

# THE BENEFITS OF MAJORING IN FRENCH AT TULANE

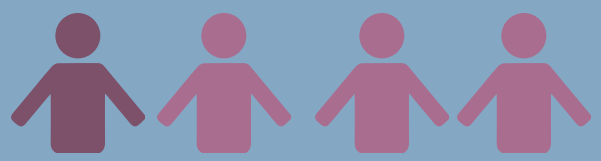


## LEARNING BENEFITS



### IMPROVED TEST SCORES

Bilingual students do better on standardized test in math, reading, and vocabulary.<sup>1</sup>



### COGNITION

Bilingual students outperform monolingual students in forming scientific hypotheses.<sup>2</sup>



### LIFE SKILLS

Bilingual youth develop superior attention, mental flexibility,<sup>3</sup> and memory.<sup>4</sup>

## CAREER BENEFITS



### COLLEGE SUCCESS

High school students who study languages do better academically in college.<sup>5</sup>

### EMPLOYABILITY

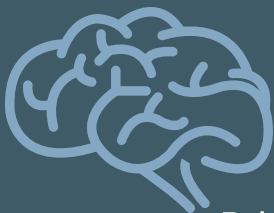
88% of job recruiters say speaking more than one language is critical to business success.<sup>6</sup>



### HIGHER EARNINGS

The additional lifetime earnings of a bilingual worker can be as much as \$128,000.<sup>7</sup>

## HEALTH BENEFITS



### HEALTHIER BRAIN

Bilingual adults who get Alzheimer's disease suffer less brain damage.<sup>8</sup>

### BETTER RECOVERY

Bilingual adults are twice as likely to retain full brain function after a stroke.<sup>9</sup>



### LONGEVITY

Onset of Alzheimer's disease is delayed by 4-5 years in bilingual adults.<sup>10</sup>

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