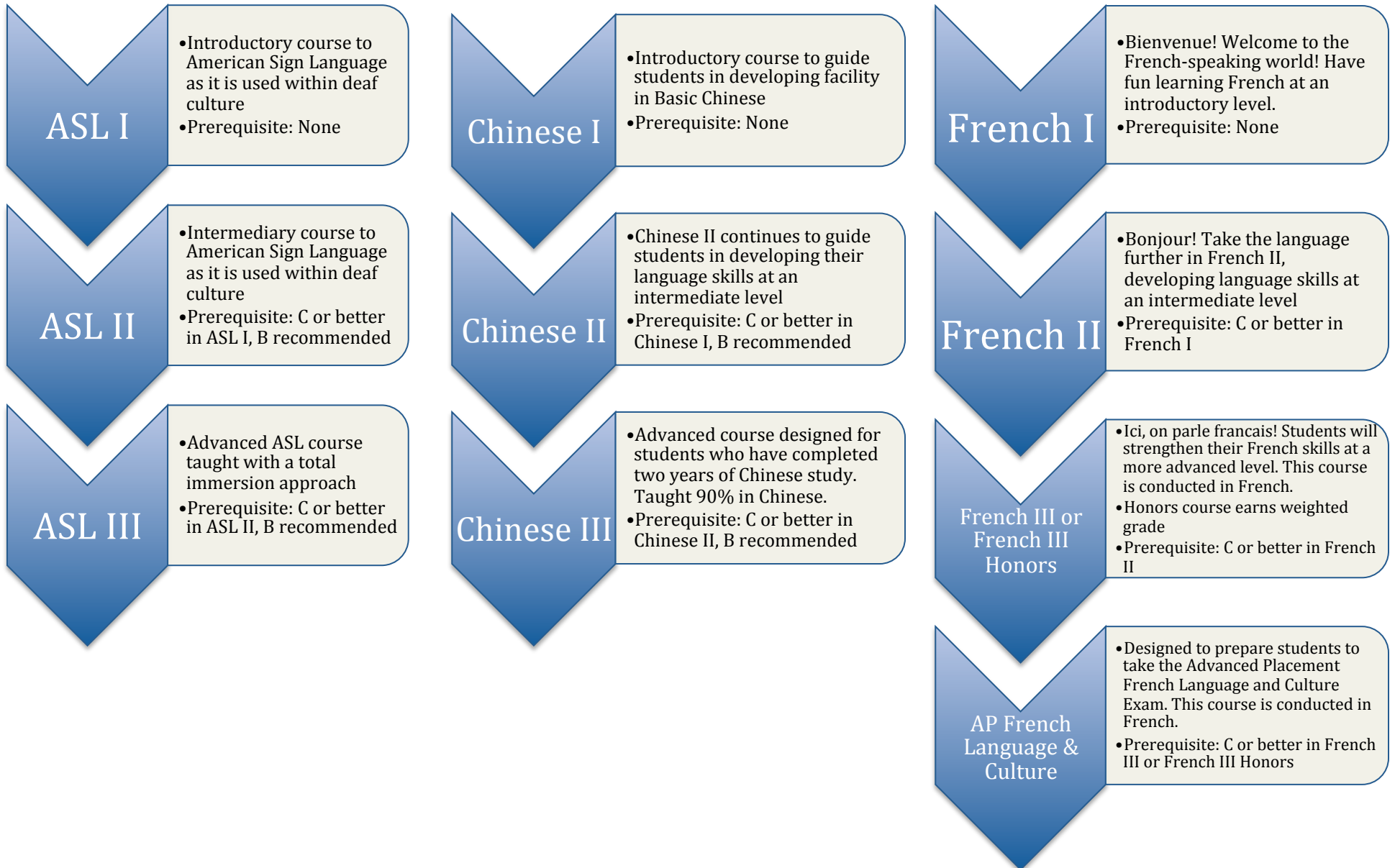


# SMHS World Languages Pathways

**SMUSD Graduation Requirement:** 2 years of World Language/LOTE (20 Credits) \*Can be satisfied with 1 year of a level 2 course

**UC & CSU "A-G" Eligibility Requirements:** 2 years of a Language other than English (LOTE) with a grade of "C" or better (3-4 years recommended)





## The California State Seal of Bilingual Education for SMUSD Seniors

- State award to recognize students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation
- Qualifying students receive a gold seal on their diploma and recognition on their transcript
- Requirements: In addition to completion of 4 years of English Language Arts coursework with an overall GPA of 2.0 and a minimum score of “standard met” on the English portion of the SBAC exam, students must
  - Pass an additional language AP exam with a 3 or higher; OR
  - Pass an additional language SAT II exam with a 600 or higher; OR
  - Complete a 4-year high school course of study in a world language with an overall GPA of 3.0 or the equivalent of a 4-year course of study in a world language at the community college or university level, and pass SMUSD test to demonstrate oral proficiency
  - English Language Learner (ELL) students must also attain Early Advanced or Advanced proficiency on the CELDT test or English language proficiency on the ELPAC exam
- More information & application available in the counseling office & on school website

**Spanish I**

- Students will build a base for eventual mastery of Spanish in this introductory course
- Prerequisite: None

**Spanish II**

- Students will add complexity to their ability to communicate in Spanish in this intermediate course
- Prerequisite: C or better in Spanish I

**Spanish III or Spanish III Honors**

- Students will continue to deepen their receptive and productive skills in Spanish. Course is taught entirely in Spanish.
- Honors course earns weighted grade
- Prerequisite: Spanish III - C or better in Spanish II or Spanish for Spanish Speakers II / Spanish III Honors - B or better in Spanish II or Spanish for Spanish Speakers II, but A recommended

**AP Spanish Language & Culture**

- Designed to prepare students to take the Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture Exam. This course is conducted exclusively in Spanish.
- Prerequisite: B or better in Spanish for Spanish Speakers II, Spanish III or Spanish III Honors, but A recommended

**AP Spanish Literature**

- Focus is on understanding and analysis of literary texts of Spanish speaking countries. Designed to prepare students for the Advanced Placement Spanish Literature Exam.
- Prerequisite: B or better in Spanish for Spanish Speakers II or AP Spanish Language

**Spanish for Spanish Speakers I\***

- Students who already have a background speaking Spanish at home will develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in their native language.
- Prerequisite: Appropriate score on placement test

**Spanish for Spanish Speakers II**

- Students that communicate in Spanish fluently continue to develop and enhance their communication skills.
- Prerequisite: C or better in Spanish Speakers I or appropriate score on placement test

\*By teacher recommendation, students may move directly to AP Spanish Language & Culture after completing Spanish for Spanish Speakers I