

Pourquoi le Français ?

Why study French at Saint Ignatius College Prep

- *Eight levels of French are offered at Saint Ignatius. Students begin their language study in French I. In French II, there are regular and advanced sections. In the third year, there are regular and honors sections. During the fourth year, students take either French IV or Advanced Placement French IV Language, a course for which students may receive college credit if they score well on the national exam administered at the end of the year. Students may also elect to take French V: French Literature and Cinema, during their senior year.*
- *The Hurtado Language Center allows students to practice French in a variety of listening and speaking activities to refine their fluency.*
- *Saint Ignatius students have performed particularly well on the National French Exam, administered annually by the AATF, receiving regional and national awards and ranking the school among the highest in Illinois and the country in recent years.*
- *The course outcomes at each level of French are based on standards established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages K-12, the American Association of Teachers of French K-16, and the State of Illinois.*
- *Saint Ignatius students who have earned an “A-” average in French through their second year are invited to join in the school’s chapter of the French National Honor Society. Honor Society members organize tutoring services to students in lower levels and a Conversation Club for all students to practice their spoken French in an informal setting.*
- *Saint Ignatius has a French Club that promotes participation in French-related activities in the Chicago area including outings to Francophone restaurants, plays, and movies.*
- *The Saint Ignatius French faculty are active members of the following national and state professional organizations: the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF), the Alliance Française de Chicago, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD).*
- *Students have opportunities to gain first-hand experience in the language by traveling to Europe and French-speaking countries during trips sponsored and chaperoned by Foreign Language instructors.*

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« Un jour sans français est comme un jour sans soleil »