# 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 Prerequisite: None

 # 4102

In this introductory course, the four language skills are taught: listening, speaking, reading and writing. However, the speaking skill is stressed due to the importance of communication in today’s global society. Students master basic concepts of French grammar and a wide variety of vocabulary commonly used in conversation. In addition, the culture of the French-speaking world is explored through music, videos, and cooking.

**French 2** 2 trimesters Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 4201 Prerequisites: French 1 and

 # 4202 teacher recommendation

By the end of French 2, the goal is to enable students to function on a "survival" level in most real life situations. Students practice speaking with classmates on a daily basis, write and perform oral presentations, and conduct a study of the lives of the Impressionist painters culminating in a field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Students explore various cultural aspects of the francophone world.

**German 1** 2 trimesters Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 4103 Prerequisite: None

Course # 4104 Recommendation: Freshman enrolling in a world language should earn a “C” or better in 8th gr. English course

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 textural 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** 2 trimesters Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 4203 Prerequisites: German 1 and

 # 4204 teacher recommendation. Students should earn a C- or better in 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.

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**Spanish 1** 2 trimesters Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 4105 Prerequisite: None

 # 4106

 Recommendation: All students

 enrolling in a world language earn

 a “C” or better in their English

 courses.

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

Course # 4205 Prerequisites: Spanish 1 and

 # 4206 teacher recommendation

 Recommended: Students should

 Earn a C – or better in 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.

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