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H = Honors Course

CC = College Credit

KR = While the study of foreign languages is certainly recommended, NO Classes in the World Language Department are required as part of the Qualified Admissions Approved Curriculum for KS Regents Universities; however, two years of the same foreign language is part of the Kansas Scholars Curriculum.

Saint Thomas Aquinas students in the class of 2028 and beyond are required to take two consecutive years of the same language during their high school careers beginning their freshman year. Students in the class of 2026 and 2027 must complete 2 years of the same language. This gives them the option of continuing with a third and fourth year of language study.

Students who already speak one of the foreign languages offered at Saint Thomas Aquinas at home are strongly urged to begin the study of a DIFFERENT language. The rationale for the foreign language requirement is to broaden the students' horizons, both academically and culturally. Studying a language that is new to them exposes students to a new culture, new customs and new opportunities. Should the student elect not to begin a language new to him/her, the student MUST take a placement test in the language they hope to study. For these students, the lowest level they may enter is level 2 (Spanish 2, French 2 or German 2), although the results of the test may indicate starting in a higher-level class.

If a student has successfully completed the first year of a modern language before entering 9th grade at Saint Thomas Aquinas and plans to enroll in the second year as a 9th grader, he/she MUST take a language placement exam. These exams are given in the spring. When the student fills out his/her choice for a language class, he/she must remember that it is a tentative selection pending the results of the language placement exam. Again, all students entering Saint Thomas Aquinas with prior foreign language experience who plan to continue in that language MUST take a placement test. Those students who qualify academically may enroll in honors classes for Spanish 3,4, and 5, which are available for college credit through Johnson County Community College.

For those students who complete the highest level of French, German or Spanish taught at Saint Thomas Aquinas, the foreign language requirement is deemed complete.

World Language Honors Courses

Saint Thomas Aquinas currently offers the following language honors classes: French 3 and 4, German 3 and 4, and Spanish 2, 3, 4 and 5. The prerequisite for foreign language honors courses is a minimum grade of 86% (without the extra 5 honors points) in the previous honors class OR a minimum grade of 94% in a regular English class. These grades are reliable indicators of students' success in the next course. Incoming students who want to enroll in Honors Spanish 2 or higher MUST take a placement test to ensure that they are prepared for the demands of the course. Students in honors courses will be evaluated and moved to a lower class if needed within the first month of the new school year.

Travel Opportunities

Opportunities exist for STA students to spend time in countries where the language they are learning is spoken. These opportunities are subject to change as conditions dictate and may consist of an exchange with a school or a tour of the country where the language is spoken. For the most up-to-date information, speak to the corresponding teacher or the department chair.

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Course Number	Course Name	Possible Grade Level 9	10	11	12	Credit	Dual-Enrollment	Weighted Grade
004121	French 1	■	■	■	■	1.0		
004211	French 2	■	■	■	■	1.0		
004301	Honors French 3		■	■	■	1.0		■
004401	Honors French 4			■	■	1.0		■
005111	German 1	■	■	■	■	1.0		
005211	German 2	■	■	■	■	1.0		
005301	Honors German 3		■	■	■	1.0		■
005401	Honors German 4			■	■	1.0		■
006121	Latin 1	■	■	■	■	1.0		
006131	Latin 2		■	■	■	1.0		
006311	Latin 3			■	■	1.0		
007121	Spanish 1	■	■	■	■	1.0		
007211	Spanish 2	■	■	■	■	1.0		
007201	Honors Spanish 2	■	■	■	■	1.0		■
007311	Spanish 3		■	■	■	1.0		
007301	Honors Spanish 3	■	■	■	■	1.0	■	■
007401	Honors Spanish 4		■	■	■	1.0	■	■
007501	Honors Spanish 5		■	■	■	1.0	■	■

LATIN 1

Credit: 1 Grades 9-12
Course #: 006121
Prerequisite: None

This course will introduce the student to Latin, the ancient language of the Romans. It will begin with a review of English grammar to ensure that necessary terminology is understood. This will build a foundation of grammar and vocabulary skills to help increase fluency and language proficiency. The student will learn how Latin has affected and evolved into the modern languages. The knowledge of Roman culture gained from Latin will equip the student to appreciate and understand the culture of Western civilization and the world we live in. The course will also teach the student to appreciate the rich history and role that Latin has played in the Catholic church.

