WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

OTHS offers a four-year program in FRENCH, GERMAN, and SPANISH. Students planning to attend college are encouraged to take a second language beginning at the freshman level. This will allow students to reach the upper-level courses by their junior and senior year to benefit from the Honors and AP® course content and weighted GPA, in addition to the possible college credit that many colleges offer to students who have studied four years of a language. Students in Honors Level III classes will have their first opportunity to take the test for potential qualification for the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy (optional) and students in the fourth year will be well prepared to take the AP® exam in May (optional).

FRENCH I

NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels

Prerequisite: None

Students are encouraged to have strong grammar and reading skills for optimum success in a foreign language.

The major goal of French I is to develop basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. A variety of activities are provided to help students use French each day. Students also learn about the daily life of French teenagers.

FRENCH II

NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels meeting prerequisite

Prerequisite: Completion of French I with a grade of "C" or better

French II reviews and expands upon the skills learned in French I. Emphasis is placed on grammar, structure, and vocabulary. Activities and exercises are planned to help students gain greater proficiency in reading, speaking, listening, and writing skills.

HONORS FRENCH III

NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels meeting prerequisite

Prerequisite: Completion of French I and II with a grade of "B-"or better.

French III places primary emphasis on strengthening language skills. The majority of the class is taught in French and students are expected to interact in French as much as possible with the teacher and the other students. Grammar and vocabulary abilities continue to
be expanded. Reading materials are selections originally intended for native French speakers.

AP® FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels meeting prerequisite

Prerequisite: Completion of French I, II and III with a grade of "A" or "B"

AP® French Language and Culture is taught entirely in French and is designed to provide advanced high school students the opportunity to study French at a rigorous college level. The students will read, write, listen, speak, and make cultural comparisons in French. This course will follow the six themes as prescribed by the College Board Advanced Placement® curriculum.

GERMAN I

NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels

Prerequisite: None

Students are encouraged to have strong grammar and reading skills for optimum success in a foreign language.

German I is an introduction to the German language and culture. The focus of the course is on building a foundation in skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in German. Cultural aspects of German-speaking countries are also introduced. Students participate in a variety of individual, partner, and group activities.

GERMAN II

NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels meeting prerequisite

Prerequisite: Completion of German I with a grade of "C" or better

German II reviews and continues the development of language skills introduced in German I. The focus is on gaining greater proficiency in the language and learning more about German culture, including current events, music, literature, and movies. This course is recommended only to those students who earned a grade of "C" or higher in German I.

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HONORS GERMAN III NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels meeting prerequisite

Prerequisite: Completion of German I and II with a grade of "B-"or better.

German III is conducted primarily in German, and students are encouraged and expected to speak in German as much as possible in the classroom setting. Language skills are refined as vocabulary and language proficiency is further developed. Students participate in a wide variety of activities for oral communication and write and read at a more advanced level.

AP® GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels meeting prerequisite

Prerequisite: Completion of German I, II and III with a grade of "A" or "B"

AP® German Language and Culture is taught entirely in German and is designed to provide advanced high school students the opportunity to study German at a rigorous college level. The students are expected to speak German at all times in the classroom and will read, write, listen, speak, and make cultural comparisons in German. This course will follow the six themes as prescribed by the College Board Advanced Placement® curriculum.

SPANISH I NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels

Prerequisite: None

Students are encouraged to have strong grammar and reading skills for optimum success in a foreign language.

The main goal of Spanish I is to develop a beginning ability in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. The secondary purpose is to develop knowledge of structure and cultural awareness. The students participate in a variety of individual, partner, and group activities.

SPANISH II NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels meeting prerequisite

Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish I with a grade of "C" or better

Within the course, many of the same techniques of language skills are used as in the first year, but they are used to obtain a higher degree of proficiency in the language. In the second year, more emphasis is placed on speaking, grammar and structure of this language, with special emphasis on life in Spanish speaking countries and using the language in context.

HONORS SPANISH III NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels meeting prerequisite

Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish I and II with a grade of "B-"or better.

This year employs an even stronger emphasis on the speaking and reading aspects, as well as learning the advanced grammar structures of the language. The majority of the class is taught in Spanish and the students are expected to speak in Spanish as much as possible.

AP® SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE NCAA

Full Year 1/2 credit per semester

Open to all levels meeting prerequisite

Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish I, II and III with a grade of "A" or "B"

AP® Spanish Language and Culture is taught entirely in Spanish and is designed to provide advanced high school students the opportunity to study Spanish at a rigorous college level. The students are expected to speak Spanish at all times in the classroom and will read, write, listen, speak, and make cultural comparisons in Spanish. This course will follow the six themes as prescribed by the College Board Advanced Placement® curriculum.