

French: The Language of the Past, Present, and Future!

Why Study French?



53 countries on every continent use French



The TGV- the world's fastest rail train

In today's increasingly competitive world market, advanced technologies and globalization have made **international communication** a necessity. French, along with English, is a truly **global** language—over **250 million** people in **53 countries** on **every continent** speak French.

France and French-speaking countries are leaders in many technical fields such as transportation and aviation. The world's fastest rail train (**the TGV**), largest commercial jet (**Airbus A380**), and most widely used satellite rocket launcher (**Ariane**) are all French-made.

In addition to the **14 Nobel Prizes in Literature**, there have been **18 French-speaking Nobel Laureates** in **Medicine**, **9 in Physics** and **8 in Chemistry**.

The US exports more to countries having French as a national language than to countries having any other foreign language. More US students study French than **every language** other than Spanish **combined**.

The US is the largest direct investor in France and France is one of the three largest investors in the US.

Among foreign countries doing business in the US, France employs the third largest number of Americans.

Why Study French at Ignatius?



The Airbus A380- the world's largest airliner

Twenty-two National Winners and **one Regional STAR Award Winner** of **Le Grand Concours** (The National French Contest) since 2003

Ten winners of **La Maison Française de Cleveland** individual competition since 2001

Increase your **SAT verbal score** by **100 points** after three years of study and **125 points** after four years

Veteran faculty whose experience includes study and travel on five continents, participation in local, state, and national professional organizations, National Board Certification, AP French Exam Reader and Table Leader, Fulbright fellowships, National Endowment for the Humanities seminars and institutes, MBNA Excellence in Education Grant, and organizing numerous student trips abroad.

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<http://www2.ignatius.edu/faculty/turner/french/index.html>



The Ariane 5 rocket launcher

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French Owned Companies and Brands in the US

