

Modern Languages 2023-2024

	French	Italian	Spanish
Open to Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors	French I	Italian I	Spanish I
			Spanish II
			Spanish I-Heritage
			Spanish II-Heritage
			Spanish III
Open to Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors	French II	Italian II	Spanish IV Honors
			AP Spanish Language & Culture
Open to Juniors & Seniors	French III	Italian III	Spanish & Latin American Film
		Italian IV Honors	Latin American Popular Culture
			AP Spanish Literature & Culture
Seniors Only	French IV Honors	AP Italian Language & Culture	
	AP French Language & Culture		

MODERN LANGUAGES

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A knowledge of French, Italian, or Spanish is very useful in the medical field, law enforcement business, travel, and social situations as well as in fashion, music, the arts, cuisine, and diplomacy. Many universities require at least two years of study of a foreign language for admission and some universities waive the foreign language for students that complete 4 years in high school.

FRENCH I

MLG 101, 102, 103

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course gives students the basic communication skills necessary to ask for and provide information about themselves, their friends, and family. Vocabulary building and basic reading/writing skills are also stressed. Audio recordings, films, and videos are used in this class. This class is taught in French.

FRENCH II

MLG 201, 202, 203

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: French I

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course continues to develop the French communication skills learned in French I. Students will increase their ability to speak, understand, read, and write French through the use of videos, audio sources, and reading selections. This class is taught in French.

FRENCH III

MLG 301, 302, 303

Elective: Grades 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: French II

Grade Weight: College Prep

In addition to a comprehensive review, students read and discuss novels, short stories, and articles in French. Special projects and reading material for the course emphasize aspects of French culture. Students improve their command of oral and written French through exercises, conversations, games, and films. This class is taught in French.

FRENCH IV HONORS ☀

MLG 401, 402, 403

Elective: Grade 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: French III

Grade Weight: Honors

Reading selections are a continuation of those of French III; they are discussed in French, helping to improve students' conversational abilities. Additional reading and audio-visual presentations help students learn. This class is taught in French. Students have the opportunity to take the AP French Language Exam in May.

AP FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE ☀

MLG 471, 472, 473

Elective: Grade 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: French III or Teacher Recommendation

Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

French IV AP is conducted entirely in French. This course is designed to increase the students' ability to express ideas orally and in writing with accuracy and fluency, in order to equip them to use the language effectively in college and/or work, and to discuss literary works. The course provides opportunities for students to demonstrate their proficiency in French across the three modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational) outlined in the Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century. Students will take the AP French Language Examination in May because much of the course consists of preparation for this exam. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

ITALIAN I

MLG 121, 122, 123

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course offers a basic knowledge of Italian, stressing communication and interpersonal relationships in the Italian culture. Students move through a natural approach, progressing from understanding to communicating in basic Italian. Students are exposed to short readings and writing experiences. Audio recordings, films, and videos are used in class. This class is taught in Italian.

ITALIAN II

MLG 221, 222, 223

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Italian I or placement test for students with knowledge of the Italian language.

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course will increase the students' knowledge of Italian, emphasizing comprehension through more extensive reading and writing activities. Dialogues, short novels, videos, and audio recordings provide a basis for communicating in the language. This class is taught in Italian.

ITALIAN III

MLG 321, 322, 323

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Italian II or placement test for students with knowledge of the Italian language.

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course is taught in Italian, using the basic knowledge of the language gained in the first two years. A comprehensive study of grammar is offered as well as practice reading, writing, and communicating in Italian through the use of novels, short stories, special units, films, video programs, and articles.

ITALIAN IV HONORS ☀

MLG 421, 422, 423

Elective: Grades 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Italian III or placement test for students with knowledge of the Italian language.

Grade Weight: Honors

This course is taught in Italian. Reading selections are discussed to improve the students' conversational ability. Novels, short stories, and articles provide a basis for class discussions. A review of the previous years' grammatical content helps students master this aspect of Italian. Students have the opportunity to take the AP Italian Language Examination in May.

AP ITALIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE ☀

MLG 461, 462, 463

Elective: Grade 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Italian III or Teacher Recommendation

Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

This course is conducted entirely in Italian. This course is designed to increase the students' ability to express ideas orally and in writing with accuracy and fluency in order to equip them to use the language effectively in college and/or work and to discuss literary works. The course provides opportunities for students to demonstrate their proficiency in Italian across the three modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational) outlined in the Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century. Students will take the AP Italian Language Examination in May because much of the course consists of preparation for this exam. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

SPANISH I

MLG 111, 112, 113

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course introduces students to the Spanish language. This course is conducted in Spanish through the Natural Approach method, in which students progress from understanding to communicating in basic Spanish. There is a strong emphasis on establishing a comprehensive vocabulary base. Students are exposed to selected short readings, writing short paragraphs, audio recordings, films, and videos in this course.

