MHS

World Language classes



Why learn a World language in Malibu High?

REAL LIFE

Speaking another language is <u>a real-life skill</u> that is useful in a variety of situations like <u>traveling</u>, watching foreign movies or listening to music, <u>studying abroad</u>, meeting new people, <u>working in a wide variety of careers</u> (international relations, journalism, hospitality, tourisme, business, entertainment, fashion, ...)

COLLEGE ADMISSION

3 years is highly recommended or required for 4-years college admission **4 to 5 years give you an edge** for admission

French and Spanish are academic electives that are <u>highly regarded by college</u> <u>admissions.</u>

COLLEGE SKILLS

College language requirements: at least 3 semesters + placement test upon arrival. **Use it** or lose it: students that haven't taken language classes since Sophomore or junior year usually score as beginners

Students are **better prepared** when they learn a language in HS. Starting as a beginner in college is not easy. PACE IS: 1 college semester = 1.5 year of HS

What to expect In French and Spanish classes at MHS

Spanish and French classes are proficiency based, with a focus on communication (speaking and understanding).

All language students participate in *culture week:* a <u>full week dedicated to</u> <u>cultural exploration</u> during 1st semester. Play board games, learn how to dance, navigate a scavenger hunt and listen to music and pop culture and more!

All language students participate in *World Language Day* during 2d semester. Students get to **work in groups and present their project** in French and Spanish to peers, family members and teachers.











What are the benefits of keeping up with upper levels French and Spanish?

Spanish 3 / French 3 classes are the turning point of your language learning journey. Don't stop at level 3, **you have done the heavy lifting!**

Level 4 and 5 students get rewarded for all their efforts with a high level of proficiency, ease in communication, discussing topics of interest, ability to read newspaper and novels, watch movies and TV shows, songs...

Level 5 is an AP class with AP credit that can <u>waive</u> 4-year colleges' language requirements. Ex: UCSD requires **up to 4 quarters** to graduate!

Not the majority of college applicants have an AP World Language class:

- it **sets you apart for college admission**
- Sticking to a language throughout HS speaks to your character in your college application: consistency, dedication, ...but also empathy and open mindedness.

Research shows that learning another language **helps with other classes** and helps develop effective learning strategies!

Do employers value employees with language and culture skills?

In a survey of 2100 U.S. HR departments...





93% of respondents value employees who are able to work effectively with customers, clients, and businesses from a range of different countries and cultures.

Language Skills



Culture Skills





Industries with the greatest demand for foreign language ability

Government and Public Administration Information Services Educational Services Health Care Administrative Services





Customer Service Sales Vendor Management Marketing

Skill sets sought in combination with foreign language ability

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD LEARN A

Second Language

GRASP BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Learning the language is also understanding the culture more deeply, and making a comparisor with your own culture.

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INCREASE YOUR VOCABULARY IMPROVEMENT

The study of another language improves the knowledge of one's native tongue and increase vocabulary skills.

BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE

The positive feedback from native speakers will motivate you and boos your ego, plus you can impress peopl and get plenty of compliments with your unique communication skill.

GLOBAL EMPLOYMENT 8
BETTER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INCREASE YOUR BRAINPOWER

Based on studies, learning another language increases brain power and offers proven benefits for intelligence, memory, and concentration, it can also prevent the development of Alzheimer's and Dementia.

ENJOY INTERNATIONAL ART, LITERATURE, MUSIC AND FILM IN THEIR ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

Deep understanding and appreciation of a piece of art comes from understanding its origin and own language.

MAKE YOUR TRAVEL MORE ENJOYABLE

Knowing how to communicate with a country's locals using their own language results in warm smiles and invitation to drink or celebrate.