

WORLD LANGUAGES

Modern language study combines language as well as customs and culture of the country. All students are encouraged to study a modern language of his or her choice. Many colleges are now requiring 2.0 credits of language for college entry and some are requiring language for graduation. Completing 2.0 credits of language study at Lake Orion may fulfill your college requirement. Colleges will give you a placement test. Some Orion students have earned college credit or have placed out of first or second year college classes because of their high school language classes. At this time, it is in your best interest to research a few colleges, so that you may make appropriate choices.

To meet state graduation requirements, beginning with the class of 2016, students will be required to complete 2.0 credits of a language other than English.

FRENCH 1

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Students will speak, read, write and understand basic French using greetings and courtesy, applying numbers to tell time, and quantify items. They will become comfortable describing their interests and surroundings, themselves, family and friends. They will discover and analyze French culture and values in the context of their own. Students will acquire a geographic knowledge of the Francophone world. Dynamic, multi-faceted activities will promote real world application of the language.

FRENCH 2

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: French 1 and incoming freshmen selecting French 2 need the signature of middle school French 1 teacher. Students will speak, read, write and understand basic French using the past, present, and near future tenses. They will be exposed to weather, food, clothing, chores and household items. They will discover and analyze French and African culture in the context of their own. A mélange of activities will promote global awareness and real world application of the language.

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE (Not offered in 2012-2013)

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: French 2. Students will speak, read, write and understand intermediate French, using real world applications of the language. They will be exposed to holidays, family, food, stores, school and technology. Students will acquire a knowledge of Francophone culture from around the globe. They will use this information to analyze and compare to their own. Students will experience a more in depth understanding of the French language via multi-faceted activities and projects.

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH GRAMMAR AND LITERATURE

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: French 2. Students will speak, read, write and understand intermediate French using a wide variety of verb tenses. Students will explore childhood, animals, travel, health and daily routines. They will discover and analyze French literature and text. Students will continue to explore Francophone culture from around the world. They will participate in dynamic activities using real world application in order to fine tune their understanding of the French language.

ADVANCED FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Intermediate French Language and Culture and Intermediate French Grammar and Literature.

This course is offered in school years beginning with an even year. Advanced French Language and Culture explores French speaking Europe and Africa. Students get a taste of fashion, food, friends, and family. Students will develop their ability to use more complex verbs, vocabulary, and grammatical structures. Students will also increase their ability to speak French using more complex dialogue.

ADVANCED FRENCH GRAMMAR AND LITERATURE (Not offered in 2012-2013)

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Intermediate French Language and Culture and Intermediate French Grammar and Literature.

This course is offered in school years beginning with an odd year. Advanced French Grammar and Literature takes students on a journey into Africa, North America, and the Caribbean. Students take a safari, explore undersea life and read rich text using authentic vocabulary and more complex verb conjugations. Students will also increase their ability to speak French using interesting phrases and dialogues.

GERMAN 1

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

German 1 students will speak, read, write, and understand basic German. Students will become comfortable describing themselves, family and friends, free time activities, school, weather, food and clothing. Students will discover and analyze German culture and values in the context of their own. Students will acquire a geographic knowledge of the German-speaking world. Dynamic, multi-faceted activities will promote real world application of the language.

GERMAN 2

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: German 1. German 2 students will speak, read, write, and understand basic German. Students will become comfortable describing birthdays, holidays, gift-giving, movies, music, books, sports and travel. Students will discover and analyze German culture and values in the context of their own. Students will acquire a deeper knowledge of the German-speaking world. Dynamic, multi-faceted activities will continue to promote real world application of the language.

GERMAN CONVERSATION AND COMPOSITION

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: German 2.

In German Conversation and Composition, students will increase their basic understanding of the German Language and grammar and strengthen their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Students will become comfortable discussing and writing about current events, contemporary figures, geography, educational systems, and the influence of the media. Students will be able to successfully navigate survival and everyday situations. Students will continue to explore and experience culture of German-speaking countries. Students will explore a variety of current and authentic resources using the internet and other forms of media. Students will use the internet, email, blogs and other online resources to demonstrate, improve and enhance their language skills.

GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR PROFESSIONS (Not offered in 2012-2013)

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: German 2. In German Language and Culture for the Professions, students will improve their communicative skills in German while focusing on the knowledge and use of German in the professional world. Students will become comfortable discussing and writing about careers, future plans, historical events, economics, and religious and personal holidays. Students will be able to make purchases and appointments and solve problems. Students will prepare a German resume and participate in mock interviews and business and travel scenarios. Students will be able to successfully navigate survival, everyday and some unfamiliar situations. Students will explore a variety of current and authentic resources using the internet and other forms of media. Students will use the internet, email, blogs and other online resources to demonstrate, improve, and enhance their language skills.

ADVANCED TOPICS IN GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE (Not offered in 2012-2013)

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: German Language and Culture for Professions AND German Conversation and Composition.

In Advanced Topics of German Language and Culture, students will become more fluent in German. Conversational skills will be improved through more frequent interactions based on real life situations. Students will improve their reading, writing, and higher-order thinking skills by reading and responding to a variety of authentic German texts. Selected readings will be based upon students' personal and professional interests. Students will improve their knowledge of Germanic cultures by comparing and contrasting them to their own. Students will continue to use the internet, email, blogs and other online resources to demonstrate, improve, and enhance their language skills.

ADVANCED GERMAN GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION (Not offered in 2012-2013)

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Advanced Topics of German Language and Culture. In Advanced German Grammar and Composition, students will further develop their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. More emphasis will be placed on German history and culture in order to help students to live and work in a German-speaking country. If it is possible, the course will be tailored to students' individual interests and/or projected future needs with the language (such as in business, politics, literature, or in education). Students may consider preparing for and taking the German AP exam. Students may be able to test out of some college courses.

SPANISH 1

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Students will speak, read, write, and understand basic Spanish using greetings and courtesy, applying numbers to tell time, a quantity and dates. They will become comfortable describing their interests and surroundings, themselves and others. They will discover and analyze Hispanic culture and values in the context of their own. Students will acquire a geographic knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world. Dynamic, multi-faceted activities will promote real world application of the language. Successful completion of this course will result in earning 1.0 high school credit.

SPANISH 2

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Spanish 1 and incoming freshmen selecting Spanish 2 need the signature of middle school Spanish 1 teacher. Students will speak, read, write and understand basic Spanish using locations, events, family members and celebrations, restaurant etiquette, household items and chores, clothing, shopping and colors. They will become comfortable describing their interests and surroundings, themselves and others. They will discover and analyze Hispanic culture and values in the context of their own. Students will acquire a deeper knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world. Dynamic, multi-faceted activities will promote real world application of the language.

SPANISH 3

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Spanish 2. Students will speak, read, write and understand intermediate Spanish using daily routines, running errands, describing people and nationalities. Students will be able to describe extracurricular activities, shopping and places in the city. They will discover and analyze Hispanic culture and values in the context of their own.

SPANISH 4

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Spanish 3. Spanish 4 students are encouraged to communicate in guided and informal discussions. Reading and writing are stressed at this level. A high level of oral participation in the target language is expected. Students will acquire a deeper knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world. Dynamic, multi-faceted activities will promote real world application of the language. Specific topics include childhood activities, holidays, natural disasters and emergencies, accidents, television programs and sporting events, movies, food and recipes.

SPANISH 5

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Spanish 4. Spanish 5 will give students a chance to become more fluent in Spanish. Conversation, grammar study, and readings will be used to help students acquire Spanish. Cultural studies will help students access knowledge and skills necessary to function in a global marketplace. Employers are looking for language proficiency together with a career.

SPANISH 6

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Spanish 5. By taking Spanish 6, students will increase their chance for success in college language courses. Speaking, reading, writing and listening activities will help further the acquisition of Spanish. Students may be able to test out of some college courses.