THE BENEFITS OF MAJORING IN FRENCH AT TULANE

LEARNING BENEFITS

1. IMPROVED TEST SCORES
   Bilingual students do better on standardized tests in math, reading, and vocabulary.1

2. COGNITION
   Bilingual students outperform monolingual students in forming scientific hypotheses.2

LIFE SKILLS

Bilingual youth develop superior attention, mental flexibility,3 and memory.4

CAREER BENEFITS

1. COLLEGE SUCCESS
   High school students who study languages do better academically in college.5

2. EMPLOYABILITY
   88% of job recruiters say speaking more than one language is critical to business success.6

3. HIGHER EARNINGS
   The additional lifetime earnings of a bilingual worker can be as much as $128,000.7

HEALTH BENEFITS

1. HEALTHIER BRAIN
   Bilingual adults who get Alzheimer’s disease suffer less brain damage.8

2. BETTER RECOVERY
   Bilingual adults are twice as likely to retain full brain function after a stroke.9

LONGEVITY

Onset of Alzheimer’s disease is delayed by 4-5 years in bilingual adults.10

2. https://www.actfl.org/advocacy/what-the-research-shows/studies-supporting/hypothesis
5. https://www.actfl.org/advocacy/what-the-research-shows/studies-supporting/collegeperformance