

# Secondary Spanish

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**Course Length:** 2 Semesters

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Vocabulary
- Pronunciation
- Parts of Speech
- Sentence Patterns
- Translation
- Listening Comprehension
- Verb Tenses
- Pronouns
- Locations
- Action and Auxiliary Verbs
- Irregular Verbs
- Reading Comprehension

Start at the beginning with this introductory Spanish course that places primary emphasis on learning Spanish vocabulary. Topics in basic Spanish include a Hispanic culture overview, learning numbers, vocabulary building through narratives, pictographs, questions and answers, sentences building, verb conjugation and tenses, and compound tenses. This course also includes overviews of various cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

Continuing in the second semester, students learn Spanish through a presentation of language in day-to-day conversations, such as a mother talking to a baby, a child answering the phone, being in a classroom, visiting Mexico, and chatter at a royal ball. Fun stories such as “The Three Little Pigs,” “Red Riding Hood,” “The Three Bears,” and “The boy Who Cried Wolf” are included to build vocabulary through storytelling. This course contains fun activities like recipes and tests to evaluate progress and student mastery.

**Additional Details:** Students can earn an elective credit by taking basic Spanish, but since it is not a college preparatory course, it does not count toward the foreign language requirement of the college prep track.

# Spanish I

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**Course Length:** 2 Semesters

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Friends in the World
- Friends in the U.S.
- Friends in Mexico
- Friends in Argentina
- Friends in Honduras and El Salvador
- Friends in Puerto Rico
- Friends in Spain
- Friends in Cuba
- Friends in the Dominican Republic
- Friends in Panama

In Switched-On Spanish I, students accompany fictional characters and go on a trip to nine Spanish-speaking countries and Puerto Rico. While traveling, students learn the basics of Spanish verb conjugation in the indicative and subjunctive moods, direct and indirect objects, demonstrative pronouns and adjectives, adjective placement, and other grammatical items.

Vocabulary words are presented in situational daily usage such as describing emotions, eating, travel, health, safety, education, hobbies, family and other life areas and events. Cultural differences and similarities are also examined. This course contains quizzes and tests to evaluate progress and student mastery. Projects are included.

Additional Details: A print or online Spanish-English dictionary is recommended for lesson use.

# Spanish II

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**Course Length:** 2 Semesters

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Friends in the World
- Friends in Chile
- Friends in Venezuela
- Friends in Peru
- Friends in Colombia
- Review and Semester Exam
- Friends in Guatemala
- Friends in Bolivia and Ecuador
- Friends in Costa Rica
- Friends in Nicaragua

In Switched-On Spanish II, students continue to travel with fictional characters to more Spanish-speaking countries, learning language and culture on the way. Language learning includes review of Spanish I material as well as the imperative and conditional forms of verb, the passive se, more on adjective placement, uses of por and para, superlatives, and possessive adjectives.

This course builds students' knowledge of intermediate Spanish with fun conversation and dialogue. Lessons help students learn to read, write, and understand more complex Spanish words and sentences. Vocabulary words are presented in situational daily usage pertaining to life areas and events. Cultural differences and similarities are also examined. This course contains quizzes and tests to evaluate progress and student mastery. Projects are included

# French I

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**Course Length:** 2 Semesters

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Welcome
- At School
- Family and Friends
- Leisure Time and Activities and Sports
- Holidays and Traditions
- In Town
- Enjoy Your Food
- Daily Life
- The Media
- Vacation

Learn French the fun way! Throughout French I, students accompany fictional characters, two Americans, studying French in an academic year abroad in France. The characters are staying with host families and will be learning the language, culture, and customs of people in France as well as in other French-speaking countries. While traveling, students learn the basics of French including verb conjugation, moods direct and indirect objects, demonstrative pronouns and adjectives, adjective placement, and other grammatical items.

