

"One reason why incoming Freshmen should take French is because it is such a beautiful and unique language! Not only are you learning an amazing language, you are learning about a culture revolving around the international language of fashion, design, and great cuisine!"

~McClain '18



Top Ten Reasons to Take French! At Ursuline and Beyond...



1. A world language

More than 200 million people speak French on the five continents. French is also the only language, alongside English, that is taught in every country in the world.

2. A language for the job market

An ability to speak French and English is an advantage on the international job market. A knowledge of French opens the doors of French companies in France and other French-speaking parts of the world

3. The language of culture

French is the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture.

4. A language for travel

France is the world's number-one tourist destination and attracts more than 70 million visitors a year.

5. A language for higher education

Speaking French opens up study opportunities at renowned French universities and business schools, ranked among the top higher education institutions in Europe and the world.

Why French? Pourquoi le français?

"French is a beautiful and easy language to learn and the culture is interesting!"

~Caroline '16

"French is definitely one of my favorite classes at Ursuline! The class is a great combination of learning a unique, yet difficult language, and having fun while doing it!"

~Lauren '20

"French opened up a whole new culture for me to explore. Because of the wonderful French program, I would like to visit France with my classmates and experience the French culture for myself."

~Lucie '19

6. The other language of international relations

French is both a working language and an official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, and the International Red Cross.

7. A language that opens up the world

After English and German, French is the third most used language on the Internet, ahead of Spanish.

8. A language that is fun to learn

French is an easy language to learn.

9. A language for learning other languages

French is a good base for learning other languages, especially Romance languages (Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian) as well as English, since fifty per cent of current English vocabulary is derived from French.

10. The language of love and reason

First and foremost, learning French is the pleasure of learning a beautiful language, often called the language of love. French is also an analytical language that structures thought and develops critical thinking, which is a valuable skill for discussions and negotiations.