1 - A world language

More than 200 million people speak French on the five continents. The Francophonie, the international organization of French-speaking countries, comprises 68 states and governments. French is the second most widely learned foreign language after English, and the ninth most widely spoken language in the world. French is also the only language, alongside English, that is taught in every country in the world.

2 - Boost your academic skills.

Develop critical, creative thinking and problem solving skills. French also provides the base for more than 50% of the modern English vocabulary, which improves academic performance across the disciplines.

3 - Connect your future to cutting-edge fields in science and technology.

French-speaking countries have been at the forefront of medical research in fields such as HIV virus research, medical genetics, and reconstructive surgery. They have also been on the cutting edge of scientific discoveries and technological innovations in nanotechnology, nuclear energy, voice compression, fiber optics, microchips, video gaming, aerospace technology, and high-speed rail services.

4 - Invest in your career.

French speakers are in demand in banking and finance, hotel management, international trade, journalism and media, aviation, national security, health care, tourism, and law enforcement. Knowing French helps a person gain valuable understanding of cultural and business practices in other places.

5 - Appreciate Francophone contributions to world culture.

French-speakers have made a remarkable impact on literature, philosophy, cuisine, fashion, architecture, and the arts.

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, the International Red Cross and international courts.

7 - 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.

8 - A language that opens up the world.

After English and German, French is the third most used language on the Internet, ahead of Spanish. An ability to understand French offers an alternative view of the world through communication with French speakers from all the continents and news from the leading French-language international media.

9 – The UVI French Club.

UVI has one of the most active clubs on campus. We already organized a trip to Québec and Montréal and are in the process of organizing another one to Martinique or Guadeloupe.

10 - The language of love and reason

First and foremost, learning French is the pleasure of learning a beautiful, rich, melodious 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.

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