

This bachelor's thesis deals with the use of the French language in Western Africa, especially in Senegal and Ivory Coast. In order to understand the present status of the French language, this thesis returns to the origins of this language in Africa and continues to follow the use of French during the colonization until independence. Language policy, the politics of assimilation and the system of education are the main topics.

In the second part of the thesis, languages of Western Africa, particularly in Senegal and Ivory Coast are treated. The influence of colonization on the current politics, the current status of the French language and its future are depicted.