

## FAQ'S! Facts and Myths!

Q: Do I need to be fluent in French to take Academic or Pre-AP French?

A: No! Grade 9 is an introduction to the language and focuses on building skills.

Q: Will I be doing verbs all the time?

A: No! French classes emphasize oral communication and cover culture as well as authentic themes.

Q: Do I need a 90% to take Pre-AP?

A: No! If you achieved a level 3 or higher in grade 8 and you are a hard-working student, you should enroll. Also, if you love classroom discussions, conversations, group work, sharing ideas and opinions, Pre-AP is the pathway for you!

Q: Do I have to stay in AP if I don't want to?

A: No, you can opt out of AP at any time.

Q: Will French courses be among the most interesting courses I will ever take at St. Mary's?

A: Yes! You will never regret selecting this pathway.



Contact the French  
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## Why Study French?

- increases appreciation of other people and other cultures
- strengthens overall language skills, as well as critical and creative skills
- improves overall school performance and develops problem-solving skills
- opens the door to the world of art, fashion, dance, cuisine, cinema, literature and more
- enhances travel experiences
- opens up the world of sporting events
- builds self-esteem and enhances pride in one's own culture
- opens the door to various career opportunities
- leads to earning higher wages
- improves understanding of other languages , including English



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# French Language Courses



**FSF 1DI & FSF 1DP**—This course emphasizes the current development of oral communication, reading and writing skills using broad-based themes.

**FSF 2DI & FSF 2DP** — This course enables students to increase their knowledge of the French language and deepen their understanding for francophone culture.

**FSF 3UI & FSF 3UP** — This course draws on a variety of themes to deepen their understanding of French culture and literature while reinforcing oral communication abilities.

**FSF 4UI & FSF 4UP**— Students will consolidate their oral communication skills as they discuss literature, culture and current events.



Students who complete French for 4 years will obtain a Bilingual Certificate for Proficiency in French Language.

## Pre-AP and AP French

The AP program at St. Mary's is an enrichment program that caters to motivated students that have a passion for learning. Students will be given the opportunity to pursue their love of language, develop their reading as well as oral comprehension skills, and work towards a higher proficiency of the language through oral and written communication activities.

## Who is a Pre-AP Student?



- Strong oral communication abilities
- Strong reader and writer
- Curious, independent, self-motivated learner
- Possibly under-achieving due to lack of interest, challenge, motivation, etc.
- Loves new learning opportunities and embraces academic challenges

## Why should Students Enroll?

University credits may be awarded to students that perform well on their AP exam.

Students are able to challenge their skills and engage in meaningful conversation, in French, with like-minded students.

Students will gain a wealth of experience and skill that will benefit them all of their lives, especially in post-secondary education.

**Myth:** You have to be super intelligent to take an AP class.

**Fact:** The AP French program at St. Mary's is not designed to exclusively cater to an elitist group of intellectual students. This program is catered to students that have a passion for language and learning.

## How is Pre-AP/AP Different From Academic Courses

Pre-AP French courses follow the Ontario curriculum. The focus is not to create more work, but a different kind of work that challenges a student's higher order of thinking skills.

## How Do Students Enroll?

Students must select Pre-AP French in career cruising. Students should seek input from current French teacher and/or consult a Guidance Councilor at St. Mary's High School.

