

World Language Department

Exploring language & culture

Cathedral High School's World Language Department strives to engage students not only in an exploration of another language but of another culture. Students make meaningful comparisons and connections between their own language and culture and the target language and culture. Content and methodology are interwoven to provide students with both the strategies and the understanding to develop positive attitudes for and appreciation of the target culture. Affording global experiences to Cathedral students is a priority of the department.

Frequently asked questions

- **WHAT LANGUAGES ARE OFFERED AT CATHEDRAL?**
We offer French, German, Latin, and Spanish.
- **HOW MANY YEARS OF LANGUAGE ARE REQUIRED TO GRADUATE?**
Two years of language are required for graduation, but many students take a language all four years.
- **WHAT LEVEL SHOULD I TAKE IF I HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?**
Proficiency tests are offered in late May and early June.
- **WHAT LANGUAGE DO I TAKE IF I AM IN THE LANGUAGE SUPPORT PROGRAM?**
We offer Latin in our Language Support Program with the option to study other languages.
- **ARE THERE ANY COLLEGE PREP LANGUAGE COURSES?**
We offer College Prep French and College Prep Spanish.
- **CAN I TAKE MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE?**
Yes! Many students choose to take two languages to better prepare themselves for the burgeoning global economy.



Latin students enjoy a gondola ride and the sites of Venice.



Cathedral students pose in front of the Eiffel Tower.



Spanish students participating in the annual Peru mission trip.



The Lyon, France Exchange Program provides an opportunity for Cathedral students to practice their French.



Latin students at the Vatican.



Students take part in a group activity in Spanish class.

Clubs, activities, and special opportunities

Each of the five languages that Cathedral offers has a corresponding club that meets regularly to enrich classroom learning. The cultural events hosted by these clubs foster interest and appreciation of the culture of that specific language.

- Award-winning Spanish, French, Latin, and German State Competition teams
- Delta Epsilon Phi German Honor Society
- Field trips
- French Honor Society
- German Exchange Program
- Guatemalan Exchange Program
- Guest speakers
- Indiana University Honors Abroad Program for high school juniors
- International Food Club
- Lyon, France Exchange Program
- National Junior Classical League
- Peru Mission Trip
- Trips abroad



Cathedral is proud of the talented students inducted into the French Honor Society.