

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

The Modern and Classical Language program has been designed to achieve two major goals. The first one is to offer students the opportunity to develop proficiency in a second language and culture so that they can acquire skills, knowledge, and empathetic attitudes important for living and working in a multi-lingual, multi-cultural world. The second goal is to develop students' insight into their own language and culture so that they can increase their knowledge about the English language and their understanding of their own society.

To achieve these goals, an articulated sequence of courses, from Level 1 to Level 5, is offered in several modern languages and one classical language. Learning a second language will also serve the purpose of meeting college entry requirements or recommendations in foreign language.

All Level 4 courses have Honors option and are for junior and seniors. All Level 5 courses are designated Honors courses. Juniors and seniors who qualify may have the option of earning college credit. See department leader.

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGE COURSE SEQUENCE

French 1	German 1	Japanese 1	Latin 1	Spanish 1
French 2	German 2	Japanese 2	Latin 2	Spanish 2
French 3	German 3	Japanese 3	Latin 3	Spanish 3
French 4 (Honors Option)	German 4 (Honors Option)	Japanese 4 (Honors Option)	Latin 4 (Honors Option)	Spanish 4 (Honors Option)
(All Level 4 courses: Honors Option, juniors & seniors only)				
French 5 (Honors)	German 5 (Honors)			Spanish 5 (Honors)

FRENCH 1

Grades: 9-12

FRENCH 1

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: None

French 1 is an introduction to one of the most global languages of the world. Students will study various French-speaking countries and peoples to better understand their diverse cultures. Students will also begin to describe themselves, family and friends, and preferences. They will learn to speak, listen, read, and write French with their classmates through paired practice, small group work, and role plays. By the end of this course, students will have been introduced to skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will help them live and work in an increasingly global society. This course is intended for students who have never taken French.

FRENCH 2

Grades: 9-12

FRENCH 2

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: French 1/French A/B

French 2 is for students who can speak, read, understand, and write at a basic level, and want to be able to do more with the French language. Students will continue to study the history and culture of the French-speaking world. At the end of French 2, students will be able to use French to communicate for many different purposes such as telling stories, talking about the past, daily life, describing people, things, and places, and making requests. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in French. This course is for students that have successfully completed French 1 or French A & B.

067011/067012

GERMAN 1

Grades: 9-12

GERMAN 1

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: None

German 1 is an introduction to the language spoken by the people of Europe's economic leader. Students will study various German-speaking countries, peoples and cultures. They will also learn to discuss their feelings, families, friends, and daily life in simple terms. Paired practice, small group work, and role play will help students learn the language. By the end of this course students will have been introduced to skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will help them live and work in an increasingly global society. This course is intended for students that have never taken German.

GERMAN 2

Grades: 9-12

GERMAN 2

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: German 1/German A/B

German 2 is for students who can speak, read, understand, and write at a very basic level, and want to be able to do more with the German language. Students will study the history and culture of various cities to better understand the variety within the cultures of the German-speaking world. By the end of German 2, students will be able to use German to communicate for many different purposes such as telling stories, talking about the past, giving preference and opinions, describing people, things, and places, and making requests. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in German. This course is for students who have successfully completed German 1 or German A & B.

067111/067112

067121/067122

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JAPANESE 1

067411/067412

Grades: 9-12

JAPANESE 1

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: None

This course is designed for students with no background knowledge in Japanese and wish to develop skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in the language. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in Japanese on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will be introduced to using the Japanese language for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read basic descriptions of life in the country of Japan and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class. This course is also available as a completely virtual/online course. Students who are interested should contact their counselor regarding the process for enrolling in an online course.

LATIN 1

067211/067212

Grades: 9-12

LATIN 1

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: None

In Latin 1, we dig into the past and explore the world of gladiators, political intrigue, and the ghosts of Pompeii. Students who take Latin will see the impact of the Roman world everywhere! One important aspect of learning Latin is to understand how languages work. With this understanding, students will gain a deeper knowledge of Latin and other languages, particularly English. In Latin 1, students will learn the basics of Latin in order to build a foundation for reading. Latin class will improve reading abilities through the learning of Latin vocabulary. After completing this course, students will have expanded their English vocabularies and gained skills for improving standardized test scores.