LATIN 2

Credit: 1 Grades 10-12
Course #: 006131
Prerequisite: Latin 1

Latin 2 will continue the study of Latin vocabulary and grammar begun in Latin 1 through ancient, time-honored, classical language approaches which include repetition, parsing, written composition, and listening exercises. . After a review of basic Latin forms and grammar, Latin 2 will continue development of the student's reading skills using more advanced grammatical constructions. The student will deepen his/her exploration of Roman culture and civilization, with an emphasis on the Roman republic.

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LATIN 3

Credit: 1 Grades 11-12
Course #: 006311
Prerequisite: Latin 2

Latin 3 will build on the foundations laid by the first and second courses of study, aiming toward greater use and understanding of the Latin language. After a review of the vocabulary and concepts from Latin 2, students will explore advanced forms of expression in authentic Latin texts. Through the study of participles and the subjunctive mood, students will be able to express themselves with increasing sophistication. Students will use these skills to learn more about the language and culture of the Romans, the Church, and Western Civilization.

GERMAN 1

Credit: 1 Grades 9-12
Course #: 005111
Prerequisite: None

Students are introduced to the language, culture, geography, history, and current events of the Germanic countries. Students learn the basic grammatical structures and vocabulary. They have the opportunity to practice their skills in oral, written, and reading exercises. German customs will be studied as well as the relationship between German and English. German 2 will be the next course students select after the successful completion of German 1.

GERMAN 2

Credit: 1 Grades 9-12
Course #: 005211
Prerequisite: Successful completion of German 1

German 2 students will continue to study grammatical structures. They will expand their vocabulary and work more seriously on their writing and speaking skills. German culture, history, and current events will continue to be an important part of the course. Fairy tales will be read and discussed. Students will be provided with many opportunities to improve their conversational skills.

HONORS GERMAN 3 H

Credit: 1 Grades 10-12
Course #: 005301
Prerequisite: 88% or teacher recommendation

Students in German 3 are introduced to poems, short stories, and stories from a variety of German authors. Students will have the opportunity to research a trip to a Germanic country and continue to develop their fluency in speaking, reading, and writing German. This course will include a comprehensive study of grammar, vocabulary, government, history and culture.

HONORS GERMAN 4 H

Credit: 1 Grades 11-12
Course #: 005401
Prerequisite: 88% or teacher recommendation

German 4 students will review grammar, learn the passive voice, and past tense subjunctive. They will have the opportunity to improve their conversational, reading, writing, and listening skills through the study of photomontages and German post-World War II literature and creative writings.

FRENCH 1

Credit: 1 Grades 9-12
Course #: 004121
Prerequisite: None

French 1 introduces students to the language and to the cultures of French-speaking regions throughout the world. Students develop elementary proficiency in the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Readings, activities and projects increase language learning as well as knowledge of culture and customs. Catholic holidays provide an opportunity to enhance student's vocabulary, enjoyment and spiritual direction.

FRENCH 2

Credit: 1 Grades 9-12
Course #: 004211
Prerequisite: Successful completion of French 1

French 2 helps students further develop language proficiency in French, concentrating on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Students continue their study of the cultures of francophone countries throughout the world, through readings, projects and classroom activities. Conversation is emphasized in the classroom. Catholic holidays enhance linguistic and spiritual goals.

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HONORS FRENCH 3 — H

Credit: 1 — Grades 10-12

Course #: 004301

Prerequisite: 88% or Teacher recommendation

Honors French 3 aims to increase students' ability to communicate and to develop confidence in his/her self-expression in French. Language skills are emphasized and students are expected to express themselves in French during class. This course will include a comprehensive study of grammar, vocabulary, geography, and history. Supplementary literature and other activities are incorporated to enhance linguistic and spiritual goals.