SPANISH I-Heritage

MLG 131, 132, 133

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Placement test for students with knowledge of the Spanish language.

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course is conducted in Spanish to further develop the students' knowledge of the Spanish language, emphasizing comprehension through basic reading and writing activities. A variety of materials including authentic readings, audio recordings, films, and videos, along with other technology are used. Students will be introduced to various study skill techniques.

SPANISH II

MLG 211, 212, 213

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish I or completion of similar course in elementary school or junior high school, or native experience in Spanish.

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course is conducted in Spanish in order to increase the student's knowledge of Spanish, emphasizing comprehension through more extensive reading and writing activities. Dialogues, short novels, special units, and videos provide a basis for communicating in the language.

SPANISH II-Heritage

MLG 231, 232, 233

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish I Heritage or placement test for students with knowledge of the Spanish language.

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course is conducted in Spanish in order to increase the student's knowledge of the Spanish language, emphasizing comprehension through extensive reading and writing activities. The study of the language will be complemented with a variety of materials, including authentic readings. Students will be introduced to various study skill techniques. Audio recordings, films, and videos, along with other technology are used in this class.

SPANISH III

MLG 311, 312, 313

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish II, Spanish II Heritage, or placement test for students with knowledge of the Spanish language.

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course is conducted in Spanish, using the basic knowledge of the language gained in the first two years. A comprehensive study of grammar is offered as well as practice reading, writing, and communicating in Spanish through the use of presentations, novels, short stories, films, video programs, and articles.

SPANISH IV HONORS ☼

MLG 411, 412, 413

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish III or placement test for students with knowledge of the Spanish language.

Grade Weight: Honors

This course is conducted in Spanish using the basic knowledge of the language gained in the first three years. A comprehensive review of grammar is made, acquainting students with all aspects of basic Spanish grammar. With novels, short stories, and articles, students get practice reading and writing the language; discussing these materials in Spanish helps improve the students' conversational abilities. Students will make oral presentations on various topics, which will be followed by discussions.

AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE ☼

MLG 431, 432, 433

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish IV

Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

This course is conducted entirely in Spanish. This class is designed to increase the students' ability to express ideas orally and in writing with accuracy and fluency, to equip them to use the language effectively in college and/or work, and to discuss literary works. Students will take the AP Spanish Language Examination in May because much of the course consists of preparation for this exam. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

AP SPANISH LITERATURE & CULTURE ☼

MLG 441, 442, 443

Elective: Grade 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish V AP or Teacher Recommendation

Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

This course is conducted entirely in Spanish. This course is designed to continue students' formal study of a representative body of texts from Peninsular Spanish, Latin American, and U.S. Hispanic literature. The course provides opportunities for students to demonstrate their proficiency in Spanish across the three modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational) and the five goal areas (communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities) outlined in the Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century. Students will take the AP Spanish Literature and Culture Examination in May because much of the course consists of preparation for this exam. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

SPANISH & LATIN AMERICAN FILM

MLG 340

Elective: Grade 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish IV Honors or equivalent competency

Grade Weight: College Prep

This one-semester course is conducted completely in Spanish and will provide students with an opportunity to analyze film as a visual art form and source of text. It will focus on Spanish and

Latin American film in order to build skills in the four domains of language (reading, writing, speaking and listening), as well as improve students' cultural competency. Additionally, as students explore and analyze literary, historical and social themes they will become more knowledgeable Spanish-speaking global citizens.

LATIN AMERICAN POPULAR CULTURE

MLG 330

Elective: Grade 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: 2 years of coursework in Spanish

Grade Weight: College Prep

This one-semester course is conducted completely in Spanish and will provide students with an opportunity to analyze music, art, sports, social media, and pop culture as sources of text. It will focus on Spanish speaking pop culture in order to continue building skills in the four domains of language (reading, writing, speaking and listening), as well as improve students' cultural competency. Additionally, as students explore the impact of different Latin American influences, Latinos in the United States, and LatinX popular culture and social themes, students will become more knowledgeable Spanish-speaking global citizens.