LATIN 2

067221/067222

Grades: 9-12

LATIN 2

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: Latin 1 or A/B

This year in Latin, students will travel to the ends of the Roman Empire and meet new characters as they continue to build upon their knowledge of the Roman world and Latin language. As in Latin 1, students will focus upon developing increasingly advanced skills in the areas of vocabulary, reading, and grammar. Through the lens of Roman conquest

in Egypt and Britain, students will also explore bigger concepts of religion, imperialism, and race alongside the more amusing everyday aspects of Roman life in a province. After completing this course, students will have a solid foundation and understanding of Latin language and culture to apply to the world around them.

SPANISH 1

067311/067312

Grades: 9-12

SPANISH 1

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: None

Spanish 1 is an introduction to one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. Students will study various Spanish-speaking countries and peoples to better understand their diverse cultures. Students will also begin to discuss their feelings, family and friends, and daily life. They will speak and write with their classmates through paired practice, small group work, and role plays. By the end of this course, students will have been introduced to skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will help them live and work in an increasingly global society. They will be able to communicate at a basic level. This course is intended for students that have never taken Spanish.

SPANISH 2

067321/067322

Grades: 9-12

SPANISH 2

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish 1/Spanish A/B

Spanish 2 is for students who can speak, read, understand, and write at a basic level, and want to be able to do more with the Spanish language. Students will continue to study the cultures and histories of various Spanish-speaking countries. By the end of the course, students will be able to use the language to communicate for many different purposes such as telling stories, talking about the past, giving preferences and opinions, describing people, things, and places, and making requests. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in Spanish. This course is for students that have successfully completed Spanish 1 or Spanish A & B.

MANDARIN CHINESE 1

067611V / 067612V

Virtual Offering Only

Grade: 9-12

MANDARIN 1-VIRTUAL

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: None

This course is designed for students with no background knowledge in Mandarin Chinese and wish to develop skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in Mandarin

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Chinese. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in Mandarin Chinese on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will be introduced to using the Mandarin Chinese language for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read basic descriptions of life in the country of China and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class. **This course is available as a completely virtual/online course. Students who are interested should contact their counselor regarding the process for enrolling in an online course.**

FRENCH 3 **067031/067032**
Grades: 10-12
FRENCH 3
1 Electives Credit
Prerequisite: French 2

French 3 students will be able to communicate more freely and creatively in the French language. Students will study the history and culture of various regions to better make connections within the cultures of the French-speaking world and the United States. At the end of French 3, students will be able to use the language to understand and communicate in many different situations. Emphasis will be on learning to elaborate in formal and informal situations in French. Students may earn college credit in levels 3, 4, and 5.

GERMAN 3 **067131/067132**
Grades: 10-12
GERMAN 3
1 Electives Credit
Prerequisite: German 2

German 3 students will learn to communicate more freely and creatively in the language. They will study the history and culture of various regions of the German-speaking world. By the end of German 3, students will be able to use German to understand and communicate in many different situations. Emphasis will be on learning to elaborate in formal and informal situations in German. Students may earn college credit in levels 3, 4, and 5.

JAPANESE 2 **067421/067422**
Grades: 10-12
JAPANESE 2
1 Electives Credit
Prerequisite: Japanese 1

This course is designed for students who can function in the Japanese language at a very basic level and wish to improve

and expand their skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in Japanese on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will increase their range of expression, learning to use language for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read descriptions of life in the country of Japan and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class.

LATIN 3 **067231/067232**
Grades: 10-12
LATIN 3
1 Electives Credit
Prerequisite: Latin 2

Within the context of the Eternal City of Rome, we build upon the previous foundations of Latin language study. Students begin to grasp the complexities of the Latin language and continue to develop and improve upon their Latin reading and vocabulary skills. Students will begin to encounter real Roman authors. Through the use of more advanced Latin reading skills, students will find themselves swept up in the intrigues of urban Roman life and will explore the history and monuments of ancient Rome. At the completion of this course, students will have learned the majority of Latin grammatical concepts and will be ready for more advanced literary study.

