

HUMANITIES (CF)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PREFATORY STATEMENT

To gain an informed acquaintance with the varied subjects contained under the rubric of foreign languages requires the development of knowledge and analytical capabilities in two distinct areas, skills acquisition and culture. The intensive study of the mechanics of a foreign language will develop the students' ability to communicate in their native tongue as well as the target language, while the study of foreign cultures through all verbal media allows students to appreciate their own culture and to enhance their understanding of the world around them.

Goal I: Skills Acquisition

Students will demonstrate a comprehension of the target language appropriate to their course level (through advanced composition and conversation) and the nature of the target language as established by ACTFL proficiency guidelines (in the classical languages, ACL testing guidelines). Such study is enhanced by the use of multimedia learning tools, including, but not limited to, books, tapes, and video.

Objectives: All students will

1. read texts in the target language appropriate to the level established by ACTFL or ACL guidelines
2. compose work in the target language appropriate to the level established by ACTFL or ACL guidelines
3. (modern languages only) speak in the target language at a level appropriate to ACTFL guidelines
4. (modern languages only) comprehend the target language at a level appropriate to ACTFL guidelines.

Goal II: Culture

Objectives: All students will

1. identify the major figures, works, and movements which define the target culture
2. describe the dominant mores and characteristics of the target culture.