

World Language Course Descriptions

Spanish I/French I/Mandarin I

CREDITS: 5 GRADES 9-12 ONE YEAR SUBJECT

This course provides the students with the fundamental background required to understand, to speak, to read, and to write a foreign language. Students will be introduced to the four basic skills of understanding, speaking, reading and writing. The emphasis during the first year is on oral/aural development. Culturally meaningful authentic materials are used as the core for thematic units of World Language study through conversational skills. Correct structure is reinforced.

Spanish II/French II/Mandarin II

CREDITS: 5 GRADES 10-12 ONE YEAR SUBJECT

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish I, French I or Mandarin I.

The goal of the course is increased communications and there is a continued emphasis on oral/aural skills. Whenever possible, authentic materials which have a cultural value are integrated to develop conversation and reinforce structure in a natural fashion.†

Spanish III/French III/Mandarin III†

CREDITS: 5 GRADES 10-12 ONE YEAR SUBJECT†

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish II, French II or Mandarin II.

New vocabulary is introduced to maintain and improve the student's ability to communicate. More emphasis is placed on oral and written compositions. Students are familiarized with the history of the country and spread and influence of its language throughout the world. Topics dealing with current events, culture, and civilization are studied and discussed. Emphasis on correct use of structure is continued through the study of culturally meaningful authentic materials.

Spanish IV/French IV

CREDITS: 5 GRADES 11-12 ONE YEAR SUBJECT

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish III or French III.

Language learning continues with increased emphasis on structure in order to improve skills on oral communication and written composition. Literary works of expanded length are introduced and used as the core for thematic units of study.

French V

CREDITS: 5 GRADE 12 ONE YEAR SUBJECT

Prerequisite: Demonstrated aptitude, interest, and superior achievement in language learning.

There is emphasis on conversations based on current topics and creative writing as a reaction to ideas presented in class. Also studied are representative authors, their literature and previously unstudied areas of culture. Basic structure is reviewed and reinforced and culturally significant authentic materials are used as the core for thematic units of language study.

Advanced Placement Spanish/Advanced Placement French

CREDITS: 5 GRADE 12 ONE YEAR SUBJECT

Prerequisite: Demonstrated aptitude, interest, and superior achievement in language learning. Must have a C or better in Spanish IV/French IV.

AP Spanish and AP French are intensive courses designed for the serious student and aims to develop proficiency in listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Course content will reflect intellectual interests shared by the students and teacher (the arts, current events, literature, sports, etc.) Materials will include audio and video recordings, films, newspapers, magazines, literary short stories, short novels, and excerpts from Spanish/French literature. Correct structure will be reviewed and reinforced, and fine points and nuances will be introduced with the aim of developing proficient use of most grammatical forms and processes: verb tenses and moods, pronouns, prepositions, negation, comparison, sequence of tenses, idioms, etc. The goal of the course will be success on the AP exam.