SPANISH 3 **067331/067332**
Grades: 10-12
SPANISH 3
1 Electives Credit
Prerequisite: Spanish 2

Spanish 3 students will learn to communicate more freely and creatively in the language. They will study the history and culture of various regions to better make connections within the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world and the United States. By the end of the course, students will have learned to use Spanish to understand and communicate in many different situations in the present, past and future. Emphasis will be on learning to elaborate in formal and informal situations in Spanish. Students may earn college credit in levels 3, 4, and 5.

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FRENCH 4 (Honors Option)

067041/067042

Grades: 11-12

FRENCH 4

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: French 3

Organized around themes based on contemporary social, political and cultural issues of French-speaking societies, French 4 students will explore topics such as the cultural identity, the changing roles in families and relationships, environmental issues, and the power of the media in today's society. Students will begin to use increasingly sophisticated vocabulary and grammatical structures in a variety of contexts as they tackle listening, speaking, reading and writing tasks and assignments featuring authentic literature, film, and topics of contemporary interest and concern. There will be opportunities for student performance events via multimedia presentations. The French 4 course will seek to improve the students' ability to read and appreciate literary and non-literary texts in French. Students in French 4 will have a deeper awareness and understanding of the cultural diversity of the French-speaking world and their role in it. An Honors grade may be earned. In Levels 3, 4, and 5, students who qualify may have the option of earning college credit.

GERMAN 4 (Honors Option)

067141/067142

Grades: 11-12

GERMAN 4

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: German 3

Organized around themes based on contemporary social, political and cultural issues of German-speaking societies, German 4 students will explore topics such as the cultural identity, the changing roles in families and relationships, environmental issues, and the power of the media in today's society. Students will begin to use increasingly sophisticated vocabulary and grammatical structures in a variety of contexts as they tackle listening, speaking, reading and writing tasks and assignments featuring authentic literature, film, and topics of contemporary interest and concern. There will be opportunities for student performance events via multimedia presentations. The German 4 course will seek to improve the students' ability to read and appreciate literary and non-literary texts in German. Students in German 4 will have a deeper awareness and understanding of the cultural diversity of the German-speaking world and their role in it. An Honors grade may be earned. In Levels 3, 4, and 5, students who qualify may have the option of earning college credit.

JAPANESE 3

067431/067432

Grades: 11-12

JAPANESE 3

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: Japanese 2

In this course, students are guided to further expand and improve their communication skills in Japanese so that they can understand and converse more freely and creatively than at previous levels. Again, students will use the new language for many different purposes, such as initiating, sustaining and concluding a conversation, recounting a series of events, giving descriptions, expressing agreement or disagreement, or getting out of situations that pose a problem. Readings are from many different sources, as are listening materials. Visuals include up-to-date films and videos.

LATIN 4 (Honors Option)

067241/067242

Grades: 11-12

LATIN 4

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: Latin 3

Veni, Vidi, Vici! This course concludes the acquisition of Latin grammar and introduces historical Roman authors. Students will see their hard years of work pay off as they delve into selected readings from Virgil, Cicero, Ovid, Pliny, Horace, Catullus, and/or Caesar. Students will be able to read these challenging texts well by combining their previously acquired knowledge of grammar with new concepts of literary analysis and devices, historical context, and interpretation. This course will help students develop an appreciation for the foundations of Western literature. An honors grade may be earned for this course.

