

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS



WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

WHY STUDY A NEW LANGUAGE?



Pursue the beauty of diversity and the goodness of communication, for “the mystery of language brings us back to the inscrutable mystery of God himself” (Pope Saint John Paul II, fluent speaker of *eight* languages).



Create opportunities for studying abroad, international internships, and broad career paths.



Enhance your critical thinking skills, boost your résumé, increase your vocabulary, develop patience and empathy, become more confident, and challenge your ability to think outside the box.

GRAD REQUIREMENTS

- Class of 2028 and beyond ~ two consecutive years of a language.
- Class of 2026 and 2027 ~ two consecutive years of a language OR Latin + one year of a modern language.
- Class of 2025 ~ three consecutive years of a language OR Latin + two years of a modern language.



FRENCH

Madame Emily Trader, '08

Spoken on five continents, French is known as the language of “cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture” (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Not to mention crêpes, ratatouille, and the Olympics!



GERMAN

Frau Katie Thompson

The language of “Goethe, Kafka, Mozart, Bach and Beethoven,” German is hailed as “most commonly used scientific language” (Goethe Institute). Speaking German gives you access to the home to Oktoberfest, Christmas markets, and medieval castles and cathedrals.



LATIN

Magister Joseph Marx

Latin, known to Pope Saint John Paul II as “the splendid language of ancient Rome,” is the godparent of all Western Civilization, the conduit of European science, diplomacy, art, and philosophy. It remains a great intellectual exercise and an access to some of the greatest literature ever composed.



SPANISH

Sra Lisa Stoecklein | Sr Darin Carlisle | Sra Paola Fuentes

The official language of over 21 countries, Spanish is the second most commonly spoken language in the US. Fluency in Spanish will enhance opportunities to work, serve, and travel in the US and abroad.



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CLUBS

Meet new friends as you learn more about languages and cultures! Join us to celebrate holidays, learn about how languages can enhance careers, enjoy movies from other countries, make valentines and Christmas cards, and compete with the other language clubs.

In 2023,
28 students
graduated with
language honors!



HONOR SOCIETIES

Pursue excellence in the classroom. Lead and encourage others in exploring new cultures. Develop your own passion for the language by serving your community. Earn honor cords to wear at graduation!



Société Honoraire de Français | Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica
Delta Epsilon Phi German Honor Society



CELEBRATIONS OF CULTURE

Sample bratwurst during Oktoberfest or bûche de Noël cake at Christmas. Listen to contemporary music from around the world during the annual March Music Madness bracket challenge. Make an ofrenda for Día de los Muertos. Attend a candlelit Mass for the feast of la Chandeleur. Enrich your own culture by studying others!

In 2023-2024, 78% of
STA students studied
a language.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming for 2025 ...
German students will join Frau Thompson and Mr. Brown's Faith and Reason class in a firsthand examination of the moral challenges facing those living in Germany during World War II.
French students will participate in a week-long exchange program with high school students in Vitry, France.



Bon voyage!