

World Languages

The World Languages Department of Bethlehem Catholic High School is committed to encouraging students to acquire proficiency in communicative skills and demonstrate competence in the area of intercultural communications thus developing an appreciation for different cultures.

World Language teachers are cognizant of students' needs, abilities and interests. As a result, we seek to incorporate these features in our teaching methodology so that students' learning can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Bethlehem Catholic has a significant number of heritage learners who have strong cultural ties; therefore we strive to provide an atmosphere where knowledge and experience are shared for the benefit of all students.

FRENCH 1

Credit 1.00

Level 2

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GERMAN 1

Credit 1.00

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SPANISH 1

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LATIN 1

Credit 1.00

Level 2

This course focuses mainly on the study of the Latin language itself and its influence on our own English language as well as on all the Romance languages (French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian). The course also includes cultural material about Roman life emphasizing stories about the leaders, government, education, literature and art.

The basic forms and syntax introduced in the first year prepare the serious student for the enjoyment of readings in the second year of the course.

ESL

Credit 1.00

Level 1

This course will serve to acclimate speakers of other languages to our school and community while developing verbal, written and auditory skills necessary for successful study at the high school level. An emphasis will be placed on conversation/discussion, reading, writing and study skills in addition to SAT prep work and cultural studies. This course will also serve to build student confidence and encourage student use of the English language outside of the classroom environment so that it becomes a natural means of communication. This course is mandatory for new students to Bethlehem Catholic and those students who might benefit from this course or who have been recommended by faculty.

FRENCH 2**Credit 1.00****Level 2**

The purpose of this course is to strengthen the speaking, listening, reading and writing skills of the student through an intensive review of grammatical patterns and the writing of simple compositions. Excerpts from newspapers and magazine articles are offered for class reading and discussion. An increased knowledge of culture, with emphasis on history, is imparted to the student.

Prerequisite: *French 1*

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Prerequisite: *German 1*

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Prerequisite: *Spanish 1*

LATIN 2**Credit 1.00****Level 2**

This course leans heavily upon the acquisition of all forms and syntax learned in Latin 1. The second year introduces new forms and further prepares the student for reading in the Latin language. The reading acquaints the student with historical and mythological characters that are interwoven in English literature and are essential in the understanding of the latter. Further acquisition of vocabulary enhances the understanding of root meanings of English words and the shades of changed meanings brought about by the use of Latin prefixes and suffixes. The study of Latin 1 and 2 is an excellent foundation for the study of modern languages; e.g., French, Spanish, Portuguese or Italian.

Prerequisite: *Latin 1*

HONORS SPANISH 2**Credit 1.00****Level 3**

This course is an intensification of Spanish 2 with a focus on student challenge, creativity, academic excellence, and a pathway to Honors Spanish 3 and AP Spanish Language.

Prerequisite: *Grade of 90% or higher in Spanish 1 and present teacher approval.*

HONORS FRENCH 3**Credit 1.00****Level 3**

In this level a thorough review of the grammatical structures is made and there is extensive practice of these through reading, original dialogues and compositions. There is also further practice of pronunciation and intonation by reading aloud and short memorization. Readings consist of various literary works, historical and cultural selections.

Prerequisite: *Grade of 90% or higher in French 2 and present teacher approval.*

HONORS GERMAN 3

Credit 1.00 Level 3

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Prerequisite: *Grade of 90% or higher in German 2 and present teacher approval.*

HONORS SPANISH 3

Credit 1.00 Level 3

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Prerequisite: *Grade of 90% or higher in Spanish 2 or 85% or higher in Honors Spanish 2 and present teacher approval.*

SPANISH 3

Credit 1.00 Level 2

Continuation of level two, introducing additional grammar concepts and vocabulary to strengthen speaking, listening and writing skills. Readings are taken from current periodicals and literary works. Practice includes original writings, reading aloud and projects. Cultural readings and projects are included.

Prerequisite: *Grade of 85% or higher in Spanish 2 and present teacher approval.*

HONORS LATIN 3

Credit 1.00 Level 3

The emphasis is to encourage the student to be more independent in their study of Latin. Emphasis is placed on students' translating more co-operatively and self-sufficiently than in Latin 1 and 2. While learning vocabulary is still a primary goal, students will be more responsible to research people, places and events in Roman History and educate others in the class on various topics.

Prerequisite: *Successful completion of Latin 2*

HONORS GERMAN 4

Credit 1.00 Level 3

This course is designed for the student who desires to increase fluency, cultural knowledge and to expand his/her literary base. A student who wishes to major in language in college or have a career in the international arena should take this course. The correct use of idioms and the practical application of grammar are continued together with independent readings.

Prerequisite: *Present teacher approval.*

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Credit 1.00 Level 3

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Prerequisite: *Present teacher approval.*

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT
SPANISH LANGUAGE**

Credit 1.00 Level 4

This course serves the interest of students who wish to pursue college level courses while in high school. A student who wishes to major in Spanish or who wishes to have a career in the international arena should also take this course. This course is designed to be equivalent to a first year college course. Advanced Placement testing is a requirement.

Prerequisite: *Grade of 93% or higher in Honors Spanish 3 and present teacher approval.*