

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

The Modern and Classical Language program has been designed to achieve two major goals. The first one is to offer students the opportunity to develop proficiency in a second language and culture so that they can acquire skills, knowledge, and attitudes important for living and working in a multi-lingual, multi-cultural world. The second goal is to develop students' insight into their own language and culture so that they can increase their knowledge about the English language and their understanding of their own society.

To achieve these goals, an articulated sequence of courses, from Level 1 to Level 5, is offered in several modern languages and one classical language. Learning a second language will also serve the purpose of meeting college entry requirements or recommendations in foreign language.

All Level 4 courses have Honors option and are for junior and seniors. All Level 5 courses are designated Honors courses. Juniors and seniors who qualify may have the option of earning college credit. See department leader.

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGE COURSE SEQUENCE

French 1	German 1	Japanese 1	Latin 1	Spanish 1
French 2	German 2	Japanese 2	Latin 2	Spanish 2
French 3	German 3	Japanese 3	Latin 3	Spanish 3
French 4 (Honors Option)	German 4 (Honors Option)	Japanese 4 (Honors Option)	Latin 4 (Honors Option)	Spanish 4 (Honors Option)
(All Level 4 courses: Honors Option, juniors & seniors only)				
French 5 (Honors)	German 5 (Honors)			Spanish 5 (Honors)

FRENCH

FRENCH 1

Grades: 9-12

FRENCH 1

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: None

This course is designed for students with no background knowledge of French and wish to develop skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in French on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will be introduced to using the French language for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read basic descriptions of life in countries where French is spoken and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class.

FRENCH 2

Grades: 9-12

FRENCH 2

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: French 1

This course is designed for students who can function in French at a very basic level and wish to improve and expand their skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in French. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in French on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will

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increase their range of expression, learning to use language for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read descriptions of life in countries where French is spoken and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class.

FRENCH 3

Grades: 10-12

FRENCH 3

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: French 2

In this course, students are guided to further expand and improve their communication skills in French so that they can understand and converse more freely and creatively than at previous levels. Again, students will use the new language for many different purposes, such as initiating, sustaining and concluding a conversation, recounting a series of events, giving descriptions, expressing agreement or disagreement, or getting out of situations that pose a problem. Readings are from many different sources, as are listening materials. Visuals include up-to-date films and videos.

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FRENCH 4 (Honors Option)

067041/067042

Grades: 11-12

FRENCH 4

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: French 3

Students at this level will learn how to deal with a great variety of topics and tasks. They will increase their skills in French through active use in class discussion, group activities and essay writing. Knowledge about the French culture will be expanded through exposure to a wide variety of cultural resources, including literature, newspapers, videos and taped interviews. To help students express themselves more clearly in oral and written form, the grammatical system of the French language will be reviewed. Students will also learn to sharpen their comprehension skills in listening and reading. By the end of this course, students should be able to understand, speak, read and write French well enough to survive on their own in the language and culture. Students may earn college credit in Levels 3, 4, and 5. See department leader for additional information. An honors grade may be earned.

HONORS FRENCH 5

068051/068052

Grade: 12

+FRENCH 5

One Year-1 Credit

Prerequisite: French 4

This college preparatory course will provide a challenging and stimulating experience for students who are interested in further improving their French language skills and knowledge about the French culture. Emphasis will be placed on critical thinking and on expressing ideas orally and in writing. A topical approach will be used, with topics changing every two to three weeks. Literary and non-literally selections will be read and analyzed. Native speakers, as well as a variety of other cultural resources, will be used to improve listening comprehension and to stimulate discussion. Students will be encouraged to attend French plays, movies and other cultural events outside of class time. Students may earn college credit in Levels 3, 4, and 5. See department leader for additional information. A weighted grade is given. Students wanting to earn AP credit may choose to take the Advanced Placement Language Exam.

GERMAN

GERMAN 1

067111/067112

Grades: 9-12

GERMAN 1

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: None

This course is designed for students with no background knowledge in German and wish to develop skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in German. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in German on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will be introduced to using German for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read basic descriptions of life in countries where German is spoken and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class.

GERMAN 2

067121/067122

Grades: 9-12

GERMAN 2

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: German 1

This course is designed for students who can function in German at a very basic level and wish to improve and expand their skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in the target language. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in German on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will increase their range of expression, learning to use language for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read descriptions of life in countries where German is spoken and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class.

