



Student trip to France (Trocadéro)

French Club info

French Club meets once a month, and our goal is simple: have fun and experience the French culture in authentic ways.

- Participate in our annual *pétanque* (bocce ball) tournament
- Learn how to make crêpes
- Throw out all of your Kraft singles after you sample French cheeses!
- Enjoy French movie nights
- Celebrate Mardi Gras in style
- Have a great French dinner at local restaurant *La Petite France*

FRENCH AT LA SALLE

Overview

Bienvenue à La Salle! I hope you enjoy your visit, and I especially hope you will come learn French with us. I invite you to see the backside of this brochure for more information, but here are a few highlights:

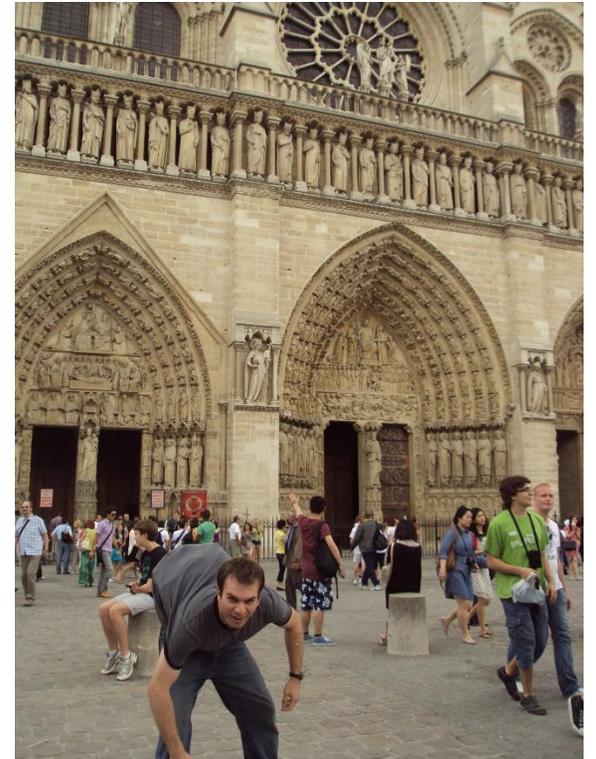
- La Salle offers French I, II (HP, ACP, and CP), French III (HP), and French IV (AP) courses.
- French is considered the second most influential language in the world, after English.
- French has been ranked the second most useful foreign language for business, after Chinese.

French class info

- French IV students earn **college credit** through the AP exam or the CLEP exam.
- All students experience real French language and culture through films, music, websites, news broadcasts, and readings.
- Typical class size is 15 students = more individualized attention and personal use of the language.
- Have fun during *Français Fridays*, where the focus is using only French to communicate and exploring French culture.
- French food days! Twice a year we sample French cuisine, from baguettes to escargots.



French can take you places (Musée du Louvre)



Experience first-hand the world's richest cultures (Cathédrale de Notre Dame)



Make new friends (Basilique du Sacré Cœur, Montmartre)

Why study a foreign language?

- Research has shown that both math and verbal scores increase with each additional year of foreign language study.
- Foreign language skills are a strong competitive edge in a global market
- *The Economist* forecasts that employees who speak a foreign language can earn additional returns – **up to six figures** – upon retirement as a result of salary premiums.
- Four out of five new jobs in the U.S. are created as a result of foreign trade.
- Valuable career skills such as problem solving, abstract analysis, listening, and communication skills all increase through foreign language study.
- Travel – one of the most rewarding experiences in life is travel abroad. Speaking the local language will enrich your experience in amazing ways.

Why study French?

- French is the second-most taught language in the world, after English. Only French and English are recognized as languages taught in education systems of most countries around the world. In terms of communicating with others, French is next best language to know.
- France and French-speaking countries account for 20% of world trade in goods.

But if you want another truly global language, there are surprisingly few candidates, and for me French is unquestionably top of the list.

- ***Robert Lane Greene, The Economist***

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- France is a key economic partner – it is the world’s fifth largest economy and third largest destination for foreign investment.
 - French is the third-most used language on the internet, after English and German.
 - French is truly a global language – spoken by 200 million people, in 68 states and governments, on five continents.

What about Spanish?

Isn’t Spanish supposed to be easier? In fact, no. Many Spanish words come directly from Arabic, making them unrecognizable to

English speakers. On the other hand, **a third** of all English words **came from French**. That makes things much easier! In addition, French grammar is simply less complicated than Spanish grammar.

Aren’t there more Spanish speakers in the U.S.? Yes – but again, I encourage students to think more globally. In terms of business, industry, trade, and politics, French is much more widely used than Spanish.

What about Latin?

Why learn Latin? Many say it will increase their ACT and SAT scores. There is nothing that substantiates this claim. Besides, French is a descendant of Latin, which means all of those fancy Latin roots are a part of French words too! Why not learn a living and useful language while improving test scores?



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