



Laissez les bon temps rouler! (New Orleans French for “Let the good times roll!”) At Loyno, we offer language, culture, history, arts, and total immersion all rolled into one. We know that learning a foreign language is an indispensable part of individual development in the Jesuit tradition. The goal at the heart of our program is to appreciate other languages, literatures, and cultures, and in our teacher’s certificate program, we’ll give you the tools to inspire others to do the same. “Lagniappe” is a common local French-Creole phrase meaning “a little something extra,” which is exactly what you’ll enjoy by choosing a French program in our city.

This is the place.

Louisiana is a great place to study French because of our rich French, Creole, and Cajun heritage. These origins mean that you’ll see French everywhere—our street names, our architecture, our celebration for Mardi Gras. And when you’re talking to locals in New Orleans, you’ll hear French words even if you’re speaking English. Have beignets and café au lait from our world-renowned Café du Monde and take a walk through the Vieux Carré (French Quarter), and you’ll see why there’s no better place to study French.

Here at Loyno, we offer plenty of opportunities for our students to get involved. Take an internship that tests your language skills at the Audubon French-American School or abroad. Engage in fun student activities such as our “French-O-Thon” France trivia competition, French Club, or French Honor Society. You can even choose to study French abroad in one of 32 different universities in France as well as universities in Belgium, Quebec, Morocco, and Martinique.

Courses

Our program’s curriculum combines French language courses with a selection of French electives in culture, literature, and film, and finishes with a French capstone. And the teacher’s certification included in the program will prepare you to teach grades 6-12.

First-Year French I

This course focuses on the fundamental structure of the French language. Development of the four basic skills—listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing—are of primary concern.

Second-Year French I

Development of basic language skills continues with emphasis on grammar and the acquisition and use of new vocabulary in cultural contexts. Reading and discussion of articles and other writings are undertaken with grammatical exercises and short compositions based on cultural topics.

Advanced Conversation and Phonetics

In this course, students acquire an extensive working vocabulary and fluency through conversation, reading, and discussion of cultural texts. French phonetics and its application to the improvement of pronunciation are also studied.

Introduction to French Literature I

This course is a survey of the major literary currents and principal authors from the Middle Ages through the 17th century.

Culture and Civilization I

This course is an introduction to French civilization from Lascaux and Gallo-Roman times to the 18th century. It includes geography of the French hexagon, from the centrality of Paris to the regionalism of the provinces, and Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque art and music.