

Seal of Biliteracy

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1. An award recognizing high school seniors who can communicate at a high level in both English and a second language.
2. An official credential that proves your language skills to future employers.

Why earn the Seal of Biliteracy?



We offer tests* in...

- Spanish**
- Polish**
- Greek**
- Italian**
- Serbian**
- Arabic**
- Japanese**
- Lithuanian**
- Ukrainian**
- Urdu**
- Vietnamese**
- Gujarati**
- Albanian**
- Latin**

...and more!



*Tests offered during senior year

Languages & Your Future

Benefits for College

Studying a World Language has been shown to enhance student performance producing:

- Higher standardized test scores
- Higher reading achievement
- Higher academic performance at the college level.

Studying a language at Addison Trail can help you earn the Seal of Biliteracy, which can earn you college credits*. ↴

College credits earned with Seal of Biliteracy



College of DuPage - 8 credits



Northern Illinois University - 12 credits



University of Illinois - 8 credits

Elmhurst University - 4 credits



Dominican University - 6 credits

...and other universities offer credits too!

Benefits for Workforce and Career

The demand for bilingual and biliterate employees is expected to increase. Studies have shown:

- 9 out of 10 U.S. employers rely on employees with language skills other than English.
- 56% say their foreign language demand will increase in the next 5 years.
- Employees with language skills earn between 5-20% per hour more than the base rate.

*Illinois public colleges and universities must recognize the Seal of Biliteracy as the equivalent of 2 years of language study.

World Language Department Course Offerings



Teaching Staff

Mrs. A. Robles, Department Head

Mr. T. Bendicsen - Spanish

Mrs. L. Calo - Spanish, Italian

Ms. M. Hernández Granados - Spanish

Mr. S. Núñez - Spanish

Mrs. A. Robles - Spanish

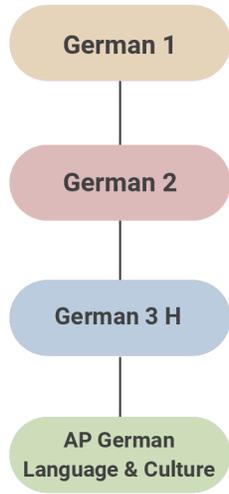
Mr. O. Rodríguez - Spanish

Ms. M. Sherwood - German

Mrs. E. Spilotro - Italian

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German



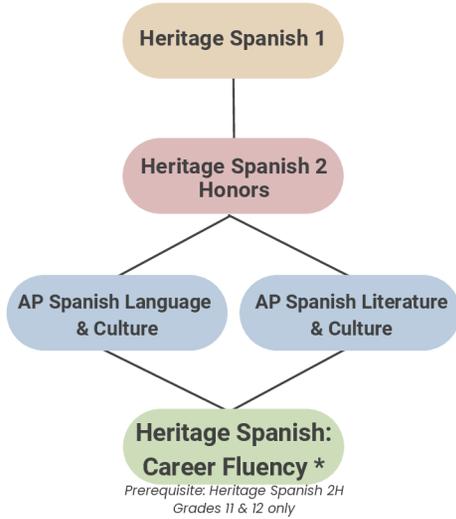
German is the language of international business. It is the second most commonly used scientific language in research and engineering.



Addison Trail German students have the opportunity to travel to Germany with the GAPP Program.

Heritage Spanish

Heritage Spanish courses are designed for students who already speak Spanish. The coursework develops Spanish literacy skills and studies Spanish-speaking history and culture.

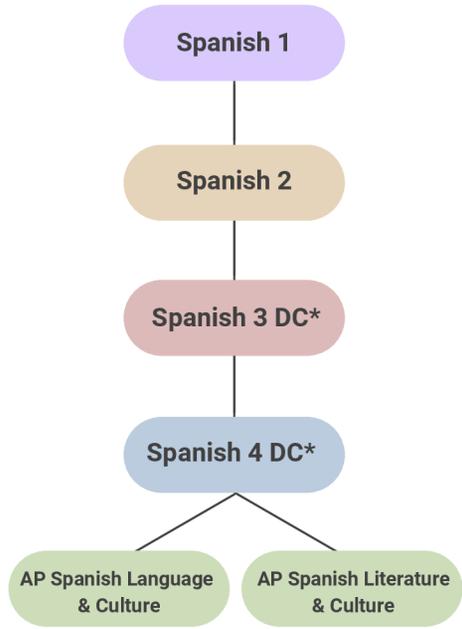


More than 41 million people speak Spanish in the United States and over 500 million people speak Spanish worldwide.



Addison Trail Spanish students have the opportunity to travel to Spain and Costa Rica to practice their language skills and to immerse themselves in the culture.

Non-Heritage Spanish

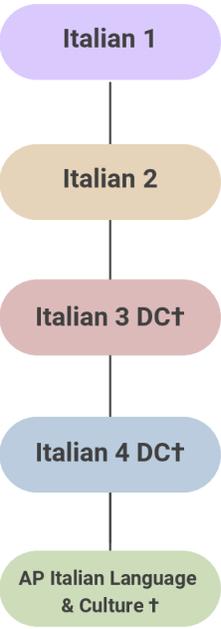


Italian is the international language of art, music, culinary arts, fashion, and design.



Addison Trail Italian students have the opportunity to travel to Italy as part of our Sister City Program with Triggiano, Italy.

Italian



* Dual Credit offered through College of DuPage

† Dual Credit offered through Dominican University