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**INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH**

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One Semester      ½ credit      Grade 7

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This one semester course is an introduction to the French language and culture. Students will focus primarily on vocabulary and basic phrases. They will learn the fundamental sounds of the French language. There is an introduction to basic grammar concepts as well as some study of places where French is spoken.

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**FRENCH I**

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Full Year      1 credit      Grade 8

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This course will continue the study of French language with an emphasis on the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. In addition, students will continue the study of grammar and vocabulary. Students will be prepared for the New York State Proficiency Examination in French (Grade 8).

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**FRENCH II**

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Full Year      1 credit      Grade 9

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The goal of this course is to further develop skills and basic grammatical concepts learned in French I. This course will focus primarily on improving students' writing, speaking, and listening comprehension skills. In addition, students will be introduced to a variety of cultural elements. Students will master the foundations of the French language to have a strong basis to build upon the following year.

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**FRENCH II HONORS**

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Full Year      1 credit      Grade 9

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This course is designed for students to increase the skills acquired in French I. Students will continue to expand and improve their communication skills, primarily writing and speaking. Listening skills will also be targeted. Students will be expected to do more in-depth reading by the second semester. Elements of culture will also be presented.

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**FRENCH III**

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Full Year      1 credit      Grade 10

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This course is designed for students to increase the skills acquired in French II. Major points of grammar will have been covered by the end of the course. They will learn to communicate in writing and speaking. Listening skills and in-depth reading will be further targeted. Students will be prepared for the New York State Regents exam in June.

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**FRENCH III HONORS**

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Full Year      1 credit      Grade 10

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In this course, students will concentrate on vocabulary, reading, and proficiency in various grammatical structures. The class is conducted predominantly in French, and emphasis is placed on speaking more spontaneously and with greater fluency. Students will be prepared for the New York State Regents exam in June

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**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) FRENCH**

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Full Year      1 credit      Grades 11-12

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AP French will review and refine all skills in the French language: speaking, oral comprehension, and grammatically correct written expression. A sensitivity to and utilization of idiomatic expressions will be under-scored in view to present a viable candidate for the AP Exam. Students are expected to work extensively outside of the classroom and to be committed to and experiment with the French language.

*To compliment classroom learning and instruction, students may have the opportunity to travel and study abroad in France, Spain, and England during spring recess.*

*For information, please contact Mrs. Saba, the chairperson of the World Languages Department.*



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## INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH

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One Semester	½ credit	Grade 7
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This one semester course is an introduction to the Spanish language and culture. The course focuses on the four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will learn to express themselves in basic social situations. In addition, the course introduces culture and civilization of the countries where Spanish is spoken. Students will be expected to use basic conversational vocabulary at the completion of this course.

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## SPANISH I

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Full Year	1 credit	Grade 8
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This course deepens and builds on knowledge previously gained by continued development of the four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The focus is on communication in social settings and is expanded to include expression in the past and future tenses. Further elements of culture and civilization are presented. Students will be prepared for the New York State Proficiency Examination in Spanish (Grade 8).

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## SPANISH II

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Full Year	1 credit	Grade 9
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The aim of the course is to increase the level of skills acquired in Level 1 to an acceptable level of proficiency. Speech patterns are taught by use of supplementary materials, dialogues, and/or conversations. Intermediate grammar constructions are introduced. The development of the language is presented within the context of the contemporary Spanish-speaking world and its culture.

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## SPANISH II HONORS

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Full Year	1 credit	Grade 9
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The aim of the course is to increase the skills acquired in Spanish I. Major points of grammar will be covered by the end of the course, as well as increased communication in writing and speaking. Listening skills will be further targeted. Students will be expected to do more in-depth reading within the context of the contemporary Spanish-speaking world and its culture.

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## SPANISH III

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Full Year	1 credit	Grade 10
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Students will review the language and grammar structures learned in Spanish I and II. Concentration will be on vocabulary building and the learning of idiomatic expressions to attain spontaneous oral conversation. Special emphasis will be placed on culture and civilization through contemporary reading selections.

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## SPANISH III HONORS

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Full Year	1 credit	Grade 10
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The goal of this course is to concentrate on vocabulary building, reading, listening, and proficiency in various grammatical structures. Cultural material will be presented through readings, activities, and discussions. This course is conducted predominantly in Spanish, and emphasis is placed on speaking more spontaneously and with greater fluency.



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**SPANISH IV**

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Full Year	1 credit	Grade 11
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The aim of this course is to increase the four communication skills to proficiency at an intermediate level. This course is taught in Spanish and students are expected to speak predominantly in Spanish. Students are introduced to literature through short stories by Latin American and Spanish authors. Oral communication is stressed through oral discussions and reports. Listening skills are developed through the viewing of films in the target language.

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**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SPANISH**

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Full Year	1 credit	Grades 11-12
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This challenging course is taught in Spanish and students are expected to speak Spanish in and out of the classroom. Students at this level are expected to be able to freely create and communicate with language in different tenses (present, past, future, etc.) and moods (indicative and subjunctive). To enhance their vocabulary and reading skills as well as to develop Spanish literature appreciation, students read advanced level short stories, passages, articles, and novels. Students will be prepared and required to take the AP Spanish examination in May.

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**Additional Electives**

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**SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT  
MARKETING**

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Full Year	1 credit	Grades 12
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While being introduced to the basic principles and concepts of marketing, the student will explore the intriguing world of sports and entertainment from the perspective of marketing. This course covers topics such as college and amateur sports, professional sports, public images, marketing, entertainment, marketing plans, legal and ethical issues, leadership, finance, human resources, managing change, and customer relations. **Decca Prep** Case Studies and Event Prep are included in each chapter. This course requires a public speaking component.

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**HUMAN RELATIONS**

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1 Semester	½ credit	Grades 11 & 12
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This course focuses on the development of leadership skills. Students will learn and practice skills in communication, public speaking, group process, team building and management. Self-awareness activities will help students identify personal strengths and develop a goal-setting plan. A human relations component focuses on issues such as diversity of individuals, cultural differences, and developing a positive school climate through service learning and peer mentoring. (This 2<sup>nd</sup> semester course follows Advanced Wellness.)