Vocabulary words are presented in situational daily usage such as greetings, alphabet, numbers, geography, schooling, family and friends, leisure time, sports, celebrations, traditions, food, daily life, the media, and summer vacations. Cultural differences and similarities are also examined. This course contains quizzes and test to evaluate progress and student mastery

# French II

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**Course Length:** 2 Semesters

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Welcome
- At School
- Family and Friends
- Leisure Time and Activities and Sports
- Holidays and Traditions
- In Town
- Enjoy Your Food
- Daily Life
- The Media
- Vacation

Continue students' study of French! Throughout French II, students continue to accompany fictional characters who are studying French in an academic year abroad in France. This course continues to build on lessons taught in French I and provides further exposure to French culture, grammar, and vocabulary. Lessons review verbs, demonstrative adjectives, direct object pronouns, and basic sentence structure.

Vocabulary words are presented in situational daily usage such as shopping, work, movies, city and country life, health issues, winter vacations, fashion, art, beach, and stages of life. Cultural differences and similarities are also examined. This course contains quizzes and tests to evaluate progress and student mastery.

# Business Computer Information Systems I-A

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**Course Length:** 2 Semesters

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Communication Skills
- Business Technology
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- Databases

Business Computer Information Systems I-A prepares students for a job in the modern business world. Students learn about technologies that are used in business and how to effectively and appropriately communicate with their co-workers. Topics include electronic communication skills, workplace skills, listening and constructive feedback, hardware vs. software, and business technology and technical terms.

Lessons continue developing students' understanding of computer systems with lessons on word processing, keyboarding, and projects on business document creation such as resumes, business letters, newsletters, and research reports. Basic spreadsheets skills, data entry and formulas, and general database usage and queries are also covered. This course contains quizzes and tests to evaluate progress and student mastery. Projects are included.

**Additional Details:** Keyboarding is a recommended prerequisite. Software is required to complete projects within the course.

# Computer Literacy

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**Course Length:** 2 Semesters

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Worktext 1
- Worktext 2

With computer literacy, students learn computer software programs with a step-by-step presentation that includes a helpful tutorial CD. Narration and practical exercises are included to build comprehension. Each course focuses on building basic skills and understanding of each application studied. Software courses of study include Windows 7, Windows XP, Word 2002 (XP), Access 2000, PowerPoint 2000, Outlook 2000, FrontPage 2000, and Excel 2000.

**Additional Details:** System requirements for computer literacy courses include: Pentium PC or higher, DVD drive, 200 MB hard drive space, sound card with speakers or headphones, Microsoft XP or higher, 16 MB of RAM and a 1024 x 768m 16-Bit display. A tutorial CD guide is included to explain course content. (CD does not include software applications.) Software is required to complete projects within the course.

# Physical Fitness

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**Course Length:** 1 Semester

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- An Overview of Fitness
- Flexibility in Training
- Cardiovascular Fitness
- Resistance Training
- Motivation and Mindset
- Course Exam
- Log 7
- Log 8
- Log 9
- Log 10
- Log 11
- Log 12

In physical fitness, students learn about the components and importance of an active lifestyle. Students learn about the benefits of physical activity and good nutrition, mental and emotional benefits of exercise, correct motion and breathing, and the value of warming up and cooling down. Flexibility, levels of cardiovascular fitness, and strength training and conditioning are also discussed.

Lessons help explain calorie burning, resistance training, isolating exercises to focus on certain body locations, and ways to stay motivated. Developing a correct mindset and realistic goals is also covered. Some course work must be done outside of the online classroom, and students have the opportunity to try different exercises and keep a log of activities.

As shown in the overview of the course students are required to maintain a log of physical activity.

# College Planner

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**Course Length:** 1 Semester

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- **My Educational Future**
- **Choosing a College**
- **Entrance Exams and Applications**
- **Paying for College**
- **Non-College Options**

This online five-unit elective discusses seeking God's will, college applications, financial aid, interviews, and non-college options. This curriculum also includes practical lessons about selecting a college, tips on applying for financial aid, conducting successful interviews, and studying for the ACT or SAT entrance exams. There is also a section on non-college options for students to consider.

# Health Quest

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**Course Length:** 1 Semester

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Your Body
- Health
- Nutrition and Fitness
- Health Maintenance
- Stewardship

This online elective teaches about nutrition, fitness, health maintenance, emergency planning, and more. Videos, audio files, and interactive games also are included to create engaging lessons. This Bible-based, five-unit elective covers body growth, mental and emotional health, basic food groups, emergency planning, proper exercise techniques, and more.

