



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. “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. Here’s a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

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.

Culture and Civilization II

A study of the important historical, social, and economic events from the Revolution of 1789 to present, including French aesthetics and artistic traditions in painting, sculpture, and music, and current topics including education and the politics of modern-day France.

La Nouvelle-Orleans

This course examines the French heritage of New Orleans, and explores the French side of our history, institutions, architecture, language, food, and celebrations. The assignments and discussions help students know and appreciate the cultural uniqueness and rich heritage of the city in which they live and study.