



# 10 GOOD REASONS TO LEARN FRENCH

## 1. THE WORLD OF TODAY IS MULTILINGUAL

Learning French enriches life and broadens horizons, both personal and professional.

## 2. FRENCH IS SPOKEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

With 275 million French speakers, French is the only language besides English to be spoken on five continents. French is also the second most widely taught foreign language in the world, with 125 million learners.



## 3. AN EXTRA ADVANTAGE IN THE LABOUR MARKET

Speaking English and French will maximise your chances on the national and international labour market, since French is the 3rd business language worldwide. France is the 3rd biggest investor in Hungary and French companies are very present here (Auchan, Decathlon, EDF...). They regularly hire French speakers.

## 4. DISCOVER A WORLD OF CULTURE

French is the international language of cooking, fashion, theater, visual arts, dance and architecture. Knowledge of French lets you access the great works of French and Francophone literature, as well as French language cinema and song.



## 5. STUDY IN FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE UNIVERSITIES

Speaking French opens the door to studying in French and Francophone universities, which rank among the best in the world. Students with a good command of French can benefit from French government grants to enroll in post-graduate studies in France in all disciplines.

## 6. THE OTHER LANGUAGE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

French is both a working language and an official language of the UN, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross... and several international legal bodies. French is the language of Strasbourg, Brussels and Luxembourg, the three headquarters of the European Institutions.



## 7. AN ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVE ON THE WORLD

Understanding French offers the chance to hear an alternative view the world, through the international French-language media (TV5, France 24, Radio France Internationale). French is also the 4th biggest language of the Internet.

## 8. Learn French for Learning Other Languages

Learning French helps with learning other languages, especially Romance languages (Spanish, Italian, Portuguese or Romanian) and even English, since more than 50% of modern-day English vocabulary is derived from French.

## 9. THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE AND THOUGHTS

Learning French is first and foremost about pleasure: the pleasure of learning this beautiful, rich and melodious language, often called the language of love. French is also an analytical language, which structures thought and develops critical thinking.



## 10. A LANGUAGE FOR TRAVEL

As the number one tourist destination in the world, France attracts 85 million visitors each year. Having some knowledge of French makes it so much more enjoyable to visit Paris and the other regions of France, and to even understand the culture, the mentality and the art of French living. French is also useful when traveling to Africa, Switzerland, Canada, Monaco, the Seychelles...

## INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED DIPLOMAS

French language skills officially recognized for life

- Recognised all over the world and in Hungary
- Enhanced international student and professional mobility
  - Access to a university in France (B2 or higher level) without additional language tests
  - A diploma recognised by francophone postsecondary institutions across the world, from Belgium to Canada.
- A real asset for a professional carrier, added opportunities to work in a French speaking region or country or in a bilingual environment



## WHERE CAN YOU LEARN FRENCH IN HUNGARY?



- in over 300 high schools of which 10 have a bilingual section
- in 45 primary schools
- in Hungarian universities
- in one of the five Alliances françaises of the country in Debrecen, Szeged, Győr, Miskolc and Pécs
- in the French Institute of Budapest

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