

# Woodson High School-World Language Course Offerings for 2024-25

(January 2024)

French	German	American Sign Language	Latin	Spanish
French 1	German 1	ASL 1	Latin 1	Spanish 1
French 2	German 2	ASL 2	Latin 2	Spanish 2
French 3	German 3	ASL 3	Latin 3	Spanish 3
French 4	German 4	ASL 4	Latin 4	Spanish 4
AP French Language			Latin 5	Spanish 4 DE  AP Language & Culture
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⇒ *\*Note that **Dual Enrollment and AP classes** are college courses that move at a faster pace and have additional assignments. The Dual Enrollment class maintains two gradebooks--one using FCPS grading policies; the other using NOVA grading policies. NOVA records zeroes and may not allow retakes. To earn the 6 college credits, students must receive grades of A, B, C on the NOVA grading scale.*

⇒ *\*To qualify to take **Dual Enrollment Spanish 4**, students must meet one of the following criteria: 1. Cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher; 2. PSAT - ERW score of 390 or higher; 3. SAT - ERW score of 480 or higher; 4. ACT - 18 or higher on both. Students must enroll in NOVA by a hard deadline, which will be communicated to students who make this course selection.*

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive an Advanced Diploma from Fairfax County Public Schools, students must take either (1) three years of the same language or (2) four years of two different languages (two years of one and two years of another)

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Many colleges require that students take a World Language in high school. Studying another language enhances students' college admission qualifications and opens additional doors through activities and awards such as Honor Societies, internships, contests, and the opportunity to participate in the Governor's School. World Language study also improves vocabulary and writing skills in English.

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# What is the sequence for World Languages?

## SPANISH

Students with no previous knowledge of Spanish begin at Spanish 1. Students who have studied Spanish 1 or 1A **AND** IB in middle school and earned grades of A, B, or C should enroll in Spanish 2. Students who are successful in Spanish 2 will enroll in Spanish 3. Students who completed Spanish Immersion up to grade 8 should enroll in Spanish 3. Following Spanish 3, students should enroll in Spanish 4. We offer Spanish 4 Honors and Spanish 4 Dual Enrollment. Dual Enrollment is taught in conjunction with NOVA and students who are successful can potentially earn 6 college credits. Students continuing their study of Spanish past level 3 should **not** skip level 4, as it prepares them for AP Spanish Language.

Students who passed the FCPS World Language Credit Exam in Spanish and received one credit should take Spanish 2; those who received two credits should take Spanish 3; those who received three credits should take Spanish 4 Honors or Dual Enrollment.

Students who successfully complete Spanish 4 Honors or Dual Enrollment may choose to enroll in AP Spanish Language. AP Spanish Language follows the College Board AP curriculum, preparing students to take the AP exam and potentially earn college credit. Spanish 4 Honors students receive a .5 GPA boost; Dual Enrollment Spanish 4 students receive a 1.0 GPA boost; AP Spanish Language students receive a 1.0 GPA boost.

Students who speak Spanish at home and have not been enrolled in an FCPS Spanish class --or who have not received credit from the World Language Credit Exam--should take our placement test so that we may recommend the best starting point for their study of Spanish in high school. To take the exam, please contact your counselor or the World Language Department Chair, Ms. Marcos, at [kmmarcos@fcps.edu](mailto:kmmarcos@fcps.edu)

## FRENCH, GERMAN, LATIN, AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Students with no previous knowledge or who are currently taking the middle school introductory ASL class will begin at Level 1. Students who pass level 1 of the language in middle school with a grade of A, B, or C should start at Level 2. Native speakers should contact their counselors to arrange a possible placement exam. Students will follow the sequence of levels in the chart on page 1 of this handout.

Students who passed the FCPS World Language Credit Exam in any language and received one credit should take level 2 of that language; those who received two credits should take level 3; those who received three credits should take level 4 Honors.

French students should take French 4 after French 3, rather than move directly to AP French. French 4 prepares students to do well on the AP French Language exam.

Students at level 4 of any language receive a .5 GPA boost (these courses are considered to be Honors classes). Those who study AP French Language receive a 1.0 GPA boost.

### \*Note re Latin 4/5

Latin 4 and 5 study the same material, but the material changes year to year.

**For More Information:** Contact our Student Services Department by calling the main school number at 703-503-4600 or email the World Language Department Chair at [kmmarcos@fcps.edu](mailto:kmmarcos@fcps.edu)