



*Ignatius begins with I and ends with Us!*  
*Forming leaders for service in the Church, Nation, and City since 1869*

At Saint Ignatius College Prep every student must study a foreign language for at least three years. We offer **Mandarin Chinese, French, Latin, and Spanish.** We also offer **Ancient Greek** to Latin students who excel in their freshman year of studies. Our students have achieved consistent success in state and national competitions.

We offer language studies as an integral part of our academic program. Jesuits have insisted upon the acquisition of foreign languages—as the mark of an educated person—from the beginning of their schools in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Our programs carry on that tradition and emphasize the history and culture of each language. As Pope Benedict noted, “Never allow yourselves to become narrow.”

### In all languages, students may:

- apply to honor societies for which they qualify
- travel abroad on school sponsored trips every 2-3 years
- join extracurricular clubs and activities
- take AP courses
- take courses for college credit thru the SLU 1818 Program

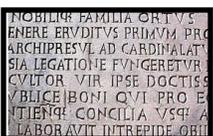
### Students should reflect on their language choice and consider:

- Many top college and universities recommend **4 years of a single foreign language** in high school.
- Which is the “best” language to study in high school? No one knows. Consider your overall motivation and zeal for learning any specific language. Consider what language interests you.
- Consider how committed you are to pursuing fluency. Many people graduate high school with a passing grade in foreign language, only to lose that proficiency within the next few years. Are you willing to work that hard and continue language study in college?
- One of the *Grad at Grad* values is “open to growth.” Studying a new language offers you a fresh start. It is a chance to see things in a new way. And for those who studied one foreign language in grade school, it also allows you to show you can master more than one foreign language. Colleges look to see that you “excelled in” your language class. They do not specify a particular language.
- Do you like acting out skits in front of class? Making videos? Learning new songs? Consider studying a modern language. Do you enjoy studying ancient history and mythology? Do you want to find out how languages work so that you can develop your writing skills? Consider studying a classical language.

*See below for information specific to each language. Contact Dr. Wood, the Language Department Chairman, at [jay.wood@ignatius.org](mailto:jay.wood@ignatius.org) for any information not included below.*

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*Without Latin, I would not be at Harvard.”*

—*Matilda Scheftel SICIP '18 (Freshman at Harvard College - Intended Major: Classics)*

*Through the French language program at Ignatius, I found a passion that would open doors for years to come.”*



—*Kyle Hutchison SICIP '10 (graduated from University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Business)*



*“...My world expanded . . . Mandarin became so much more than a list of vocabulary words; it was the language that connected me to everyone I met ...”*

—*Greta Rauch SICIP '17 (Attends Notre Dame Major: Computer Science; Minor: Chinese; lived in Kaohsiung, Taiwan Aug. 2017 to June 2018)*