

French, Spanish, and German AP

Course Description:

The AP French, German, and Spanish Language and Culture courses are college level courses designed to provide students with a well-rounded exploration of both contemporary and historical cultural contexts using a communicative approach. Students are immersed in the language as they apply interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational skills in real-life situations, while gaining a better understanding and deeper appreciation for the products, practices, and perspectives of the target culture. **Dual Credit for this course is offered through Missouri State University.

Curriculum Work So Far:

1. Analyzed survey responses from all KHS WL students and teachers.
2. Examined the new AP Language and Culture guidelines for French, Spanish, and German.
3. Discussed how the AP guidelines aligned with our goals for the students when they complete the five years of World Language.
4. Drafted a curricular scope & sequence of 6 units for the year that aligns with the AP guidelines and suggested sequence.

Unit 1: Families in Different Societies

Unit 2: The Influence of Language and Culture on Identity

Unit 3: Influences of Beauty and Art

Unit 4: How Science and Technology Affect Our Lives

Unit 5: Factors That Impact the Quality of Life

Unit 6: Environmental, Political, and Societal Challenges

5. Developed enduring understandings, essential questions, and student learning goals in alignment with the AP College Board Learning Standards for World Languages. The enduring understandings and essential questions that drive the course are listed below. Additionally, each unit has specific enduring understandings, essential questions, and student learning goals.

Course Enduring Understandings:

- Language acquisition provides the vision and skills to be a global citizen.
- Knowledge of similarities and differences between first and additional languages helps learners gain a new perspective on their own language and culture.
- Culture and experience are inextricably linked.
- Every culture is unique, while at the same time there are commonalities among cultures.
- A culture's use of language (written, verbal, visual, etc...) provides a lens through which we can analyze various perspectives on various topics and issues.

Course Essential Questions:

- What commonalities exist between English and the target language?
- How do verbal and nonverbal strategies to communicate differ among cultures?
- How do the subtleties of language help us communicate effectively?
- How can we gain an understanding of cultural perspective through an analysis of written and spoken products of any given culture?
- What can be gained by learning a new language?
- How can we participate in the world as a global citizen?
- In what ways does integration impact a person from another culture?
- How do we analyze print resources in the target language and cultural context to gain a deeper understanding?

Student Learning Overview:

- Due to the nature of the course, each unit focuses on one main theme that is intertwined with others throughout the year as outlined by the College Board (2020). This spiraling approach lets teachers revisit previous themes through a different lens, allowing for more authentic and engaging lessons that align with the diverse interests and needs of the students.