# **World Language Course Descriptions**

## **FRENCH**

### **0411 FRENCH 1**

**PREREQUISITE: NONE** 

**GRADES 9-12 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT** 

This course is offered for those students who have had no previous training in French and for those who need refinement of the basic skills. It is also appropriate for those who wish to begin the study of a second world language. Emphasis is on listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students acquire basic vocabulary including simple idiomatic expressions and learn the basic structure of the French language. The study of the culture of the French-speaking world is an integral part of the course.

## **0422 FRENCH 2**

PREREQUISITE: FRENCH 1 OR 8
GRADES 9-12 • FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

This course is a continuation of the sequence begun in grade six or French 1 begun at the high school. Students develop new vocabulary within the context of language and culture. Oral proficiency, reading comprehension and accuracy of written expression are skills which are emphasized at this level. Students have the opportunity to actively interact in French as they learn about culture and communication in the target language.

## **0433 FRENCH 3**

**PREREQUISITE: FRENCH 2** 

GRADES 10-12 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

This course emphasizes acquisition of new vocabulary and more advanced idiomatic expressions within the language and culture of Francophone countries. Basic grammatical structure and verb tenses are reviewed, and more complex grammar is introduced. Oral fluency, reading and listening comprehension, and accuracy in written expressions are developed. The course concludes with the Comprehensive Final Exam aligned to NYS Checkpoint B Standards.

#### 0421 FRENCH 3 HONORS

PREREQUISITE: FRENCH 2 AND TEACHER RECOMMENDATION GRADES 10-12 • FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

This course begins an accelerated sequence which culminates with the Advanced Placement French Language Examination in the twelfth grade. While some review is incorporated into the course, more attention is given to conversation, vocabulary expansion, grammar, in-depth reading and writing at an advanced level. The course concludes with the Comprehensive Final Exam aligned to NYS Checkpoint B Standards.

#### 0432 FRENCH 4 HONORS

PREREQUISITE: FRENCH 3 HONORS AND TEACHER RECOMMENDATION GRADES 11-12 • FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

This advanced course continues an accelerated sequence which culminates with the Advanced Placement Examination in the French Language in the twelfth grade. This course offers in-depth study of previously introduced concepts with emphasis on advanced speaking, listening, reading and writing. French civilization and Francophone cultures are studied through readings, recordings and videos in the target language.

# 0441 FRENCH 4/5\*

PREREQUISITE: FRENCH 3 AND CHECKPOINT B EXAMINATION

**GRADES 11-12 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT** 

This course is a combined fourth and fifth-level high school program. Successful completion of one year of this course fulfills an **additional** world language sequence. At this level, students continue their advancement of the four language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Special emphasis is placed on the development of conversational skills. Students review the grammar and structure of French and apply it to their daily work in a creative context. This course consists of a series of cultural units, to be selected from the following: current events, culture and society, travel, the culinary arts, art and music, professions, vacations and leisure time and education. Representative readings from both modern and classical French literature are also included. The use of technology enables students to expand and enhance their knowledge of French language and culture.

\*French 5: Students enrolled in this course can pay tuition (at a significantly reduced rate) to MCC. Upon successful completion, students will receive credit from both Pittsford and MCC.

# 0451 ADVANCED PLACEMENT FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

PREREQUISITE: FRENCH 4 HONORS AND TEACHER RECOMMENDATION GRADE 12 • FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

In this advanced course students will attain proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, writing, reading and some literary analysis. As candidates for advanced placement in college, students acquire the ability to understand spoken French in connected discourse, to speak with ease and fluency in conversational French and to write persuasively and accurately on a variety of topics. High school course credit will be awarded upon completion of the Advanced Placement College Board exam associated with the course, and all other assignments through the end of the PCSD school year.

Many colleges award advanced credit and/or standing on the basis of the examination results. **Summer work requirement: one reading, approximately two hours.**