# High School Health

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**Course Length:** 1 Semester

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Body Essentials
- Physical Health
- Social and Mental Health
- Preventative Health Care and First Aid
- Responsible Living

This course available for grades 8-12 teaches about physical health, mental health, proper eating habits, drug use, immunizations, and more. This online course combines education and entertainment to teach relevant topics for today's youth from a Christian worldview. The course covers spiritual, social, emotional, and environmental well-being with in-depth studies on tobacco and drug use, personal health, first aid, nutrition, home safety, and responsible Christian living.

# Essentials of Communications (Speech)

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**Course Length:** 1 Semester

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Communication Foundations
- Language Characteristics
- Interpersonal Relationships
- Understanding Groups
- Presenting and Interpreting Public Messages
- Course Review

Essentials of communication show students how to successfully interact with others in personal, professional, and public settings. Topics in this one semester course include communication foundations, perception influences, characteristics of language such as verbal and non-verbal communication, listening barriers, and interpersonal relationships.

Perfect for filling graduation requirements, this course continues with valuable lessons on communication etiquette, job interview preparation, group dynamics, leadership styles, and public speaking. Practical application exercises allow students to practice skill such as writing a speech and presenting it, conducting interviews, or attending local community meetings. This course contains quizzes and tests to evaluate progress and student mastery.

# Foundations for Living, Studies in the Christian Worldview

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**Course Length:** 2 Semesters

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Practical Bible Instructions about Marriage,
- Education,
- Practical Art
- Politics from a Biblical Worldview
- Creation and Family
- Marriage Relationship,
- Family Information
- Parenting

The home school student learns the importance of living a biblical lifestyle with NFC Academy's Foundations for Living, Studies in the Christian Worldview lessons teach about creation, marriage, family, parenting, education, art, and politics.

Coming from the biblical worldview the course will show how the Bible has practical instructions about marriage, education, art, and politics. This exciting program also uses video tutorials, audio files, and games to reinforce comprehension.

# Family and Consumer Science

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**Course Length:** 2 Semesters

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Christian Character and Appearance
- What's Cookin'
- Let's Eat
- The Clothes You Wear
- The Clothes You Sew
- Interior Decorating
- Your Home and You
- Financial Freedom
- Child Development and Care
- Relationships
- Concepts in Design

Family and Consumer Science prepares student for life, family and consumer science is the perfect supplement to any course of study. This fun, practical course teaches everything from Christian character to personal appearance. Lessons cover homemaking skills along with a focus on the importance of living a Christian life in the home. Topics in the first semester include nutrition and exercise, kitchen tools and safety, food categories and cooking, clothes and textiles, and sewing and pattern-making.

In the second semester, this course continues with lessons on interior design and room decoration, hospitality and entertaining guests, home repair, job searching, personal finance, child care and development and building relationships. Character quality development and biblical applications to daily situations are also discussed. The course contains quizzes and tests to evaluate progress and student mastery. Projects are included.

**Additional Details:** In family and consumer science, hands-on projects require student responsibility for completion. Cooking assignments should be completed as directed and under adult supervision. Some sewing projects require use of a sewing machine. Most assignments and instructions are appropriate for both genders.

# Music Theory

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**Course Length:** 1 Semester

**Credits:** .5 per semester

**Prerequisites:** None

## General Overview of Course

- Rhythm and Meter
- Notation and Pitch
- Scales and Key Signature
- Harmony
- Making Music
- Course Review

Music Theory is a one semester course which introduces students to the foundations of music. Great for beginners, this elective covers concepts from counting and reading music to creating compositions. Ear training exercises are included to help students practice understanding and comprehension.

Topics covered include rhythm, time signature, intervals, pitches, major and minor keys, transposition, and harmony, the online music writing application is used to write original compositions and is included within the course. Activities include creating a rhythmic piece, composing a melody, transposing melodies, and more. This course contains quizzes and test to evaluate progress and student mastery. Projects are included.

**Additional Details:** This course requires access to a scanner.