

Welcome to the Modern Languages Department!



Guten Tag! Bienvenue! Languages are such a dynamic field and are taking our students to amazing places. We have a lot happening in our department, from exchanges to various cultural activities, including movies, Sal Oktoberfest, our Halloween storybook reading project, gingerbread house contest, and trips to restaurants. There's never a dull moment for those with a passion for language and culture.

My name is Cameron Archer, and I teach German here at Sal. Please see the information below about the benefits of language learning, in particular German, and about our exciting exchange opportunities. To see what's going on in German at Sal right now, and to access my playlists, follow me on social media @HerrArcher:



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Please read the following documents:

- about the benefits of language learning
- why German language proficiency is important for Canadians
- about learning German in Alberta
- for more information about Germany

Exchange Opportunities

Two exciting programs that we offer at Salisbury involve exchanges of different kinds. Exchanges are an amazing opportunity for students to experience life in Europe, to develop and use their German language skills, to experience German culture first hand, and to meet new people.

Two-Week Exchange

Salisbury has established a partnership with the Nikolaus-August-Otto school in Bad Schwalbach, Germany (nao-schule.de). Bad Schwalbach is a small town not too far from Frankfurt.

Every two (even) years we host a group from the Nikolaus-August-Otto-Schule for two weeks in the fall. German students stay with their exchange partners, students taking German 20 and 30 at Sal, and attend classes with them. During their time here, we take part in various activities, including visits to German classes, as well as trips to the Reynolds Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin, the Strathcona Wilderness Centre, a Sal football game, and overnight to Drumheller. Weekends are spent with host families, often visiting West Edmonton Mall and the mountains. Students are often sad to say *Auf Wiedersehen* to friends they met in person just two weeks ago.

Fortunately it isn't long until they see each other again, as the following Spring Break, Sal students visit their exchange partners in Germany for two weeks (in odd years). Besides visiting our partner school and spending time with host families, we take day trips to castles, museums, fortresses, as well as an overnight trip to Heidelberg.

Three-Month Exchange

There is also a 3-month reciprocal exchange program with Germany. Students usually apply in their Grade 10 year and are matched with a student from the province of Hessen in Germany (surrounding Frankfurt). The actual exchange takes place the following year. The German students arrive for their 3-month stay at the end of August; Canadian students head to Germany at the beginning of March. Because students reside with their exchange partner, the main cost incurred is for the flight.

education.alberta.ca/exchange-programs/student-exchanges/