

World Language

The need for all learners to become competent in their ability to communicate with people of other countries is increasingly apparent due to instantaneous worldwide communication networks and an economy that is globally interconnected. Proficiency in languages other than one's own is a definite asset to the workplace, and for personal enrichment, especially when traveling. The World Language Department offers first and second level courses in Spanish, German, American Sign Language, along with higher levels of Spanish and German. Latin is offered as a one level elective course. With each additional year of study, students improve their linguistic fluency and grammatical accuracy, and continue to gain insight into the culture and literature of the language they are studying.

Spanish I – 521

The purpose of this course is to begin to develop fundamental speaking, listening comprehension, reading, and writing skills. Students will gain a knowledge of and sensitivity towards the culture of the Spanish-speaking peoples of the world. Activities in this course will help the student master basic vocabulary, use questions and answers, develop listening comprehension skills, read elementary selections, and study the customs of Spanish-speaking countries. Audio selections, videos, and on-line resources will aid in furthering competency. Spanish I is intended for students who have never taken Spanish or for those who have had a minimal exposure. Students successfully completing the ETR Spanish I program should enroll in Spanish II.

Spanish II – 522

This course is intended for students who have successfully completed Spanish I. In order to continue the development of basic speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills, students will learn to use the vocabulary appropriate to their level in meaningful spoken and written sentences and brief conversations. Through the reading of a short novel and cultural readings from the textbook, discussions, and projects, students will be better able to understand some of the cultural aspects of the various Spanish-speaking peoples. On-line resources, videos, and an audio program are integral parts of this course.

Spanish III – 523

The purpose of this course is to enable Spanish students to increase proficiency in conversation and writing. A continued development of fundamental vocabulary, listening comprehension, reading, and writing skills will be stressed. Students will read short stories and cultural selections in Spanish. Special projects will be assigned to promote speaking and writing proficiency. On-line resources and an audio program are integral parts of the course.

Spanish IV – Honors Hn 525

In this course students will work on continuing to develop advanced listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills, with an emphasis on both oral and written communication skills. Gaining fluency in the language using cultural readings, situational vocabulary, and more advanced structures will continue to be the primary focus of the course. Students will create multi-media projects and write extensively. A variety of teaching techniques and materials will be used, on-line resources, audio recordings, and video resources will aid in furthering competency in listening comprehension, speaking and cultural awareness.

Spanish V – Advanced Placement AP 526

The Advanced Placement Spanish course is an intensive course of instruction that follows the AP Spanish Language curriculum and continues to develop all four communication skills. Using vocabulary enrichment, varied reading materials, and discussion on a variety of topics, students will be able to communicate more effectively in written and spoken Spanish. Audio and video tapes, as well as on-line resources will aid in furthering competency in

listening comprehension, speaking, and cultural awareness. Students must take the Advanced Placement Exam to earn the AP grade weight.

German II – 532

Students will continue to develop their communicative proficiency through storytelling, role-playing, readings, and interacting with the teacher and their classmates, as well as through use of a strongly integrated audio, video, and software program. Grammar and vocabulary will be expanded as students cover topics such as giving directions, shopping for gifts, talking about past vacations, and food and physical activities as they relate to health. Students will exchange letters with e-pals in German speaking countries to expand their understanding of the culture more personally.

German III – 533

Students will continue to develop their communicative proficiency through storytelling, role-playing, and interacting with the teacher and their classmates, as well as through use of a strongly integrated audio, video, and software program. Emphasis will be placed on practicing real-life situations one might encounter on a trip to a German speaking nation. Students will read traditional folk and fairy tales, as well as more contemporary stories. An additional video series will help students hone their listening and speaking skills, and gain an ever-growing awareness of the culture and customs of the people.

German IV – 534

German V – Advanced Placement AP 535

Latin – 561

This course is intended to introduce the students to the structure and syntax of the Latin language, and to examine the parallels between Latin and English syntax, structure, and vocabulary. This course will enable students to translate and compose introductory Latin. Students will be guided through the reading of elementary passages, as well as in the preparation of projects. Latin is the foundational language of the sciences, medicine and law; students pursuing these fields after high school should consider Latin a prerequisite. This course will also benefit students taking the SAT and ACT.

American Sign Language I – 570

The purpose of this course is to begin to develop basic ASL skills. Students are taught basic grammar, vocabulary, fingerspelling, numbers and cultural information related to the Deaf Community. Videos and on-line resources will aid in furthering competency. ASL 1 is intended for students who have never taken ASL or for those who had a minimal exposure.

American Sign Language II – 572

This course is designed as a continuation course for students who successfully completed ASL 1 and is designed to continue development of ASL expressive and receptive skills, grammar, vocabulary, fingerspelling, cultural awareness and related terminology. Videos and on-line resources will aid in furthering competency. Prerequisite: ASL 1