

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** Foreign Language is NOT a requirement for high school graduation.

**COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT:** Two consecutive years of Foreign Language study is required (3 years are recommended) for university admission.

**DEPARTMENT COLLEGE PREPERATORY OBJECTIVES:** Bishop Union High School offers courses in Spanish that range in level from beginning through advanced. The language program is geared for college preparatory students. Learning another language helps to prepare the student for life in today's global community. The four-year foreign language program at BUHS attempts to broaden the student's cultural awareness and understanding of other societies and their peoples as well as to reinforce the academic skills of the students.

### **SPANISH I \*\***

GRADE LEVEL: 9 – 11

PREREQUISITE: Must have scored "Standard Met" or "Standard Exceeded" on the Language Arts CASSPP/SBAC test.

CONTENT: Spanish I is a one-year course during which students learn immediate useful language skills in Spanish. The program moves students as quickly as possible from working with individual words to dealing with sentences. Culture and the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing are integrated. Class participation is required. Students interact daily in large and small groups. Homework is required and assigned daily. *Due to the cumulative nature of this class, to advance to spring semester Spanish I students must achieve a fall semester passing grade of 70% and a fall semester exam grade of 70% or may be dropped from the class for the remainder of the year.* **Satisfies the UC/ CSU "e" Language Other than English requirement.\*\***

### **SPANISH II\*\***

GRADE LEVEL: 9 - 12

PREREQUISITE: "C" (75%) grade or better in the second semester of Spanish I and a minimum 70% on the Spanish I final exam.

CONTENT: Spanish II is a one-year course that builds upon the student's foundation developed during Spanish I, and it is assumed that the student has mastered Spanish I. Students continue to learn useful language skills and progress from working with sentences to using the language more creatively. Culture and the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing are integrated. Class participation is required. Students interact daily in large and small groups. Homework is required and assigned daily. **Satisfies the UC/ CSU "e" Language Other than English requirement.\*\***

\* Students who wish to challenge Spanish I or Spanish II must pass the respective first and second semester final exams the previous spring with an 85% or higher.

### **SPANISH III\*\***

GRADE LEVEL: 9 - 12

PREREQUISITE: Grade of 75% (C) or better in the second semester of Spanish II, "B" grade is highly preferred and teacher recommendation is required.

CONTENT: Spanish III is a one-year course. It is assumed that students in Spanish III have mastered both Spanish I and Spanish II. By the end of Spanish III, the student will be able to speak and read with proficiency, using sentence structures and verb tenses correctly. The student is expected to relate stories and describe experiences in Spanish orally and in writing. The student will have knowledge of Spanish history and culture. Homework is assigned daily. **Satisfies the UC/ CSU "e" Language Other than English requirement.\*\***

**SPANISH IV (HONORS)\*\***

GRADE LEVEL: 10 - 12

PREREQUISITE: Grade of 75% (C) or better in both semesters of Spanish III and teacher recommendation which is a department-level decision that is binding.

CONTENT: Only students who are highly motivated to spend the time and energy necessary to reach fluency in Spanish should request this course. Late work is not accepted and any missing assignments may result in revocation of Honors weighting for this course. Spanish IV is a rigorous college level class that is the fourth in a sequence of classes for the development of proficiency in speaking, comprehending, reading and writing Spanish. As the most advanced course offered, its focus is linguistic fluency with insight into culture and literature, and Spanish must be spoken the majority of the time.

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**\*\* These College Prep Spanish courses must be passed with a grade of “C” or better to satisfy the UC/CSU “e” Language Other than English requirement.**