GERMAN 3

067131/067132

Grades: 10-12

GERMAN 3

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: German 2

In this course, students are guided to further expand and improve their communication skills in German so that they can understand and converse more freely and creatively than at previous levels. Again, students will use the new language for many different purposes, such as initiating, sustaining and

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concluding a conversation, recounting a series of events, giving descriptions, expressing agreement or disagreement, or getting out of situations that pose a problem. Readings are from many different sources, as are listening materials. Visuals include up-to-date films and videos.

JAPANESE

GERMAN 4 (Honors Option) 067141/067142

Grades: 11-12
GERMAN 4
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: German 3

Students at this level will learn how to deal with a great variety of topics and tasks. They will increase their skills in the language through active use in class discussion, group activities and essay writing. Knowledge about the German culture will be expanded through exposure to a wide variety of cultural resources, including literature, newspapers, videos and taped interviews. To help students express themselves more clearly in oral and written form, the grammatical system of the German language will be reviewed. Students will also learn to sharpen their comprehension skills in listening and reading. By the end of this course, students should be able to understand, speak, read and write German well enough to survive on their own in the language and culture. Students may earn college credit in Levels 3, 4, and 5. See department leader for additional information. An honors grade may be earned.

HONORS GERMAN 5 068151/068152

Grade: 12
+GERMAN 5
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: German 4

This college preparatory course will provide a challenging and stimulating experience for students who are interested in further improving their German language skills and knowledge about the German culture. Emphasis will be placed on critical thinking and on expressing ideas orally and in writing. A topical approach will be used, with topics changing every two to three weeks. Literary and non-literary selections will be read and analyzed. Native speakers, as well as a variety of other cultural resources, will be used to improve listening comprehension and to stimulate discussion. Students will be encouraged to attend German plays, movies and other cultural events outside of class time. Students may earn college credit in Levels 3, 4, and 5. See department leader for additional information. A weighted grade is given. Students wanting to earn AP credit may choose to take the Advanced Placement Language Exam.

JAPANESE 1 067411/067412
Grades: 9-12
JAPANESE 1
One year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: None

This course is designed for students with no background knowledge in Japanese and wish to develop skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in Japanese. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in Japanese on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will be introduced to using Japanese for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read basic descriptions of life in countries where Japanese is spoken and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class.

JAPANESE 2 067421/067422
Grades: 10-12
JAPANESE 2
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Japanese 1

This course is designed for students who can function in Japanese at a very basic level and wish to improve and expand their skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in Japanese. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in Japanese on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will increase their range of expression, learning to use language for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read descriptions of life in countries where Japanese is spoken and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class.

JAPANESE 3 067431/067432
Grades: 11-12
JAPANESE 3
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Japanese 2

In this course, students are guided to further expand and improve their communication skills in Japanese so that they can understand and converse more freely and creatively than at previous levels. Again, students will use the new language for many different purposes, such as initiating, sustaining and

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concluding a conversation, recounting a series of events, giving descriptions, expressing agreement or disagreement, or getting out of situations that pose a problem. Readings are from many different sources, as are listening materials. Visuals include up-to-date films and videos.

JAPANESE 4 (Honors Option) 067441/067442

Grade: 12
JAPANESE 4
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Japanese 3

Students at this level will learn how to deal with a great variety of topics and tasks. They will increase their skills in the language through active use in class discussion, group activities and essay writing. Knowledge about the Japanese culture will be expanded through exposure to a wide variety of cultural resources, including literature, newspapers, videos and taped interviews. To help students express themselves more clearly in oral and written form, the grammatical system of the language will be reviewed. Students will also learn to sharpen their comprehension skills in listening and reading. By the end of this course, students should be able to understand, speak, read and write in Japanese well enough to survive on their own in the language and culture. An Honors grade may be earned.

LATIN

LATIN 1 067211/067212

Grades: 9-12
LATIN 1
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: None

This is the first year of a four year program in the Cambridge Latin Course, which emphasizes the development of reading skills, along with the culture of the Romans. Students will read Latin from the very first, learning about the Romans in general, particularly the daily life of a family in Pompeii. Throughout the year, students will build their skills in essential vocabulary in Latin and English as well as grammar while they study the entertainment, education, politics, and religion of people in Italy, Britain, and Egypt in the first century A.D.

