



World Languages Course Descriptions

French 1, 2

The goal of this course is to give students basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through activities based on pedagogically proven methods of foreign language instruction. Throughout this two-course sequence students learn to talk about themselves and other, describe their surroundings and use numbers for dates and time. Regular verbs are introduced in the present tense. Simple grammatical structures are practiced in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. Culture is presented throughout the course to help students understand the context of the language and to better understand the perspectives of the French-speaking world. The course is aligned to the national Foreign Language standards and provides a way to focus on the five important aspects of foreign language instruction: communication, culture, connections, comparisons and community.

French 3, 4

Throughout this two-course sequence, students learn to express themselves using an ever increasing vocabulary, more verb tenses, articles, and adjectives. Grammar is introduced and practiced in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. Culture is sprinkled throughout the course in an attempt to help the learner focus on the French-speaking world and their culture, people, geographical locations and histories.

French 5, 6

In this two-course sequence, students will continue to sharpen listening, speaking, reading and writing skills through activities that are based on pedagogically-proven methods of foreign language instruction. Students will learn to express themselves using an ever-increasing vocabulary. Students will also review and practice all common verb tenses including: present tense, past tense, future tense, conditional tense, the passive voice, imperative verbs and more. Students learn to use two-object pronouns and review previously-learned grammar. Language is introduced and practiced in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. Culture is sprinkled throughout the course in an attempt to help the learner focus on the French-speaking world and their culture, people, geographical locations and histories. The student will learn a plethora of information about the various countries where French is spoken. Students learn about these countries' customs, histories and current world happenings.

Spanish Language [AP Spanish Language] 1, 2

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course emphasizes communication (understanding and being understood by others) by applying interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational skills in real-life situations. This includes vocabulary usage, language control, communication strategies, and cultural awareness. The AP Spanish Language and Culture course strives not to overemphasize grammatical accuracy at the expense of communication. To best facilitate the study of language and culture, the course is taught almost exclusively in Spanish. The AP Spanish Language and Culture course engages students in an exploration of culture in both contemporary and historical contexts. The course develops students' awareness and appreciation of cultural products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions).

Grades 10, 11 & 12



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Spanish 1, 2

This course, designed for non-native Spanish speakers, will introduce basic pronunciation including the Spanish alphabet. Basic vocabulary such as numbers, color, days of week, etc. will be introduced. Grammar will be used as a basis for developing writing skills and an understanding of Spanish sentence structure and com- position. Basic conversation skills will be developed as an extension of pronunciation and grammar knowledge. The cultural aspects of the language will also be explored through study of customs, traditions, and his- tory of Spanish speaking regions around the world.

Spanish 3, 4

The second year Spanish course continues to prepare students to communicate in Spanish, both in production and comprehension. Topics for listening, speaking, reading and writing include a review of first year topics and an emphasis on discussing events that happened in the past. Other topics include giving commands and making comparisons. Lessons have a greater focus on grammar. Cultural lessons expand upon students' knowledge of cultural topics presented in first year Spanish.

Spanish 5, 6

The students will learn complex grammatical structures, read short stories and improve their writing, reading, listening and speaking skills.