SPANISH 4 (Honors Option)

067341/067342

Grades: 11-12

SPANISH 4

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish 3

Organized around themes based on contemporary social, political and cultural issues of Spanish-speaking societies, Spanish 4 students will explore topics such as the cultural identity, the changing roles in families and relationships, environmental issues, and the power of the media in today's society. Students will begin to use increasingly sophisticated vocabulary and grammatical structures in a variety of contexts as they tackle listening, speaking, reading and writing tasks and assignments featuring authentic literature, film, and topics of contemporary interest and concern. There will be opportunities for student performance events via multimedia presentations. The Spanish 4 course will seek to improve the students' ability to read and appreciate literary and non-literary texts in Spanish. Students in Spanish 4 will have a

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deeper awareness and understanding of the cultural diversity of the Spanish-speaking world and their role in it. An Honors grade may be earned. In Levels 3, 4, and 5, students who qualify may have the option of earning college credit.

HONORS FRENCH 5

068051/068052

Grade: 12

+FRENCH 5

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: French 4

The integrated study of art, history, film, literature, and music in French 5 promotes cultural knowledge and understanding as well as the further development of language skills. Students experience the culture of the French language firsthand by harnessing technology and, at times even interacting with native speakers, and exploring cultural texts. They are challenged to use increasingly sophisticated vocabulary and grammatical structures in a variety of contexts as they tackle listening, speaking, reading and writing tasks featuring authentic literature, film, and topics of contemporary interest and concern. Student performance events may take the form of multimedia presentations. Ultimately, students in French 5 will understand clearly that they are members of a diverse and increasingly global society. Students may earn college credit in Levels 3, 4, and 5. As an honors course, a weighted grade is given for Level 5. Those wanting to earn AP credit may also choose to take the Advanced Placement Language Examination in the language.

HONORS GERMAN 5

068151/068152

Grade: 12

+GERMAN 5

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: German 4

The integrated study of art, history, film, literature, and music in German 5 promotes cultural knowledge and understanding as well as the further development of language skills. Students experience the culture of the German language firsthand by harnessing technology and, at times even interacting with native speakers, and exploring cultural texts. They are challenged to use increasingly sophisticated vocabulary and grammatical structures in a variety of contexts as they tackle listening, speaking, reading and writing tasks featuring authentic literature, film, and topics of contemporary interest and concern. Student performance events may take the form of multimedia presentations. Ultimately, students in German 5 will understand clearly that they are members of a diverse and increasingly global society. Students may earn college credit in Levels 3, 4, and 5. As an honors course, a weighted grade is given for German 5. Those wanting to earn AP credit may also choose to take the Advanced Placement Language Examination in the language.

JAPANESE 4 (Honors Option)

067441/067442

Grade: 12

JAPANESE 4

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: Japanese 3

Students at this level will learn how to deal with a great variety of topics and tasks. They will increase their skills in the language through use in class discussion, group activities and essay writing. Knowledge about the Japanese culture will be expanded through exposure to a wide variety of cultural resources, including literature, newspapers, videos and taped interviews. To help students express themselves more clearly in oral and written form, the grammatical system of the Japanese language will be reviewed. Students will also learn to sharpen their comprehension skills in listening and reading. By the end of this course, students should be able to understand, speak, read and write in Japanese well enough to survive on their own in the language and culture. An Honors grade may be earned

HONORS LATIN 5

068251/068252

Grade: 12

+LATIN 5

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: Latin 4

This course will include readings of extended portions of Latin writers, e.g., Virgil, Cicero, Ovid, Pliny, Horace, Catullus. Readings will be selected to serve the needs and interests in the class. The works will be discussed in detail, using methods of literary analysis and developing historical background. Students wanting to earn AP credit may choose to take the Advanced Placement Exam. A weighted grade is given.

HONORS SPANISH 5

068351/068352

Grade: 12

+SPANISH 5

1 Electives Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish 4

The integrated study of art, history, film, literature, and music in Spanish 5 promotes cultural knowledge and understanding as well as the further development of language skills. Students experience the culture of the Spanish language firsthand by harnessing technology and, at times even interacting with native speakers, and exploring cultural texts. They are challenged to use increasingly sophisticated vocabulary and grammatical structures in a variety of contexts as they tackle listening, speaking, reading and writing tasks featuring authentic literature, film, and topics of contemporary interest and concern. Student performance events may take the form of multimedia presentations. Ultimately, students in Spanish 5 will understand clearly that

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