

WORLD LANGUAGE

- Course descriptions that are shaded are not being offered.
- Two years of a World language is a Mason High School graduation requirement. Students wishing to attend a four year college or university are advised to take three or more years of the same language.

French 1	2 trimesters	Grade Level: 9 - 12
Course # 4101 # 4102		Prerequisite: None

In this acquisition-based introductory course, students will begin to develop the four language skills of listening, reading, writing, and speaking. An emphasis is placed on input skills (listening and reading) as output skills (writing and speaking) are generally the last skills to develop. This course is taught through storytelling and conversation in French with focus on target structures to help students acquire high-frequency vocabulary and grammar. By the end of this course, students will have a Novice-Mid proficiency level as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL). This means that students will be able to communicate through words, phrases and short sentences on familiar topics such as family and school life. French-speaking culture is also taught through music, film, and texts.

French 2	2 trimesters	Grade Level: 9 - 12
Course # 4201		Prerequisites: French 1

In this acquisition-based course, students will continue to develop the four language skills of listening, reading, writing, and speaking. A large emphasis is still placed on input skills in the first trimester with a larger focus on output skills in the second trimester. This course is taught through storytelling and conversation in French with focus on target structures to help students acquire and refine high-frequency vocabulary and grammar. By the end of this course, students will have a Novice-High proficiency level as defined by ACTFL. This means they will be able to communicate in sentence length on familiar topics such as their daily routine and interests. French-speaking culture is also taught through music, film, and texts.

French 3	2 trimesters	Grade Level: 10 - 12
Course # 4301		Prerequisites: French 1 and French 2

In this acquisition-based course, students will continue to develop the four language skills of listening, reading, writing, and speaking. This course is taught through storytelling and conversation in French with focus on target structures to refine high-frequency vocabulary and grammar as well as begin to develop vocabulary and grammar on specialized topics such as news, media, and art. By the end of this course, students will have an Intermediate-Low proficiency level as defined by ACTFL. This means they will be able to communicate in strings of sentences on a variety of familiar topics such as plans for the future and travel. French-speaking culture is explored through film and literature. Students view approximately two French films per trimester and read one full length French novel over both trimesters.

French 4	2 trimesters	Grade Level: 11 - 12
Course # 4301 # 4302		Prerequisites: French 1, French 2 French 3

In this acquisition-based course, students will begin to refine the four language skills of listening, reading, writing, and speaking. This course is taught through storytelling and conversation in French with focus on target structures to continue to refine vocabulary and grammar on specialized topics. By the end of this course, students will have an Intermediate-Mid proficiency level as defined by ACTFL. This means they will be able to communicate and elaborate in strings of sentences on a wide range of familiar and unfamiliar topics. French-speaking culture is explored through film and literature. Students view approximately two French films per trimester and read one full length French novel over both trimesters.

French 5	2 trimesters	Grade Level: 12
Course # 4301 # 4302		Prerequisites: French 1, French 2 French 3 and French 4

In this acquisition-based course, students will continue to refine the four language skills of listening, reading, writing, and speaking. This course is taught through storytelling and conversation in French with focus on target structures to refine this advanced level of vocabulary and grammar. By the end of this course, students will have an Intermediate-High proficiency level as defined by ACTFL. This means they will be able to communicate in paragraph length on a wide range of familiar and unfamiliar topics. Their expanded vocabulary will allow them to elaborate and give more information on these topics. French-speaking culture is explored through film and literature. Students view approximately two French films per trimester and read one full length French novel over both trimesters.

French Cultures of the World	1 trimester	Grade Level: 9-12
Course # 4501		Prerequisites: None

In this course, students will learn about cultural aspects of French speaking countries around the world. There will be a focus on the French speaking countries of Africa, North America, and Europe. Much of the course will be driven by student interest and curiosity but the following cultural topics may be explored throughout the course: music, film, literature, art, food, sport, history, government, daily life, transportation, and holidays. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the world around them and develop cultural awareness while growing their understanding of their own culture.

