The Center for the Study of Languages (CSL) was founded in August 1997 to promote and enhance the study of languages at Rice University. The role of the center is to establish innovative approaches to language education, expand opportunities for language learning across the curriculum, and increase Rice students’ participation in study and work abroad. To accomplish these goals, CSL regularly sponsors professional development for instructors and graduate students in language departments.

CSL organizes workshops, lectures, and seminars as forums for departmental discussions of curricular design, assessment, and technology integration.

Through CSL, two cross-listed graduate seminars are offered: In the fall, students can take FREN 610, GERM 510, LING 610, or SPAN 610; in the spring, FREN 611, GERM 611, LING 611, or SPAN 611.

A sequence of 3 undergraduate courses on cross-cultural awareness are offered: UNIV 321, UNIV 322, and UNIV 323.