English and in Latin. Completion of Latin 3 should prepare students to enter a second-year college Latin course, should they choose to do so, and will give students considerable advantage in the study of an additional other world language.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of 'C' or better in Latin 2, or prior approval by the Latin instructor. Students should be prepared for extensive reading and writing in a world language, and the daily discipline it involves. While it is not required that students take Latin in consecutive years, it is very helpful to do so, and is strongly recommended, however, course availability is dependent upon enrollment. Please feel free to contact the Latin teacher should you have any questions.

## **FRENCH SEQUENCE**

### **5210 French 1**

**Elective Grades: 9 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

The first-year French student becomes acquainted with the French world, its cultures and ways of life. Students build a basic vocabulary and grammar that provides the framework for all class activities. These activities develop the skills of reading and listening comprehension and spoken and written communication. Students are evaluated through oral and written tests, daily assignments, and class participation. This course is a year-long course.

Prerequisite: None. If any questions, please contact the French teacher or your counselor for assistance. This is an academic class. Students must be prepared to complete daily homework assignments and be able to pass comprehensive tests.

### **5220 French 2**

**Elective Grades: 10 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

French 2 refines the skills acquired at Level 1 and further develops the student's vocabulary and knowledge of French language structure. The class enhances student awareness of French as a means of communication, as it relates to future jobs, and as a leisure activity. Students are expected to try to communicate in French much of the time. The emphasis is on developing communication skills, both oral and written. Listening and reading comprehension skills are sharpened in the process. The course includes study of geography, history, French customs, and lifestyles.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of "D" or better in French I or approval of instructor.

### **5230 French 3**

**Elective Grades: 11 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

French 3 increases the student's language proficiency, particularly in the areas of listening comprehension and written communication. Students are expected to demonstrate their ability to communicate in French. Through the study of French literature, students gain another rich perspective on French culture. Students are evaluated through oral and written tests, daily assignments, and class participation. This course is a yearlong course.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of "D" or better in French 2 or approval of instructor.

## **5240 French 4**

**Elective Grade: 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

French 4 advances the student's language proficiency. Conversational fluency and listening comprehension are emphasized as students use French in a more varied and complex situations. Students communicate in French most of the time. French literature, and contemporary culture are the core areas of curriculum emphasis. Students are evaluated through oral and written tests, daily assignments, and class participation. This course is a year-long course.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of "D" or better in French 3 or approval of instructor.

## **SPANISH SEQUENCE**

## **5310 Spanish 1**

**Elective Grades: 9 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

The beginning Spanish course introduces and familiarizes the student with the world of the Spanish language via listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Spanish 1 emphasizes vocabulary, basic grammar, idiomatic expressions in the language, and proper intonation and accentuation. Students are taught to note and appreciate cultural differences between the Hispanic world and the U.S. Students are evaluated on tests, daily assignments, dictation, and oral and written quizzes. This course is a yearlong course.

Prerequisite: None. If any questions, contact the Spanish teacher or your counselor for assistance. This is an academic class. Students must be prepared to complete daily homework assignments and be able to pass comprehension tests.

## **5320 Spanish 2**

**Elective Grades: 9 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

Spanish 2 concentrates on the skills acquired at Level 1 with more emphasis on listening comprehension and speaking. Students are expected to speak Spanish as much of the time as possible when in class. Students concentrate on Spanish customs and lifestyles and also study the geography of Spanish-speaking countries. Students are evaluated by the use of oral and written tests and quizzes, daily assignments and class participation. This course is a yearlong course.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of "D" or better in Spanish 1 or approval of instructor.

## **5330 Spanish 3**

**Elective Grades: 10 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

This course concentrates on the expansion of Spanish 2 and the student's growing ability to communicate in both oral and a written manner. Students are expected to speak Spanish during the class period. This level progresses into the study of the remaining verb tenses and modes, the expansion of vocabulary, the development of improved communication skills and the introduction of several different types of Spanish literature. Evaluation is based on daily assignments, oral and written tests and quizzes, essays and oral presentations. This course is a yearlong course.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of "D" or better in Spanish 2 or approval of instructor.

## **5340 Spanish 4**

**Elective Grades: 11 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

This course provides the opportunity for each student to gain higher competence and confidence in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish. Continual review of vocabulary, verb tenses, and other structures is made through the various readings and discussions of short stories, poems, and plays. All activities at this level help the student to practice active usage of the language. Evaluation is based on oral and written quizzes, essays, and daily assignments. Students are expected to speak Spanish exclusively during the class period. This course is a year-long course.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of "D" or better in Spanish 3 or approval of instructor.

## **5356 AP Spanish 5**

**Elective Grade: 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

In Spanish 5 AP Language students continue to refine and enhance communication skills--reading, writing, speaking and listening-- as well as broaden their understanding of Spanish language and Hispanic culture. The 6 units of the course coincide with the 6 themes from the AP test. Students are preparing for college level courses and students take

the Advanced Placement Spanish Language Examination in May and, depending on their scores, may receive college credit. In the class we converse only in Spanish as they would in a university level class.

## German Sequence

### **5410 German 1**

**Elective Grades: 9 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

German 1 introduces the student with the world of the German language via listening, speaking, reading, and writing. German 1 emphasizes vocabulary, basic grammar, idiomatic expressions in the language, and proper pronunciation. Students learn German culture through video and texts and identify differences between the German-speaking world and the U.S. Students are evaluated through daily assignments, oral and written quizzes, dictation, and tests. This course is a yearlong course.

Prerequisite: None. If any questions, contact the German teacher for assistance. This is an academic class. Students must be prepared to complete daily homework assignments and be able to pass comprehensive tests.

### **5420 German 2**

**Elective Grades: 10 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

In German 2, students continue to build vocabulary and grammar through listening, speaking, reading and writing. German culture is explored and compared to students' own culture through projects, video and German texts. Students are evaluated through daily assignments, oral and written quizzes, dictation, tests and projects. This course is a year-long course.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of D or better in German 1 or approval of instructor.

### **5430 German 3 & 4**

**Elective Grades: 11 – 12**  
**Full Year – 1 Credit**

German 3 and 4 are taught as a combined class. The course concentrates on speaking, listening, reading and writing. Although the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> levels may use the same material, assessment of each student's work is done individually. German 3 and 4 students expand their growing ability to communicate in both orally and in writing. Students are expected to speak German during the class period. This level deepens students' understanding of German grammar and broadens their vocabulary and communication skills. German 4 students may opt for an Independent Study and are encouraged to prepare themselves for the AP German Exam in May. Evaluation is based on daily assignments, oral and written tests and quizzes, essays and oral presentations. This course is a yearlong course.

Prerequisite: Passing grade of "D" or better in German 3 or approval of instructor