

A world map with a light blue background and orange-tinted landmasses. The map shows the outlines of continents and countries. The text is centered over the map.

**AP Courses  
in  
World Languages**



# **World Languages @ WestPo**

**French**  
**German**  
**Latin**  
**Spanish**

# AP World Language and Culture

- **AP World Language and Culture is taught in an immersion-type setting with heritage and non-heritage speakers working together in the same classroom.**
- **While heritage speakers have a “leg up” on their non-heritage speaking classmates in terms of auditory comprehension, both groups work together to learn challenging academic language and advanced concepts.**
- **It is highly recommended that students take level 4 (or Spanish for Careers Applications) BEFORE taking AP.**

# What students should expect...

- **The first few weeks of the course can be challenging due to the fast-paced nature of the curriculum.**
- **Students should expect a reasonably heavy workload and a big payoff in ability improvement.**
- **Students will improve the depth of their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.**
- **Students will speak in Spanish 100% of the time.**

# **AP Spanish Language and Culture**

- **Workload – Nightly homework to include (approximately 1 hour of homework between class meetings):**
  - **Auditory Comprehension**
  - **Reading Comprehension**
  - **Written Expression**
  - **Cultural Comparisons**
  - **Organized and Linear Thinking**

# **Books and materials**

- Students will use Vista Higher Learning textbooks as well as other sources for exam preparation.**
- Students will learn about current events, global challenges, art, culture, and literature through a variety of articles from various sources, most notably articles, audio and videos from the internet.**
- The AP WL Language and Culture course follows a theme-based approach to learning and incorporates perspectives from both countries that speak the language.**

# Level 5 vs. AP Course

- **Level 5 and AP can be taken in any order. Students who start Spanish early may take Level 5 before AP to give them more experience before taking the AP course.**
- **Students completing AP as juniors who wish to continue with the language may take level 5 after AP.**
- **Some students may choose level 5 instead of AP if they already have a heavy AP load and want to learn the language without the pressure of the exam.**



# What we really want

- **The ultimate goal of high school world language study is to prepare students to communicate and interact with heritage speakers (when possible) here in our community as well as abroad.**



# **What your student can do to practice at home**

- Watch series and movies in the target language**
- Read the news or articles in the target language**
- Listen to music in the target language**
- Go to restaurants or fairs to practice speaking in the target language**