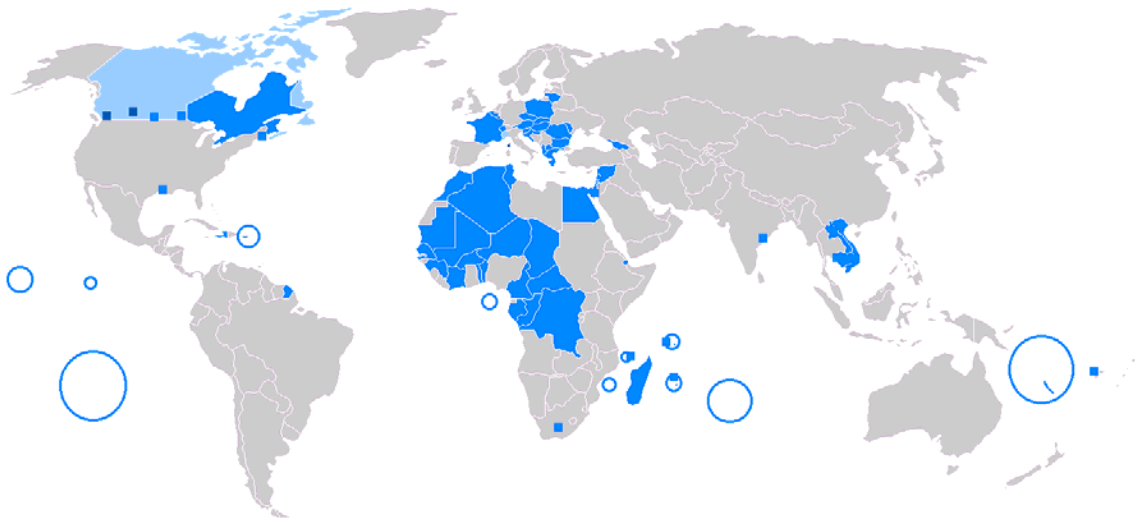
- **Airbus**
- **Allegra** (Aventis Pharmaceuticals)
- **Amtrak Acela** (Alstom)
- **American Photo Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Beefeater** (Pernod Ricard)
- **BancWest** (BNP Paribas)
- **Bell Labs/Lucent Technologies** (Alcatel)
- **BF Goodrich Tires** (Michelin)
- **BIC**
- **Blizzard Entertainment** (Vivendi Universal Games)
- **Boating Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Bravo** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **Bushmills** (Pernod Ricard)
- **Car and Driver Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Chivas Regal** (Pernod Ricard)
- **CNBC** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **Crystal Springs** (Danone)
- **Cycle World Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Dannon** (Danone)
- **Decca Records** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Deutsche Grammophon** (Vivendi Universal)
- **DKNY** (LVMH-Moët Hennessy- Louis Vuitton)
- **ELLE Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Evian** (Danone)
- **Focus Features** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **Geffen Records** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Glenlivet** (Pernod Ricard)
- **GRP Records** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Hennessy** (LVMH-Moët Hennessy- Louis Vuitton)
- **Home Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Interscope A&M Records** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Island Def Jam Music Group** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Jameson** (Pernod Ricard)
- **Kahlua** (Pernod Ricard)
- **Krups** (Groupe SEB)
- **Lea & Perrins/Worcester** (Danone)
- **Lost Highway Records** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Magellan GPS** (Thales/Alcatel)
- **Martell** (Pernod Ricard)
- **Massive Entertainment** (Vivendi Universal Games)
- **MCA Nashville** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Mercury Nashville** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Mercury Records** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Metropolitan Home Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Michelin Tires**
- **Mikasa Crystal**
- **Motel 6** (Accor)
- **Moulinex** (Groupe SEB)
- **MP3.com** (Vivendi Universal)
- **MSNBC** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **mun² Channel** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **Naya** (Danone)
- **NBC** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **NBC Universal** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **Nissan Motor** (Renault owns 30%)
- **Pernod Ricard**
- **Philips** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Polydor Records** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Popular Photography & Imaging Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Premiere Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Radical Entertainment** (Vivendi Universal Games)
- **RCA** (Thomson Electronics)
- **Red Roof Inns** (Accor)
- **Renault**
- **Road & Track Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Rogue Pictures** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **SCI-FI Channel** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **Seagram's** (Pernod Ricard)
- **Sheaffer Pen Company** (BIC)
- **Sierra Entertainment** (Vivendi Universal Games)
- **Sofitel** (Accor)
- **Sound & Vision Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)
- **Stolichnaya** (Pernod Ricard**)
- **Stonyfield Farm** (Danone)
- **Swordfish Studios** (Vivendi Universal Games)
- **TAG Heuer Watches** (LVMH-Moët Hennessy- Louis Vuitton)
- **Technicolor** (Thomson Electronics)
- **Telemundo** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **T-Fal/Tefal Cookware** (Groupe SEB)
- **Thales** (Alcatel)
- **Uniroyal** (Michelin)
- **Universal Motown Records Group** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Universal Pictures** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **Universal Studios** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **USA Network** (Vivendi Universal*)
- **Verve Music Group** (Vivendi Universal)
- **Vivendi Universal**
- **Wild Turkey** (Pernod Ricard)
- **Wite-Out** (BIC)
- **Woman's Day Magazine** (Hachette Filipacchi Media)

