

FOREIGN LANGUAGES



On the first and second year levels, all language classes are divided into HONORS and REGULARS. The third year is HONORS, and the fourth year is HONORS.

Cathedral Prep offers the following core-curriculum subjects: Mandarin (Chinese) French, German, Latin, and Spanish. Within these classes, the HONORS level courses use the same textbook as the REGULAR classes. However, the material is examined more thoroughly and presented at a much faster pace and more supplementary materials are incorporated into the daily work.

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Grades: 10, 11	Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: German I	
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631 German III - Honors	Two semesters
Grades: 11, 12	Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: German II and teacher recommendation	
German III explores German in the various arts. Reading selections include Schiller, Goethe, Kafka, and Busch. German song lyrics are written down from an audio tape and translated. Poetry is also explored. Full-length movie videos are shown in German. Formal writing skills are honed through weekly compositions during the second semester. Students will continue to use audio and visual resources to increase their proficiency.	
630 German IV – Honors	One semester
Grade: 12	Credit: .5
Prerequisite: German III and teacher recommendation	
German IV reviews all major grammar elements through various standardized tests including SAT achievement tests, New York Regency tests, and AATG practice tests. Major literary works are read and translated. The weekly compositions, which were introduced on the third level, are continued and refined. Oral competency is enhanced by the students' required use of the target language.	
615 Latin I - Regulars	Two semesters
Grades: 9, 10	Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: None	
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Grades: 11, 12	Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: Latin II	
Latin III Honors includes Cicero, Pliny, Ovid, and later Latin Works. The course work also covers the history and culture of the late Roman Republic. Throughout the course, the students review and renew vocabulary and forms of grammar and syntax. The course encompasses aural/oral skills and reading comprehension through the study of Latin prose and through an introduction to Latin poetry.	
610 Latin IV – Honors	One semester
Grades: 11, 12	Credit: .5
Prerequisite: Latin III	
Latin IV Honors includes Vergil, Ovid, Catullus, Horace, and Martial. The course also covers the history and culture of the late roman Republic and the Golden Age of Augustus. Throughout the course, students will renew and review their knowledge of vocabulary and the forms of grammar and syntax. The course emphasizes aural/oral skills and reading comprehension through Latin poetry. Latin IV is intended to increase students’ ability to read and comprehend Latin poetry and to recognize the style and metrics of the poets.	
645 Spanish I – Regulars	Two semesters
Grades: 9, 10	Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: None	
Spanish I provides an introduction of meaningful vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation skills necessary for communication. Students become proficient in the four language skills of speaking, comprehending, reading and writing. An introduction to the culture, geography, arts and holidays of the Spanish-speaking world is provided through cultural notes and videos. Students are able to participate in conversations on familiar topics, read passages and write paragraphs in the present tense.	

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Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish I and Department Placement	
The emphasis in Spanish II is placed on the improvement and continued proficiency of the four language skills. Students acquire a new vocabulary and knowledge of more complex structures. They participate in open-ended conversations, increase reading skills and write compositions through the use of present, past, and future tenses. Accurate pronunciation is stressed.	
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641 Spanish III – Honors	Two semesters
Grades: 10, 11, 12	Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish II and Department Placement	
The course will develop advanced language proficiency and cultural knowledge with an emphasis on the four communication skills. Systematical review of grammar and vocabulary with exposure and study of the subjunctive tense. Emphasis is placed on individual and group communicative skills with open-ended situations. Students will learn how to communicate in travel abroad situations. Exposure to authentic Spanish literature. Students will be able to hypothesize, speak, and write abstractly. The course is conducted in Spanish.	
649 Spanish IV – Honors	One semester
Grades: 11, 12	Credit: .5
Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish III and Department Placement	
Spanish IV is designed to reinforce and strengthen the four communication skills. Students will study various works of classic and modern literature, works of art, and music, which they will be expected to discuss and to produce both written and oral responses. Emphasis is placed on oral proficiency. Students will be expected to respond to class activities in Spanish. Students present current event articles in Spanish on a daily basis. Students also keep an ongoing journal, written in the target language. Class is conducted in the target language.	
625 French I – Regulars	Two semesters
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Prerequisite: None	
This course introduces the student to the French language and francophone cultures. A foundation is laid in this course through the formation of basic reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Book work, group work, and creative assignments (i.e. dialogues, design your dream home) reinforce vocabulary and grammar in a meaningful context.	

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Prerequisite: French I or passing grade on placement test	
This course reinforces basic vocabulary and structures learned previously. It also builds on grammatical concepts and expands the vocabulary base. Students continue to improve their speaking and comprehension of French. More information is provided on the history and art of francophone countries.	
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621 French III – Honors	Two semesters
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Prerequisite: French II and teacher recommendation	
This course builds upon previously introduced skills. Students begin to express their opinions on more abstract ideas. The focus in this course is on the student's ability to effectively communicate more complex thoughts in speech and writing. Students continue to study francophone art and literature.	
620 French IV – Honors	One semester
Grades: 11, 12	Credit: .5
Prerequisite: French III and teacher recommendation	
This course provides the opportunity for students to fine-tune their written and spoken communication skills in French. Vocabulary and grammatical structures are reviewed as needed. Students continue to study authentic francophone literature and poetry.	

675 Mandarin I (Chinese) - Regulars	Two Semesters
Grades: 9,10,11,12	Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: None	
Chinese I introduces the student to the basic skills of pronunciation, speaking, listening, reading and writing. Basic grammars are provided with the basic sentence structures. Vocabulary is enhanced by listening CDs and completing the workbook.	
674 Mandarin I (Chinese) - Honors	Two Semesters
Grades: 9,10,11,12	Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: None	
Chinese I provides the students some of the fundamentals of Chinese grammar and pronunciation. The students are expected to write some Chinese words and use simple Chinese in conversation. They will learn Chinese culture and customs.	
676 Mandarin II (Chinese) - Regulars	Two Semesters
Grades: 9,10,11,12	Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: None	
Chinese II continues to provide the basic speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Students are given advanced vocabulary and some complex grammatical concepts. Oral communication skills are developed through the class oral practices and presentations.	
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