

Which Language Courses Should I Choose?

As a requirement for graduation under a Texas public school diploma, all students must complete a minimum of two year of study in a World Languages & Culture (WL&C) track. Clear Lake High School boasts the most extensive selection of WL&C courses in CCISD. All of the WL&C courses offered at CLHS offer opportunities to earn Honors and/or Advanced Academics credits. As you are deciding which WL&C course to choose, consider the following:

- **Latin** is the academic root language of the medical, law, and STEM fields. Students planning a career in medicine, legal fields, or any area of the STEM industry should consider Latin as a course of study. In addition to preparing you for your future career, a successful background in Latin has been shown to significantly improve PSAT and SAT scores.
- Mandarin **Chinese** is the international language of business. If you are a future MBA or interested in international or commercial law, increase your profit margin by studying Chinese.
- Do you have a heart for serving others? If you are a future teacher, restaurateur, police officer, social worker, clergy person, etc., you must be able to reach the community you are serving. Consider studying **American Sign Language** or **Spanish** to maximize your reach and meet the diverse needs of your community.
- Are you a travel, history, literature, or art buff? If so, consider studying **French** or **German**. Whether you lose yourself in romance languages or world history, you will find yourself again by exploring one of our Modern European language courses.

Regardless of your choice, proficiency in two or more languages improves your marketability as a college or career applicant. Beef up your resume by successfully studying the language and culture that will best serve your future.

Career/Language matches (examples are not all-inclusive)

- Art Dealer – Latin, French, German
- Attorney – Latin, French, German, Spanish, ASL
- Audiologist – ASL
- Childcare worker – ASL, Spanish
- Co Commercial Law - Chinese
- Copywriter – Latin
- Diplomat – German, French, Spanish, Chinese
- Doctor – Latin, Spanish, ASL
- Foreign Business Consultant – Chinese, French, German, Spanish
- Hearing loss interventionist – ASL
- Health Care Worker – Chinese, Spanish
- Historian – German, Latin
- Historical Site Guide – French, Latin, German
- International Development – Chinese, French, German, Spanish

- International Law – Chinese, French, German, Spanish
- Intervener – ASL
- Journalist/TV reporter – French, Latin, German, Spanish
- Librarian – Latin, German, Spanish
- Life transition coach – ASL
- Linguist – Latin, German
- Lobbyist – German, French, Chinese, Spanish
- Marketing account executive – Latin, German
- Museum researcher – Latin, French, German
- Psychologist -ASL
- Publisher/Editor - Latin
- Research analyst – Latin