HONORS FRENCH 4 — H

Credit: 1 — Grades 11-12

Course #: 004401

Prerequisite: 88% in Honors French III or Teacher recommendation

Honors French 4 aims to refine the language skills that the students have already acquired. Grammar, composition, vocabulary development, and cultural appreciation are highlighted while studying French literature, history, and engaging in activities requiring higher-level thinking skills. French is the primary language spoken in class.

SPANISH 1

Credit: 1 — Grades 9-12

Course #: 007121

Prerequisite: None

Spanish 1 is a course designed to enable the beginning Spanish student to attain an elementary degree of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The cultures and customs of Spanish-speaking countries are studied through readings and classroom activities and projects.

SPANISH 2

Credit: 1 — Grades 9-12

Course #: 007211

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish 1

Spanish 2 is designed to strengthen the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and waiting. Vocabulary, verb conjugations, verb tenses, and other grammatical concepts are reinforced through various learning activities and games. Students study grammar rules and verb tenses in greater depth than in Spanish 1. The cultures and customs of Spanish-speaking countries are studied.

HONORS SPANISH 2 — H

Credit: 1 — Grades 9-12

Course #: 007201

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation and 94% or above in Spanish 1 or successful completion of placement exam for Honors Spanish 2

Honors Spanish 2 is designed to challenge the student who is proficient in Spanish or who intends to continue his/her language studies in Spanish 3 and 4. The same curriculum as in Spanish 2 is taught but in greater depth and at a faster pace. Students who are planning the four-year progression of Spanish should seriously consider Honors Spanish 2.

SPANISH 3

Credit: 1 — Grades 9-12

Course #: 007311

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish 2 & teacher recommendation

Spanish 3 continues the study of grammar structures and vocabulary of the language. Reading, writing, and conversation in Spanish are emphasized. Use of the language in the classroom is expected and the study of the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world is continued.

HONORS SPANISH 3 — H, CC

Credit: 1 (College Credit Available) — Grades 9-12

Course #: 007301 JCCC FL 130

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation, 94% or above in Spanish 2 or successful completion of placement exam for Honors Spanish 3

Course Fee: Current tuition at JCCC is assessed if college credit is desired.

Honors Spanish 3 continues the study of grammar structures and vocabulary of the Spanish language. Reading and writing in the language are emphasized. Creating in the language is encouraged through skits, original writings, plays, speeches, and other projects. Students are expected to express themselves in Spanish during class. College credit is available for those students who register through JCCC and pay the cost per credit hour.

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HONORS SPANISH 4 H, CC

Credit: 1 (College Credit Available) Grades 10-12

Course #: 007401 JCCC FL 131

Prerequisite: Grade of 86% in Honors Spanish 3 OR 94% in Spanish 3

Course Fee: Current tuition at JCCC is assessed if college credit is desired.

This course is a continuation of the study of the grammatical aspects of the Spanish language, and entails involving further study of the cultural and geographical makeup of the Spanish-speaking world. The course begins with a grammar review and vocabulary building and proceeds to a study of Spanish literature and history through readings, compositions, and presentations. Students are expected to express themselves in Spanish during class. College credit is available for those students who register through JCCC and pay the cost per credit hour.

HONORS SPANISH 5 H, CC

Credit: 1 (College Credit Available) Grades 10-12

Course #: 007501 JCCC FL 230

Prerequisite: Grade of 86% in Honors Spanish 4

Course Fee: Current tuition at JCCC is assessed if college credit is desired.

This course includes a review of grammar as well as further study of the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. The students study works of literature from Spain and Latin America, including short stories, poetry, drama, and short novels. Compositions on related topics are included. Students write original works in Spanish. Students are expected to express themselves in Spanish during class. College credit is available for those students who register through JCCC and pay the cost per credit hour.