

Hillgrove High School Department of World Languages

Is studying a world language during high school required?

- Students who plan to attend a University System of Georgia college or university must complete two years of the same foreign language to meet college freshman admission requirements.
- World Language courses are not required for high school graduation (i.e. a student can graduate from Hillgrove with their high school diploma without taking any World Language courses, but they would not qualify for entrance into a University System of Georgia college or university.
- Students who desire to complete the World Languages Pathway must complete a minimum of three levels in the same language or two credits plus one AP level foreign language course.

1. Course Sequence Chart for Spanish – Traditional

Spanish I	Spanish II or Honors Spanish II*	Honors Spanish III	Honors Spanish IV	Honors Spanish V	AP Spanish Language & Culture	Honors Spanish VII
(Not recommended for Native Speakers of Spanish – placement test is available)	(See pg. 2 for more information)		*Offered Spring Semester Only	*Offered Fall Semester Only	*Offered Spring Semester Only	*Offered Fall Semester Only
				11 th or 12 th grades	11 th or 12 th grades	12 th Grade

- A Final Grade of B or higher in the previous level is recommended for French or Spanish Levels III and above.
- Honors level II and Honors level III classes award an additional .5 quality point on a student’s weighted GPA.
- All levels IV classes and above award an additional 1 quality point on a student’s weighted GPA.

*What is the difference between on-level Spanish 2 and Honors Spanish 2?

Honors Spanish 2 provides an enhanced and enriched learning experience. The curriculum in Honors Spanish 2 is extended beyond the core topics of the course, and places emphasis on independent learning, critical thinking, and advanced language skills focusing on production of written and spoken language. Our Honors Spanish 2 course requires students to cultivate habits of creativity, collaboration, self-efficacy, and leadership.

In Honors Spanish 2, students can expect: an accelerated instructional pace, more advanced uses of language in practice, and to use critical thinking skills

It is recommended that students that register for Honors Spanish 2 have an A/B average in all core classes, earned an A in Spanish 1 and show the ability to work independently and creatively with demonstrated self-motivation. There is not a placement test for Honors Spanish 2.

2. Course Sequence Chart for Honors Spanish for Native Spanish Speakers

Honors Spanish IV for Native Speakers 9 th or 10 th grades	Honors Spanish V for Native Speakers 10 th or 11 th grades	AP Spanish (Offered Spring Semester Only 11th or 12th grades or Honors Spanish VII (offered Fall Semester Only during student's 12 th grade year
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Honors Spanish IV for Native Speaker and Honors Spanish V for Native Speaker

Native Spanish speakers (students who have Spanish listed as a language on school records) will complete a Native Spanish Placement Test that assesses the 4 skills of language: speaking, listening, writing, and reading.

Students that demonstrate strong Spanish proficiency on the Spanish Placement Test will have the opportunity to be placed in Honors Spanish IV for Native Speakers or Honors Spanish V for Native Speakers according to their proficiency level.

After completing Honors Spanish V for Native Speakers, we recommend AP Spanish and/or Honors Spanish VII.

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3. Course Sequence for French

French I	French II	Honors French III	Honors French IV	Honors French V	AP French
			*Offered Spring Semester Only	11 th & 12 th *Offered Fall Semester Only	11 th & 12 th *Offered Spring Semester Only

- A Final Grade of B or higher in the previous level is recommended for French or Spanish Levels III and above.
- The Honors French III class awards an additional .5 quality point on a student's weighted GPA.
- All levels IV classes and above award an additional 1 quality point on a student's weighted GPA.