As you select your courses, keep in mind what you would like to be when you grow up and what your goals and aspirations are. We recommend certain courses to prepare you for whatever life after high school brings. For example, there is no better way to appreciate diversity and community than to explore and embrace a new language and to develop an understanding of a new culture. Clear Lake High School boasts the most extensive selection of World Languages and Cultures (WL&C) courses in CCISD.

As a requirement for graduation, all students must complete at least 2 years of study in a chosen WL&C course track. All of our WL&C courses offer opportunities to earn Honors and/or Advanced Academics GPA credits. As you are deciding on which WL&C to choose, consider the following:

* **Latin** is the academic root language of the medical, law, and STEM fields. Students planning a career in medicine, legal fields, or any area of the STEM industry should consider Latin as a course of study. In addition to preparing you for your future career, a successful background in Latin has been shown to significantly improve PSAT and SAT scores.
* Are you considering a business degree? Do you want to be an entrepreneur? Mandarin **Chinese** is the international language of business. If you are a future MBA or interested in international or commercial law increase your profit margin by studying Chinese for your WL&C option.
* Do you have a heart for serving others? Are you a future teacher, restaurateur, police officer, social worker, clergy person, etc? In order to serve others, you must be able to reach others. Consider studying **American Sign Language** or **Spanish** in order to maximize your reach and meet the diverse needs of the community you serve.
* Are there any travel, history, or literature buffs out there? If that’s you, consider studying **French** or **German**. Whether you lose yourself in romance languages or world history, you’ll definitely find yourself again by exploring one of our Modern European language courses.

Regardless of your choice, proficiency in 2 or more languages improves your marketability as a college or job applicant. Beef up your resume by successfully studying the Language and Culture that will best serve your future. The CLHS WL&C faculty is excited to meet you!

Which Language Do I Study For Which Career?

Art Dealer – Latin, French, German

Attorney – Latin, French, German

Audiologist – ASL

Child care worker - ASL

Co Commercial Law - Chinese

Copywriter – Latin

Diplomat – German, French, Spanish, Chinese

Doctor – Latin

Foreign Business Consultant – Chinese, French, German, Spanish

Hearing loss interventionist – ASL

Health Care Worker – Chinese, Spanish

Historian – German, Latin

Historical Site Guide – French, Latin. German

International Development – Chinese, French, German, Spanish

International Law – Chinese, French, German, Spanish

Intervener – ASL

Journalist/TV reporter – French, Latin, German. Spanish

Librarian – Latin, German

Life transition coach – ASL

Linguist – Latin, German

Lobbyist – German, French, Chinese

Marketing account executive – Latin, German

Museum researcher – Latin, French, German

Psychologist -ASL

Publisher/Editor - Latin

Research analyst – Latin

Screenwriter – Latin

Social work - ASL

Speech therapy – ASL

State Legislator / Politician – Latin, German, French, Spanish

Surgeon – Latin