



~LANGUAGES~

FRENCH I

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

Students will begin a program of language study that emphasizes a balance of the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Oral and written exercises will enable them to understand and express themselves in basic French as well as acquire an appreciation of French culture. Language is presented within the context of authentic cultural situations throughout the textbook and communicative activities allow for the greatest participation by each student.

FRENCH II

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

This course extends ability in listening, speaking, reading and writing French. Students will review basic structures from French I, while also learning more complex verb tenses and greatly enhancing their vocabulary. More emphasis is placed on authentic communicative activities and a greater appreciation and enjoyment of French life and art.

HONORS FRENCH III

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

PREREQUISITE: B or better in both semesters of French II.

This course is an extension of all aspects of French II with more emphasis on literature and advanced grammar. Students will study short stories, plays and articles from authentic sources as well as look at the role of French art, film and culture in the world today.

AP FRENCH

Two Semesters Grades 11-12

PREREQUISITE: B in H French III and department approval.

The AP French Language course is designed to develop proficiency in speaking, comprehension and reading skills. Reading materials are drawn from a wide variety of sources, including contemporary articles, and there is also a chance to continue the study of film and art. In preparation for the AP exam, students will also practice a substantial number of exercises from the AP Textbook.

SPANISH I

Two Semesters Grades 9-11

This course introduces basic Spanish vocabulary and grammar as a foundation upon which to build communication skills. It emphasizes the learning of thematic vocabulary, listening, reading and writing skills. Students will use Spanish in a variety of ways, both orally and in writing. Language is presented within the context of authentic cultural situations throughout the textbook, and communicative activities allow for the greatest participation by each student.

SPANISH II

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

PREREQUISITE: C in Spanish I both semesters and/or department approval.

This course builds on the skills mastered in Spanish I with a greater emphasis on written texts. Students listen to and read authentic Spanish language materials to enhance their reading and comprehension skills. They also write various types of essays to strengthen the writing skills begun in Spanish I. Communicative activities are again employed to practice the newly acquired language. Greater emphasis is placed upon the use of verb tenses and more complex grammar.

HONORS SPANISH II

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

PREREQUISITE: B in Spanish I both semesters and/or department approval.

This course is a continuation of Spanish I, progressing at a more accelerated rate than Spanish II and covering additional grammar, vocabulary, reading and conversational skills. The course is designed to prepare students for Honors Spanish III and the Advanced Placement course.

SPANISH III

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

PREREQUISITE: C in Spanish II both semesters and/or department approval.

This course is a review of first and second year material with more emphasis on literature and advanced grammar. There is additional opportunity for original writing and conversation.

HONORS SPANISH III

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

PREREQUISITE: B in Honors Spanish II both semesters and/or department approval.

This course is a continuation and review of work covered in Honors Spanish II, with an increased emphasis on oral proficiency, vocabulary building, more complex language structures, reading, writing and literature. This course is for those students who plan to take the AP exam the following year.

HONORS SPANISH IV

Two Semesters Grades 10-12

PREREQUISITE: B in H Spanish III and department approval.

The Honors Spanish IV course covers the equivalent of a third-year college course in advanced Spanish composition and conversation. It encompasses aural/oral skills, reading comprehension, grammar and composition, and emphasizes the use of Spanish for active communication. Course content reflects the intellectual interests shared by the students and teacher (arts, history, current events, literature, culture, etc.), and materials will include recordings, films, newspapers, and magazines. Extensive training in the organization and writing of compositions is an integral part of the course.