

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

German I - Grades 9-10-11

Full Year Elective

Students will acquire a basic foundation for communicating in German. They will develop skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing as well as gain an insight into the way of life among people in German-speaking countries. In short, students should be able to make themselves understood and react appropriately in simple social interactions. There will be regularly assigned oral and written work as appropriate. It will be done both in class and as homework. Daily review and preparation is their responsibility. Class format is TPRS with an emphasis on communication. Participation is expected. There will be chapter tests and semester exams; listening comprehension is part of each test.

German II - Grades 10-11-12

Full year Elective

Students will expand the communicative skills already acquired and will continue to increase your cultural understanding of the German-speaking world. They will also have the opportunity to further develop skills through interactions with classmates and specially chosen readings. Daily expectations, activities, assessments and daily review and preparation are their responsibility. Class format is TPRS with an emphasis on communication. Participation is expected. There will be chapter tests and semester exams; listening comprehension is part of each test.

Spanish I - Grades 9-10-11

Full Year Elective

Spanish I is a year-long course that employs the natural method of language learning. The student learns Spanish the way he/she learned English - by hearing the language and repeating what was heard. Only when he/she knew the language quite well did the study of grammar begin. This course teaches Spanish in the same way: hear it, say it, and absorb it as the result of use and repetition. The language is presented and practiced through all four language skills, and, for the beginning students, is simple, natural, and idiomatic. The student will be evaluated on his/her abilities in listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing.

Spanish II - Grades 10-11-12

Full Year Elective

Prerequisite: Spanish I

Spanish II presents the more complex structures of basic Spanish and expands the cultural themes of the first level. The basic objectives are: 1) to help each student attain an acceptable degree of proficiency in the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and (2) to present the language within the context of the contemporary Spanish-speaking world and its culture.

Spanish III - Grades 11-12

Full Year Elective

Prerequisite: Spanish II

Spanish III is intended to provide a solid foundation in the forms and relationships of Spanish grammar for the intermediate student. 90% of oral work and 100% of written work is to be done in Spanish. The first semester deals with imperative and subjunctive and vocabulary related to health and exercising. The second semester presents the subordinate clauses containing the subjunctive and the future tense. The vocabulary is related to friendships, future plans, and careers. Many activities are applied like authentic video clips, readings, songs, projects, and TPR Storytelling.

Spanish IV - Grade 12

Full Year Elective

Prerequisite: Spanish III

In this class, there is intensive practice in oral communication, listening comprehension, and vocabulary building.

Spanish Grammar I for Native Spanish Speakers - Grades 9-10-11-12

Full Year Elective

This course is designed for any student whose native language is Spanish. Its purpose is to allow native speakers of Spanish to acquire and improve reading and writing skills in their native language. Emphasis is placed on spelling, capitalization, accentuation, and punctuation. The cultural aspects of Spanish speaking countries are also part of the curriculum through various literary works. The students are expected to use Spanish during the class period. Also, literary terms are studied.

Spanish Grammar II for Native Spanish Speakers-Grades 10-11-12

Full Year Elective

Prerequisite: Spanish Grammar I

This course is designed for Spanish speakers. The course emphasizes the mechanics of language (spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structure). There are units on accent marks, verbs conjugation, and agreement rules. Also, reading contemporary literature is built into the units. Composition skills and practice are integrated into all units. The students write a research paper. Students receiving an A or B grade on this course will meet the prerequisite to take college level Spanish courses.

SPANISH GRAMMAR III

Full Year Elective

Prerequisite: Spanish Grammar I and II

This course is addressed to those whose mother tongue is Spanish. It follows Spanish Grammar I and Spanish Grammar II. The program focus on building vocabulary, writing and reading skills, technology tools are key to the course where students build and update regularly blogs besides working in other websites. The goal is to achieve academic proficiency in speaking, writing, reading and listening using Spanish language and literature.