

## 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.

### **German 1**

Course # 4103  
Course # 4104

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 9 - 12  
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 German 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 in their immediate environment, such as family, friends and school life. German-speaking culture is also taught through music, film, and texts.

### **German 2**

Course # 4203  
# 4204

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 9 - 12  
Prerequisites: German 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 German 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 in their extended environment such as daily life and routines. German-speaking culture is also taught through music, film, and texts.

### **German 3**

Course # 4303  
# 4304

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 10 - 12  
Prerequisites: German 1, German 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 German with focus on target structures to refine high-frequency vocabulary and grammar as well as begin to develop vocabulary and grammar on specialized topics. 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. German-speaking culture is explored through music, film, poetry and literature. Students view approximately two German films per trimester and read one full length German novel.

**German 4**Course # 4303  
# 4304

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 11 - 12

Prerequisites: German 1, German 2  
German 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 German 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. German-speaking culture is explored through music, film, poetry and literature. Students view approximately two German films per trimester and read one full length German novel.

**German 5**Course # 4303  
# 4304

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 12

Prerequisites: German 1, German 2  
German 3, German 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 German 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. German-speaking culture is explored through music, film, poetry and literature. Students view approximately two German films per trimester and read one full length German novel.

**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**Course # 4105  
# 4106

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Prerequisite: None

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**Course # 4205  
# 4206

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Prerequisites: Spanish 1

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**Course # 4305  
# 4306

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 10 - 12

Prerequisites: Spanish 1, Spanish 2

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**Course # 4405  
# 4406

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 11 - 12

Prerequisites: Spanish 1, Spanish 2  
Spanish 3

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.