

Williston High School Foreign Language Department

<p>Freshman Year</p> <p>1 credit German 1</p> <p>1 credit Spanish 1</p>	<p>Sophomore Year</p> <p>1 credit German 1 *1 credit German 2</p> <p>1 credit Spanish 1 *1 credit Spanish 2</p> <p>* Dual Credit Opportunity</p>
<p>Junior Year</p> <p>1 credit German 1 *1 credit German 2 *1 credit German 3</p> <p>1 credit Spanish 1 *1 credit Spanish 2 *1 credit Spanish 3</p> <p>* Dual Credit Opportunity</p>	<p>Senior Year</p> <p>1 credit German 1 *1 credit German 2 *1 credit German 3 *1 credit German 4</p> <p>1 credit Spanish 1 *1 credit Spanish 2 *1 credit Spanish 3 *1 credit Spanish 4</p> <p>* Dual Credit Opportunity</p>

Many students and parents believe only two years of a foreign language are necessary to be accepted to a college or university. This may be true depending on the institution. Every institution's entry and exit requirements in a foreign language are different. It is recommended that students take at least three years of a foreign language. Some students who have completed three to four years of high school foreign language have tested and received university credit for the courses completed in high school. Students will also have the opportunity to take a guided and supervised trip to a foreign country.

**Some WHS students have received more than 16 semester hours of university foreign language credit and are allowed to pursue advanced level work when they arrive at the university, thus saving themselves both time and money. Some students fulfill college foreign language requirements by taking high school language courses and are not required to take additional foreign language courses in their universities.

**We are excited to be offering our foreign languages classes with a dual credit option. This means that an upperclassman at WHS can receive college credit at WSC by enrolling and paying for these classes at the college. This student can receive college credit by passing his/her foreign language class at WHS. Each year in the foreign language classroom at WHS is equivalent to one semester at WSC. Williston High school is pleased to offer either German or Spanish as the foreign language choices.

***There will be the opportunity to earn dual credit through WSC to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.**

***Freshman can collect credits for Spanish/German 1 upon completion of the second level.**

***Students can complete up to 16 credit hours.**

◆ **German 1**

Class Type: Elective

Grade Level: 9-12

Credit: 1

Pre-requisite: None

Extra Costs: None

This class is the introductory level of the foreign language. Students are started with basic communication techniques as well as simple language concepts. During this year a student might learn how to describe his/her surroundings as well as other students. They will learn how to talk about their free time, interests, vacations and studies. This class is the beginning of conversing in German. Students will be able to use these skills if they plan to attend one of the WHS annual trips to Europe.

◆ **German 2**

Class Type: Elective

Grade Level: 10-12

Credit: 1

Pre-requisite: German 1 with a B average or better

Extra Costs: None

This class takes a step deeper into more complex topics and language concepts. The students will communicate about what they did in the past, about work and life in general. The students will be watching videos and reading authentic texts. A small emphasis will be given to why you speak like you do, i.e. grammar. Films are also used to enhance your comprehension of native-spoken German.

◆ **German 3**

Class Type: Elective

Grade Level: 11-12

Credit: 1

Pre-requisite: German 1, 2 with a B average or better

Extra Costs: None

This is the second year of “college” Foreign Language. Students will now be conversing somewhat fluidly in the foreign language. New concepts as well as a review of the old will dominate this year of foreign language. Projects like cooking or theater and film often play a role in this class. This course further develops the student’s communication abilities while expanding proper grammatical knowledge.

◆ **German 4**

Class Type: Elective
Grade Level: 12
Credit: 1
Pre-requisite: German 1, 2, 3 with a B Average or better
Extra Costs: None

This class is for all practical purposes the final semester of a 2 year college course in foreign language. Students will continue to review any language concepts while they participate in authentic language usage. They might be writing a journal or an article for a magazine. They could write and act in their own play or produce their own commercial.

◆ **Spanish 1**

Class Type: Elective
Grade Level: 9-12
Credit: 1
Pre-requisite: None
Extra Costs: None

Learning a foreign language is exciting. Students will relish this excitement through the methodology in Spanish I. Students internalize grammatical structures and think in Spanish from the beginning stages. Spanish I students begin learning Spanish through physical movement and input. Learning continues with the acquisition of vocabulary and its applications to telling stories.

◆ **Spanish 2**

Class Type: Elective
Grade Level: 10-12
Credit: 1
Pre-requisite: Spanish 1 with a C average or better
Extra Costs: None

Spanish 2 is a continuation of Spanish I. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills will continue to be developed. Activities as mentioned in Level 1 will continue with the addition of conversation in small groups to especially improve oral communication. Students will describe the world around them with greater detail and fluency. They will also practice travel situations, eating out, shopping, getting a hotel, giving and following directions.

◆ **Spanish 3**

Class Type: Elective

Grade Level: 11-12

Credit: 1

Pre-requisite: Spanish 1, 2 with a C average or better

Extra Costs: Dictionary

Having internalized hundreds of grammatical structures and vocabulary, students put their experience to work. Reading becomes another important area of input. Students write compositions, more detailed stories and scripts. Competency and conversational skills are fine-tuned as students communicate with each other and native Spanish speakers.

◆ **Spanish 4**

Class Type: Elective

Grade Level: 12

Credit: 1

Pre-requisite: Spanish 1, 2, 3 with a C average or better

Extra Costs: Dictionary

Spanish 4 will apply the listening, reading, writing and speaking skills developed in the first three years of study. The student will gain a feeling of competency in communication in the target language. The class will read Spanish novels and short stories, discussing them as literature, preparing them for entrance into advanced university courses in Spanish, or for expressing themselves naturally with native speakers of the language. Activities such as writing a play or television commercial and videotaping our performance are integrated into the class. All activities will lead to a greater fluency in Spanish and may result in receiving university credit in Spanish upon entering college.