LATIN 2 067221/067222

Grades: 10-12
LATIN 2
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Latin 1

In this course, students will further develop their reading skills and gain a greater command of vocabulary, derivatives, and grammar as they continue in the Cambridge series. The readings and cultural studies will be based on army life,

commerce, religion, racial strife, and political scheming in the Roman provinces of Egypt and Britain.

LATIN 3 067231/067232

Grades: 11-12
LATIN 3
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Latin 2

At this level, students will continue work in the Cambridge series. Students will begin to develop advanced reading skills as well as investigate the Roman military and physical structure, politics and intrigue of Rome, the heart of the Empire.

LATIN 4 (Honors Option) 067241/067242

Grade: 12
LATIN 4
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Latin 3

This course concludes the Cambridge storyline begun in Latin 1. Students will begin selected readings in Classical writers, 200 B.C. - A.D. 150. Readings may include selections from Virgil, Cicero, Ovid, Pliny, Horace, Catullus, et al. Work will begin on the unique stylistic characteristics of an author, using methods of literary analysis, and incorporating historical context of the work. An Honors grade may be earned.

SPANISH

SPANISH 1 067311/067312

Grades: 9-12
SPANISH 1
One Year - 1 Credit
Prerequisite: None

This course is designed for students with no background knowledge in Spanish and wish to develop skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in Spanish on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will be introduced to using Spanish for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read basic descriptions of life in countries where Spanish is spoken and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class.

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SPANISH 2

067321/067322

Grades: 9-12

SPANISH 2

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish 1

This course is designed for students who can function in Spanish at a very basic level and wish to improve and expand their skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish. Emphasis will be on learning to communicate in Spanish on topics of daily life, with frequent use of paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Students will increase their range of expression, learning to use language for many different purposes, such as the following: expressing feelings, preference, and opinions; describing people, things, and places; and making requests. Students will read descriptions of life in countries where Spanish is spoken and be introduced to various examples of authentic text found in the culture such as signs, advertisements and letters. A great variety of up-to-date materials will be used in class.

SPANISH 3

067331/067332

Grades: 10-12

SPANISH 3

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish 2

In this course, students are guided to further expand and improve their communication skills in the target language so that they can understand and converse more freely and creatively than at previous levels. Again, students will use the Spanish language for many different purposes, such as initiating, sustaining and concluding a conversation, recounting a series of events, giving descriptions, expressing agreement or disagreement, or getting out of situations that pose a problem. Readings are from many different sources, as are listening materials. Visuals include up-to-date films and videos.

SPANISH 4 (Honors Option)

067341/067342

Grades: 11-12

SPANISH 4

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish 3

Students at this level will learn how to deal with a great variety of topics and tasks. They will increase their skills in the language through the use in classroom discussion, group activities and essay writing. Knowledge about the Hispanic culture will be expanded through exposure to a wide variety of cultural resources, including literature, newspapers, videos and taped interviews. To help students express themselves more clearly in oral and written form, the grammatical system of the Spanish language will be reviewed. Students will also learn to sharpen their comprehension skills in listening and reading. By the end of this course, students should be able to

understand, speak, read and write Spanish well enough to survive on their own in the language and culture. Students may earn college credit in Levels 3, 4, and 5. See department leader for additional information. An honors grade may be earned.

HONORS SPANISH 5

068351/068352

Grades: 11-12

+SPANISH 5

One Year - 1 Credit

Prerequisite: Spanish 3

This college preparatory course will provide a challenging and stimulating experience for students who are interested in further improving their Spanish language skills and knowledge about the Hispanic culture. Emphasis will be placed on critical thinking and on expressing ideas orally and in writing. A topical approach will be used, with topics changing every two to three weeks. Literary and non-literary selections will be read and analyzed. Native speakers, as well as a variety of other cultural resources, will be used to improve listening comprehension and to stimulate discussion. Students will be encouraged to attend Hispanic plays, movies and other cultural events outside of class time. Students may earn college credit in Levels 3, 4, and 5. See department leader for additional information. A weighted grade is given. Students wanting to earn AP credit may choose to take the Advanced Placement Language Exam.