

Westmont High School Course Proposal – AP Spanish 4

Date of Proposal: December 15, 2023

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Teacher for the Course: Vicky Gomez, Spanish Teacher

WHS Course Title: AP Spanish 4

WHS Course Numbers in Skyward: S1 – 801731; S2 – 801732

WHS Course Description: AP Spanish 4 will cover the curriculum of the College Board’s AP Spanish Language and Culture course. It will build upon prior knowledge and develop students’ ability to express ideas, exchange opinions, and present information in Spanish, both orally and in writing. This course will also help students understand and interpret written and spoken Spanish. In addition, students will explore the culture of Spanish-speaking people in historical and contemporary contexts.

Initial expected operating cost:

Temas 3e & AP Spanish 3e					
Qty	Item Number	Description	Unit Price	Total Value	Total Cost
46	978-1-54339-154-1	Temas 3e Student Edition + Supersite Plus (6 year license) + AP Span 3e Student Edition + Supersite Plus (6 year license)	\$254.95	\$11,727.70	\$11,727.70

One-time expected cost: \$2000 (curriculum writing)

Illinois State Course Title: AP Spanish Language and Culture

Illinois State Designation: Advanced Placement

Illinois State Code: 24064A000

Illinois State Course Description: Designed by the College Board to parallel third-year college-level courses in Spanish language, AP Spanish Language and Culture courses build upon prior knowledge and develop students’ ability to express ideas, exchange opinions, and present information in Spanish, both orally and in writing. These courses also help students understand and interpret written and spoken Spanish. In addition, students explore the culture of Spanish-speaking people in historical and contemporary contexts. (Available SY 2011-.)

Credit: 0.50 credits per semester

Level: 10-12

Rationale:

In today's global community, competence in more than one language is an essential part of communication and cultural understanding. Study of another language not only provides individuals with the ability to express thoughts and ideas for their own purposes, but also provides them with access to perspectives and knowledge that is only available through the language and culture. The proficiencies acquired through the study of languages and literatures endow language learners with cognitive, analytical, and communication skills that carry over into many other areas of their academic studies. The three modes of communication (Interpersonal, Interpretive, and Presentational) defined in the World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages and described in more detail in the ACTFL Performance Descriptors for Language Learners, are foundational to AP World Languages and Cultures courses.

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course provides students with opportunities to demonstrate their proficiency at the Intermediate to Pre-Advanced range in each of the three modes of communication described in the ACTFL Performance Descriptors for Language Learners.

Additionally, students will have the opportunity to take the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam. Successfully completed exams can earn students between 6-12 semester hours. Thus, we are helping our students to build a collegiate transcript before stepping foot in a college classroom. This head start will save our students money, time and help them to build a firm base to begin their future careers.