



Modern Languages 2008-09

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Seniors Only		French IV	

MODERN LANGUAGES

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A knowledge of French, Italian, or Spanish is very useful in business, travel, and social situations, as well as in fashion, music, the arts, cuisine, and diplomacy.

FRENCH I

MLG101 MLG102 FRENCH I

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course gives students the basic communication skills necessary to ask for and provide information about themselves, their friends and family. Vocabulary building, basic reading and writing skills are also stressed. Tape recordings, films and videos are used in this class. This class is taught in French.

FRENCH II

MLG201 MLG202 FRENCH II

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: French I

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course continues to develop the French communication skills learned in French I. Students will increase their ability to speak, understand, read and write French through the use of videos, cassette tapes and reading selections. This class is taught in French.

FRENCH III

MLG301 MLG302 FRENCH III

Elective: Grades 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: French II

Grade Weight: College Prep

In addition to a comprehensive review, students read and discuss novels, short stories, and articles in French. Special projects and reading material for the course emphasize aspects of French culture. Students improve their command of oral and written French through exercises, conversations, games, and films. This class is taught in French.

FRENCH IV

MLG401 MLG402 FRENCH IV

Elective: Grade 12. One unit

Prerequisite: French III

Grade Weight: Honors

Reading selections are a continuation of those of French III; they are discussed in French, helping to improve students' conversational abilities. Additional reading and audio-visual presentations help students learn. This class is taught in French.

SPANISH I

MLG111 MLG112 SPANISH I

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course introduces students to the Spanish language. Through a natural approach students progress from understanding to communicating in basic Spanish. There is a strong emphasis on establishing a comprehensive vocabulary base. Students are exposed to selected short readings and writing short paragraphs. Tape recording, films, and videos are used in this class. This class is taught in Spanish.

SPANISH I-X

MLG131 MLG132 SPANISH IX

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: Placement test for students with Spanish experience in the language

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course will further develop the students' knowledge of the Spanish language, emphasizing comprehension through basic reading and writing activities. A variety of materials, including authentic readings, audio recordings, films and videos, along with other technology are used. Students will be introduced to various study skill techniques. This class is taught in Spanish.

SPANISH II

MLG211 MLG212 SPANISH II

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: Spanish I or completion of similar course in elementary school or junior high school, or native experience in Spanish.

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course will increase the student's knowledge of Spanish, emphasizing comprehension through more extensive reading and writing activities. Dialogues, short novels, special units, and videos provide a basis for communicating in the language. This class is taught in Spanish.

SPANISH II-X

MLG231 MLG232 SPANISH IIX

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: Placement test for students with Spanish experience in the language

Grade Weight: College Prep

This course will increase the student's knowledge of the Spanish language, emphasizing comprehension through extensive reading and writing activities. The study of the language will be complemented with a variety of materials, including authentic readings. Students will be introduced to various study skill techniques. Audio recordings, films and videos, along with other technology are used in this class. This class is taught in Spanish.

SPANISH III

MLG311 MLG312

SPANISH III

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit
Prerequisite: Spanish II or native experience in Spanish

Grade Weight: College Prep

Spanish III is conducted in Spanish, using the basic knowledge of the language gained in the first two years. A comprehensive study of grammar is offered, as well as practice reading, writing and communicating in Spanish through the use of novels, short stories, films, video programs, and articles.

SPANISH IV

MLG411 MLG412

SPANISH IV

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One unit
Prerequisite: Spanish III or native experience in Spanish

Grade Weight: Honors

Spanish IV is conducted in Spanish, using the basic knowledge of the language gained in the first three years. A comprehensive review of grammar is made, acquainting students with all aspects of basic Spanish grammar. With novels, short stories, and articles, students get practice reading and writing the language; discussing these materials in Spanish helps improve the students' conversational abilities. Students will make oral presentations on various topics, which will be followed by discussions. Advanced Placement credit may be available for some students.

SPANISH V ADVANCED PLACEMENT

MLG431 MLG432

SPANISH V AP

Elective: Grades 11, 12. One unit
Prerequisite: Spanish IV
Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement

Spanish V is conducted in Spanish. This class is designed to increase the students' ability to express ideas orally and in writing with accuracy and fluency, to equip them to use the language effectively in college and/or work, and to discuss literary works. Students will be encouraged to take the AP Spanish Language Examination in May, and much of the course consists of preparation for this exam. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

ITALIAN I

MLG121 MLG122

ITALIAN I

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

This course offers a basic knowledge of Italian, stressing communication and interpersonal relationships in the Italian culture. Students move through a natural approach, progressing from understanding to communicating in basic Italian. Students are exposed to short readings and writing experiences. Tape recordings, films, and videos are used in class. This class is taught in Italian.

ITALIAN II

MLG221 MLG222

ITALIAN II

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit
Prerequisite: Italian I or native experience in Italian
Grade Weight: College Prep

This course will increase the students' knowledge of Italian, emphasizing comprehension through more extensive reading and writing activities. Dialogues, short novels, videos, and cassette tapes provide a basis for communicating in the language. This class is taught in Italian.

ITALIAN III

MLG321 MLG322

ITALIAN III

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit
Prerequisite: Italian II or native experience in Italian
Grade Weight: College Prep

Italian III is taught in Italian, using the basic knowledge of the language gained in the first two years. A comprehensive study of grammar is offered, as well as practice reading, writing and communicating in Italian through the use of novels, short stories, special units, films, video programs, and articles.

ITALIAN IV

MLG421 MLG422

ITALIAN IV

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One unit
Prerequisite: Italian III or native experience in Italian
Grade Weight: Honors

This course is taught in Italian. Reading selections are discussed to improve the students' conversational ability. Novels, short stories and articles provide a basis for class discussions. A review of the previous years' grammatical content helps students master this aspect of Italian.