

FRENCH

Where is French spoken?

In several countries of Europe: France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Monaco; Canada (Quebec); French Guayana, on several Caribbean islands (Martinique, Haiti); and in French Polynesia.

French is also a second language in many parts of Africa and in former French Indochina. French is spoken as a minority language in parts of the U.S., chiefly New England and Louisiana.

French is also a language of diplomacy and one of the major languages used at the United Nations.

In What Careers Can French Help Me?

- Travel and Hospitality Industry
- International Business, Law, and Banking
- Some fields of Scientific Research
- Diplomacy and Foreign Service
- International Journalism
- Fashion Design and Marketing

What are other reasons to study French?

- You may travel or work in French-speaking Europe, Canada, the Caribbean, Polynesia, Africa, or Asia.
- By learning French you gain an understanding of the culture and history of French-speaking people around the world.
- You can learn to read and appreciate French Literature.
- Study of French can prepare you for further studies at the university level in the humanities and some sciences.
- Many French-speaking tourists and business people visit Central Florida.

GERMAN

Where is German spoken?

German is an official language in five European countries: The Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Liechtenstein. German is spoken in scattered minority communities in Eastern Europe and North and South America. Yiddish is also a dialect of German.

In What Careers Can German Help Me?

- Travel and Hospitality Industry
- International Business, Law, and Banking
- Many technical and scientific fields, including: machine design and manufacturing, chemical and pharmaceutical industry, defense and aerospace, automotive and transportation engineering
- Medicine
- Armed Forces
- Diplomacy and Foreign Service
- International Journalism

What are other reasons to study German?

- German has more native speakers in Eastern Europe than any other language.
- After English, German is the most widely used language in Europe for business and tourism.
- Germany is the world's leader in international exports and is an important U.S. trading partner.
- The industry and technology of German-speaking countries is among the most advanced in the world, and German-speaking countries are leaders in scientific research and development.
- German-speaking countries, especially Southern Germany and the Alpine region, are popular vacation areas for Americans.
- About 20% of all Americans are of German descent.
- Learning German is an excellent preparation for many fields of study at the university level, including medicine, many scientific and technical areas, as well as literature and philosophy.

LATIN

Where is Latin used?

Latin is no longer spoken, although it is still used for communication in the Catholic church on a limited basis. It is still widely studied throughout Europe, as well as North and South America because of its outstanding literature and because it is the basis of much of the modern Western language and culture.

In What Fields Can Latin Help Me?

- Medicine and Biological Sciences in general
- Pharmacy
- Law
- History and Political Science
- World Literature and Humanities
- Journalism
- General Language Studies
- Philosophy and Theology

What are other reasons to study Latin?

- Many terms in medicine and biological sciences come directly from Latin. For this reason, medical schools have traditionally required some study of Latin for graduation.
- Many legal terms (habeas corpus, amicus curiae, subpoena, etc.) are Latin.
- Studying Latin can help increase your English vocabulary and improve your score on college entrance tests, such as the SAT.

Modern languages such as Spanish, French, and Portuguese come directly from Latin. Other languages, such as English, German, and even Russian have large numbers of Latin-based words. In addition, study of Latin helps you to understand how languages work. Because of all this, learning Latin makes a good preparation for learning modern languages too.

- Studying Latin increases your knowledge of Graeco-Roman Civilization and its contribution to modern society.

SPANISH

Where is Spanish spoken?

In Spain, and in most countries of Central and South America, and as a significant minority language in many communities in the United States.

In What Careers Can Spanish Help Me?

- Travel and Hospitality Industry

- Social Services Occupations
- International Business, Law, and Banking
- Sales and Service Occupations in Local Communities
- Health Care Providers
- Diplomacy and Foreign Service
- International Journalism

What are other reasons to study Spanish?

- Many Americans travel or work in Latin America or Spain.
- It is helpful to enjoy Hispanic Literature, cinema, art, culture, food.
- The study of Spanish helps students appreciate the contributions of Spanish-speaking peoples in the history of the United States.
- It will be easier to understand and learn other Romance Languages, especially Portuguese and Italian.
- Spanish is spoken by a large minority in the United States, particularly in Florida.
- Learning Spanish aids in understanding and appreciating Hispanic culture in the U.S.

JAPANESE

Where is Japanese spoken?

In Japan and in scattered Japanese communities in the Pacific region and in North and South America, particularly in Brazil (São Paulo) and Canada.

In What Careers Can Japanese Help Me?

- International Business, Law, and Banking
- Industrial Design and Technology, including Optics and Computers
- Military Language Specialization
- International Journalism
- Diplomacy and Foreign Service
- International Tourism and Hospitality

What are other reasons to study Japanese?

- Japan is an important trading partner in the Pacific region.

- Studying Japanese gives an insight into a non-western culture that is very different from our own.
- Students can enjoy the academic challenge of mastering a difficult language.
- The continued growth and spread of Japanese business and technology make the Japanese language a very important world language of the future.
- Learning to write Japanese is a good introduction to written Chinese, since it uses several thousand Chinese characters.

PORTUGUESE

Where is Portuguese spoken?

In Portugal and Brazil, in the African countries of Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe, Angola, Mozambique and in East Timor. It is also spoken in scattered minority communities in the United States as in the Northeast and in Florida, among others.

In What Careers Can Portuguese Help Me?

- Travel and Hospitality Industry
- Social Services Occupations
- International Business, Law, and Banking
- Sales and Service Occupations in Local Communities
- Health Care Providers
- Diplomacy and Foreign Service
- International Journalism

What are other reasons to study Portuguese?

- Brazil is Florida's Number 1 Trading Partner
- Brazil's self-sufficiency in energy production is being studied as the U.S. and other countries strive duplicate their success.
- Spanish Speakers have a high level of transfer from their native language and generally learn Portuguese up to 50% faster than non-Spanish speakers.
- Brazil has a strong presence in international sports, notably Soccer, Formula 1 auto racing, Men's Volleyball, Beach Volleyball.
- By 2010 Brazil is expected to be third in the world in computer sales, behind only the U.S. and China.

