

Biliteracy and International Studies Pathway at Richard Montgomery

Prospective Pathway Students

Students who select to pursue the Biliteracy and International Studies Pathway are Chinese, French, or Spanish language heritage speakers, or second language learners who are:

1. pursuing biliteracy skills in English and Chinese, French, or Spanish, or who are near-native fluency in any of these languages;
2. interested in expanding their knowledge and understanding of these cultures; and
3. interested in exploring the global relevance of intensive cultural study and its potential professional applications.

Students who pursue this pathway engage in course work that prepares them to excel on the language assessments required to earn the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy.

Pathway Enrollment Requirements

Students in grade 9 must be able to take one of the following language courses:

- Chinese for Chinese Speakers level 1 / Honors Chinese 4 / IB DP Chinese 4
- Honors French 4 / IB DP French 4
- Honors Spanish 4 / IB Spanish 4
- Spanish for Spanish Speakers level 1 or 2 or 3

Course Sequence and Offerings

As a result of the required course work, students who successfully complete the Biliteracy and International Studies Pathway could earn up to 6 AP and/or IB credits.

Students who wish to pursue this pathway will need to take the following sequence of courses:

<p style="text-align: center;">9th/10th Grade Chinese, French, Spanish courses honors level 4 or higher or Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 or higher or Chinese for Chinese Speakers 1</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">11th Grade AP World Language and Culture or higher or Spanish for Spanish Speakers level 3 and Honors English 11 <u>OR</u> AP Language and Composition and *One Elective from the Approved List</p>

12th Grade

AP World Language and Culture or higher

or

Rocket Teaching Assistant in an ESOL class

and

Honors English 12 OR AP Literature and Composition

and

*Two Electives from the Approved List

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- **English:** AP English Literature; Ethnic Literature
- **Social Studies:** IB Anthropology; AP Human Geography; IB Global Issues; Latin American History

Additional Certificate Requirements

In addition to the pathway requirements indicated above, students who complete this program must:

- maintain an overall unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher, and
- earn a grade of a B or better in their world language courses.