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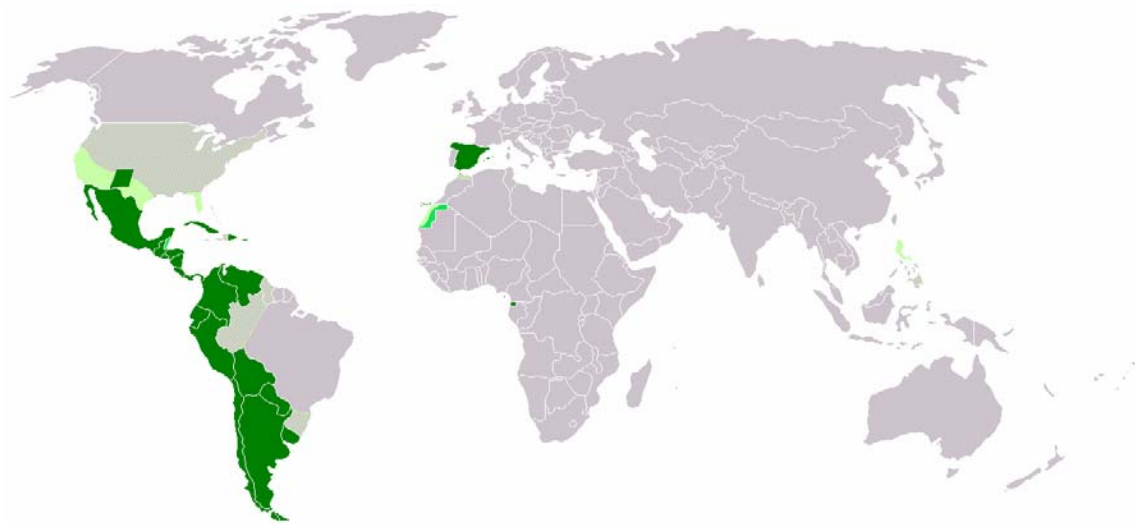
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French-Speaking Celebrities (Non-native speakers, adapted from about.com)

