

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Latin I Honors

Grade 9

This course introduces the Latin language and culture. Emphasis is on developing vocabulary and skills for translation. This course is offered when there is substantial need and only when it can be staffed.

One credit

Latin II Honors

Grade 9 & 10

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Latin I Honors.

In this course, the study of Latin language and culture begun in Latin I is continued. *One credit*

Latin III Honors

Grade 10 & 11

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Latin II Honors.

The course begins with a thorough review of Latin grammar. It then focuses on the reading of Latin prose, usually Cicero, and concludes with the reading of Latin poetry (Horace, etc.) *One credit*

Advanced Placement Latin

Grade 11 & 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Latin III Honors.

The purpose of this course is to prepare for the AP Latin exam. It concentrates on the reading of Vergil's Aeneid. *One credit*

Advanced Classical Languages

Grade 11 & 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Latin III Honors or AP Latin.

Advanced Classical Languages is a course designed to hone Latin translation skills by reviewing Latin grammar and syntax and by introducing students to new authors and genres. Depending on the year and on student interest, it also may focus on the learning of Classical Greek, starting with the alphabet and working through most of Book I of *Athenaze*, a Greek textbook. Only offered when faculty are available to teach it. *One credit*

French I Honors

Grade 9

Students begin a foundation of communication in all four skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing, using learned phrases in the present tense and learning basic past tense. Students also explore aspects of francophone culture. This course is offered when there is substantial need and only when it can be staffed. *One credit*

French II Honors

Grade 9 & 10

Prerequisite: Successful completion of French I Honors.

Students begin to use more creative and challenging language, building on previously learned structures. They work towards mastery of basic past narration. Vocabulary is expanded. All work integrates the four language skills. *One credit*

French III Honors

Grade 10 & 11

Prerequisite: Successful completion of French II Honors.

Students expand their ability to communicate in French in a variety of tenses using complex

structures. They learn to express emotions, wishes, and hypotheses. Readings and videos that accompany the units are of a more complex nature. *One credit*

Pre AP French Language Honors

Grade 11 & 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of French III Honors.

In preparation for the AP French course, grammar is studied in great detail. Students practice listening, speaking, reading and writing skills more intensively and acquire vocabulary at a faster pace. *One credit*

Advanced Placement French Language

Grade 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Pre AP French Honors or outstanding performance in French III H and recommendation of department.

Students complete an in-depth study of the four skills in preparation for the AP French Language examination of the College Board. *One credit*

Spanish I

Grade 9

Students receive an introduction to basic communication skills with an emphasis on listening and speaking. Grammatical concepts such as present tense sentence structure and noun/adjective agreement are mastered. Students gain a basic understanding of Hispanic cultures. *One credit*

Spanish II and II Honors

Grade 9 & 10

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish I.

This course builds on and expands the vocabulary and basic grammatical structures learned in Spanish I. The past and future tenses are introduced. Students are able to communicate on rudimentary levels using all four skills about common topics and needs. *One credit*

Spanish III

Grade 10 & 11

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish II.

This course includes a thorough review of previously learned structures and an introduction of more complex structures. Vocabulary expansion continues. Accurate usage in all four skills is emphasized. *One credit*

Spanish III Honors

Grade 10 & 11

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish II Honors or outstanding performance in Spanish II and recommendation of the department.

This rigorous course concentrates on correct usage of compound verb tenses and the present subjunctive as well as other detailed grammatical structures. Vocabulary building continues. Cultural studies are included. By year's end, students will be able to communicate using accurate and fairly complex structures. *One credit*

Spanish IV

Grade 11 & 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish III or Spanish III Honors.

In this course, fluency in all four skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) is the goal. Linguistic practice is achieved through thorough review of previously learned grammatical structures as well as the study of Hispanic literature and culture. Students will demonstrate their fluency by performing a play in Spanish for the lower school in the spring. *One credit*

Pre AP Spanish Language Honors**Grade 11 & 12**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish III Honors or Spanish IV.

In preparation for the AP Spanish course, grammar is studied in great detail. Students practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills intensively and acquire vocabulary at a faster pace. Readings by Hispanic authors are included. *One credit*

Advanced Placement Spanish Language**Grade 11 & 12**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Pre AP Spanish Language Honors or outstanding performance in Spanish III Honors and recommendation of the department.

Students complete an in-depth review of previously learned structures and pursue mastery of grammatical nuances. A command of all verbs in all tenses is required. Rigorous vocabulary building is emphasized. Readings by Hispanic authors are included. *One credit*

Advanced Spanish Language and Literature Honors**Grade 12**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Pre AP or AP Spanish Language.

This class will be an integrated study of Spanish language and literature. This includes advanced conversational skills, writing, and reading. Various aspects of Spanish-speaking culture such as film and history will also be taught. *One credit*