

Marcus HS World Languages

Basic information

- Marcus offers 5 languages: Spanish, French, German, Latin, and American Sign Language.
- In each language, except ASL, at least one AP exam is offered by the College Board at the end of level 4. Successful completion of a language AP exam usually leads to college credit for language classes at many universities.
- **Spanish** 1, 2, 3 Honors, 4 AP (Language & Culture), 5 Honors, 6 AP (Literature)
 - *Students wanting to take any upper-level Spanish (4 AP, 5 Honors, or 6 AP) should take Spanish 3 Honors.*
- **French** 1, 2, 3 Honors, 4 AP, 5 Honors, 6 Honors
- **German** 1, 2, 3 Honors, 4 AP, 5 Honors, 6 Honors
- **Latin** 1, 2, 3 Honors, 4 AP, 5 Honors, 6 Honors
- **American Sign Language** 1, 2, 3 Honors, 4 Honors

Important information for all language learners

- All language courses are *cumulative*, so it is very important that students understand they should *work diligently to build a strong foundation starting in level one*.
- **Language courses should be taken in immediate succession without breaks between terms/classes, if possible.** Students should make sure to schedule their language classes with no breaks between the levels.
- At each level the *pace of language courses increases significantly*.
- Latin focuses primarily on reading and grammar skills in lower levels, while focusing on literary analysis in the upper levels.
- In the other languages, speaking and listening skills are practiced daily, as well as reading and writing skills.
- Spanish speakers enrolling in Spanish should review the separate handout, *For Spanish Speaking Students*, in order to make the best selection for them.
- Many colleges and universities require not just two, but three years of language classes for admission. Students should check the admission policies for any college they wish to attend.
- Many colleges recommend 3-4 years of the same language.