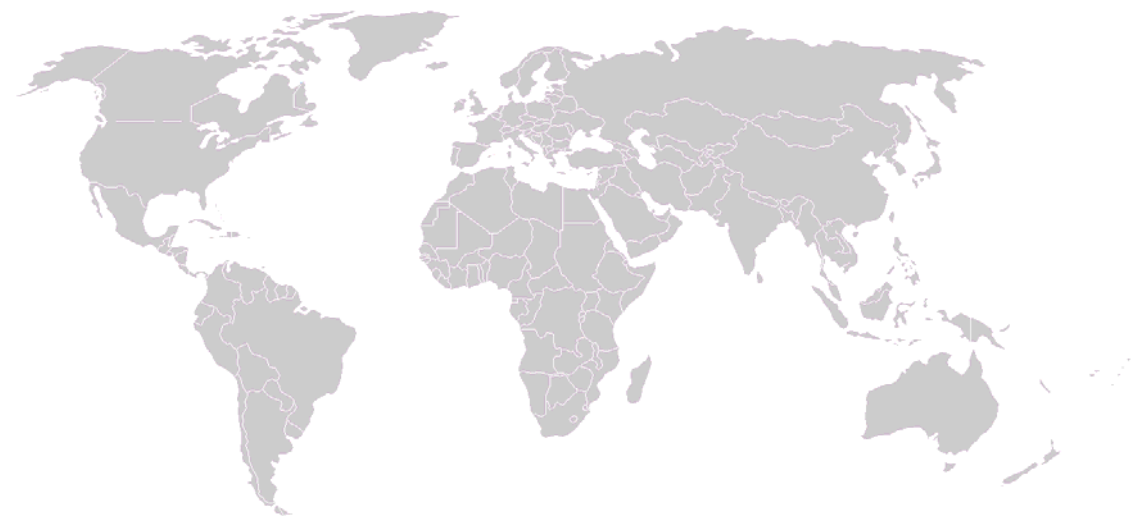
Alex Trebek (Canadian; game show host)
Ally Sheedy (American actress)
Andie MacDowell (American actress)
Angelina Jolie (American actress)
Angie Everhart (American model)
Anthony Bourdain (American chef)
Arnold Schwarzenegger (actor, governor of California)
Ashley Judd (American actress)
Boutros Boutros-Ghali (Egyptian; former UN Secretary General)
Brendan Fraser (American actor)
Brooke Shields (American actress)
Bryan Adams (Canadian singer)
Candice Bergen (American actress)
Carol Fredericks (American singer)
Charlotte Rampling (British actress)
Chloë Sevigny (American actress)
Chris de Burgh (British musician)
Christie Brinkley (American model)
Christopher Lambert (American actor)
Claudia Schiffer (German model)
Costa-Gavras (Greek filmmaker)
Cristiane Amanpour (British reporter)
Danni Minogue (Australian singer, actress)
Danny Roberts (American actor)
David Sedaris (American essayist, radio personality)
Demis Roussos (Egyptian singer)
Eddie Izzard (British comedian)
Elle MacPherson (Australian model)
Ellen McArthur (British; World Champion in Offshore Racing)
Elizabeth Montgomery (American actress)
Elton John (British musician)
Emma Thompson (British actress)
Farah Pahlavi (Iranian empress)
Gloria Estefan (American singer)
Gwyneth Paltrow (American actress)
Helena Bonham Carter (British actress)
Holly Robinson Peete (American actress)
Jackie Kennedy Onassis (Former First Lady, editor)
Jacqueline Bisset (British actress)
James Lipton (American actor)
Jane Birkin (British actress)
Jane Fonda (American actress)
Jarvis Cocker (British singer)
Jean Seberg (American actress)
Jeremy Irons (British actor)
Jerry Hall (American actress)
Jim Courier (American tennis player)
Jodie Foster (American actress)
John Howe (Canadian illustrator)
John Hume (Irish; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate)
John Hurt (British actor)
John Kerry (American senator)
John Malkovich (American actor)
John McLaughlin (British musician)
John Travolta (American actor)
Johnny Depp (American actor)
Julia Child (American chef)
Julio Iglesias (Spanish singer)
Kevin Kline (American actor)
Kirk Douglas (American actor)
Kofi Anan (Ghanaian; former UN Secretary General)
Kristin Scott-Thomas (British actress)
Kylie Minogue (Australian singer)
Lance Armstrong (American cyclist)
Lauren Bacall (American actress)
Leelee Sobieski (American actress)
Leslie Nielsen (Canadian actor)
Linda Evangelista (Canadian model)
Lisa Kudrow (American actress)
Liza Minelli (American actress, singer)
Lorraine Bracco (American actress)
Louis de Bernières (British author)
Madeleine Albright (Czech; former US Secretary of State)
Madonna (American singer, actress)
Marlon Brando (American actor)
Matthew Perry (American actor)
Melanie Blatt (British singer)
Meryl Streep (American actress)
Michael York (British actor)
Mick Jagger (British musician)
Mira Sorvino (American actress)
Molly Ringwald (American actress)
Morgan Freeman (American actor)
Nana Mouskouri (Greek singer, actress)
Nastassja Kinski (German actress)
Natalie Portman (Israeli actress)
Norman Spinrad (American writer)
Oliver Stone (American filmmaker)
Omar Shariff (Egyptian actor)
Orlando Bloom (British actor)
Perez de Cuellar (Peruvian; former UN Secretary General)
Peter Ustinov (British actor)
Petula Clark (British actress, singer)
Phil Collins (British singer)
Pope John-Paul II
Prunella Scales (British actress)
Queen Elizabeth II
Richard Jordan (American actor)
Robert De Niro (American actor)
Robert Stack (American actor)
Robin Williams (American actor)
Roscoe Lee Browne (American actor)
Rudolf Miele (German; Chairman of Miele)
Rupert Everett (British actor)
Ruth Westheimer aka Dr. Ruth (German; therapist & author)
Sam Waterston (American actor)
Shania Twain (Canadian singer)
Shannen Doherty (American actress)
Sigourney Weaver (American actress)
Sting (British musician)
Suzanne Malveaux (American journalist)
Theo Angelopoulos (Greek filmmaker)
Tina Arena (Australian singer)
Tina Turner (American singer)
Tommy Lee Jones (American actor)
Tony Blair (British Prime Minister)
Tonya Kinzinger (American actress)
Uma Thurman (American actress)
Vanessa Redgrave (British actress)
Vicky Leandros (Greek singer)
William Hurt (American actor)
William Shatner (Canadian actor)
Woody Allen (American actor)
Yasmine Bleeth (American actress)



Map of the French-Speaking World



Map of the Spanish-Speaking World



Map of the Latin-Speaking World