



WORLD LANGUAGE

AT ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

PLACEMENT TESTING: Saturday, March 29, 10:15 a.m.

SJA offers placement tests for those planning to register for Spanish, French, or Latin. Students who have had previous significant experience in these languages are strongly encouraged to take a placement test. This diagnostic tool will help determine the most appropriate course level when registering for Spanish, French, or Latin. For questions concerning previous experience in Mandarin, please contact the department chair, Heather Hughes at hhughes@sja1840.org.

LANGUAGE PREFERENCE SELECTION: Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 p.m.

During the Class of 2029 Freshman Welcome Night, you will be asked to indicate your language preferences with your course registration paperwork. We do our best to place students in their first choice, but please note there is no guarantee that everyone will be able to study their first-choice language as a freshman. If you have questions, please contact the department chair, Heather Hughes, before that night at hhughes@sja1840.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many years of language must I take at SJA?

A minimum of two consecutive years of the same language is required, but all world language teachers recommend four years for maximum language proficiency and college applications.

What if I can't take my first choice language as a freshman?

On the rare occasion that this happens, you will likely be placed in your second-choice language. Students usually end up thriving in their second-choice language and are excited to continue studying beyond freshman year. Some students even choose to strengthen their college resume by adding their first-choice language as an elective later. Academic counselors and world language teachers will walk you through all the details if this occurs.

Can I take two language courses at the same time?

Yes! If your schedule permits, two languages are encouraged, but most students do not have room in their schedules to choose electives until sophomore year or later.

Are there extracurricular activities connected to world language in which I can participate?

Each language has an honor society where students have the opportunity to do outside activities to enhance their learning of the language. There are certain requirements for each honor society that students must meet to receive recognition at graduation. Students who meet these requirements will receive an honor cord to wear at graduation.

Are there international trips in which I can participate?

Our world language teachers partner with outside educational travel companies to provide travel opportunities, while our Global Education department also offers international travel experiences. Not all students at SJA participate in these outside opportunities.

For more information regarding the SJA World Language program, please contact:



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