German 1	2 trimesters	Grade Level: 9 - 12
Course # 4103 Course # 4104		Prerequisite: None

Students will learn basic communicative skills in German. The curriculum consists of (1) systematic introduction and practice of German grammar and structure, (2) oral use of the language in everyday situations, (3) reading of authentic textual material, and (4) basic writing skills. Use of the language is closely integrated with current cultural materials dealing with the German-speaking world. The teacher stresses active class participation and creative language use in partner work, presentations, and role play situations.

German 2
Course # 4203
4204

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 9 - 12
Prerequisites: German 1

More remarkable changes in ability take place in German 2 than perhaps any other. The students' expressive ability and comfort with the language dramatically increase. Students master old topics and develop skills to learn new material faster. Students normally realize for the first time that they can, albeit imperfectly, survive and express themselves in situations covered in the course. Students are required to demonstrate proficiency in the four language skills.

German 3
Course # 4303
4304

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 10 - 12
Prerequisites: German 1, German 2

German 3 will focus on speaking German and also introduce literature. Students will become acquainted with some of the greatest literature of Germany - both classic and modern. Music, poetry and film studies will also be incorporated. Students will also expand their vocabulary and learn more about the culture of Germany. Methods will vary from skits and group projects to oral presentations. The primary focus is learning how to speak more accurately and fluently.

German 4
Course # 4303
4304

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 11 - 12
Prerequisites: German 1, German 2
German 3

This class is usually combined with German 3. Students often experience a significant shift in their proficiency in all four skills. Both historical and contemporary literature and prose are studied. Students research and participate in a variety of current cultural applications. Communication skills continue to be strengthened and improved through a variety of methods.

German 5
Course # 4303
4304

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 12
Prerequisites: German 1, German 2
German 3, German 4

This class is usually combined with German 3 and German 4. It is conducted largely in German. Students enhance their proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing through a variety of methods. More advanced literature and prose are studied. Students research and participate in a variety of current cultural applications.

AP Spanish Language
Course # 4504
4505
4506

3 trimesters

Grade Level: 11 - 12
Prerequisite: Spanish 1-4

Recommendation: Strong success in
Previous Spanish courses

AP Spanish Language and Culture is equivalent to an intermediate level college course in Spanish. Students cultivate their understanding of Spanish language and culture by applying interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication in real-life situations as they explore concepts related to family and communities, personal and public identities, beauty and aesthetics, science and technology, contemporary life, and global challenges.

Spanish 1

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Prerequisite: None

Course # 4105

4106

In this beginning class, you will learn to communicate about yourself and your everyday living experiences in Spanish. Through culturally authentic readings and dialogues, you will also learn about typical daily experiences of Spanish-speaking people. Classroom activities include listening, speaking, reading, and writing with emphasis on vocabulary, language structure, class participation, and introductory creative language use.

Spanish 2

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Prerequisites: Spanish 1

Course # 4205

4206

The natural order of language learning is listening, speaking, and then reading and writing. Teaching techniques and learning skills developed in this class will be based on this important fact. As a student, you will learn, through listening, imitating, and talking, to understand and express yourself simply and correctly in Spanish. By the end of the course, you will be able to communicate in the present and past tense, as well as use basic commands.

Spanish 3

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 10 - 12

Prerequisites: Spanish 1, Spanish 2

Course # 4305

4306

Continues the practice of the five areas of the Spanish language: listening, speaking, reading, writing and culture. As much as possible the class is conducted completely in Spanish. The entire grammar is reviewed and many new verb tenses are introduced. More emphasis is placed on original works by the students and on spontaneous conversation. Authentic songs and short stories are introduced as well.

Spanish 4

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 11 - 12

Prerequisites: Spanish 1, Spanish 2
Spanish 3

Course # 4405

4406

Emphasis in the course will be on greater fluency in speaking, increased accuracy and creativity in writing, and comprehension of more difficult reading materials. Authentic Hispanic and Spanish literature such as short stories, articles, and poems will be read and analyzed. Cultural aspects such as famous artists and musicians will be studied and advanced grammar will be taught.