

Center for the Study of Languages

The School of Humanities

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Degrees Offered: None

Foreign language classes are popular among Rice University students who wish to enhance their knowledge of world languages and cultures. The Center for the Study of Languages (CSL) was founded in 1997 to promote and enhance the study of languages at Rice University. The role of the center is to establish innovative approaches to language acquisition, expand opportunities for language learning across the curriculum, and increase Rice students' participation in study and work abroad. The Language Resource Center (LRC), technology division of the CSL, provides resources such as specialized computer software and enhanced videos to supplement the traditional approach to teaching and learning languages. In addition to creating an innovative learning environment, the CSL is responsible for teaching 13 languages through the third year of instruction. The CSL also offers courses on cross-cultural awareness.

The CSL does not offer degree programs itself, but students are able to pursue language degrees from language departments. Some of those degrees include: B.A. in Asian Studies (Asian Studies), B.A. in Classical studies (Classical studies), B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in French Studies (French Studies), B.A. in German Studies, B.A. in Slavic Studies (German and Slavic Studies), and B.A., M.A. in Spanish (Hispanic Studies). See the respective department for degree requirements.

Placement Testing

Students who have some background in the language they intend to study are required to take a placement test to ensure that they are placed in the appropriate course. Placement tests can be taken online before matriculation or during orientation week. Additional information regarding language placement tests can be found on the Language Resource Center webpage at www.ruf.rice.edu/~lrc.

Transfer Credits

The CSL will determine equivalency for foreign language classes taken at other colleges or universities and approve them for transfer credit. University transfer credit guidelines (see page 35) as well as requirements of the degree-granting department still apply. Students who study abroad should have their transfer credits approved before they commit to a study-abroad program.

Scholarships

Two scholarships are offered yearly through the CSL. The Donne Di Domani donates money to be awarded to outstanding Rice University students. This scholarship, to be used for tuition and books, is awarded to students committed to study of the Italian language and is based on need and merit. The Ministry of Education, Republic of China in Taiwan also offers a scholarship to study Mandarin Chinese in Taiwan for one year. Students interested in applying for either of these scholarships should contact the CSL at the beginning of the spring semester.

See ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, HIND, HEBR, ITAL, JAPA, KORE, PLSH, PORT, RUSS, SPAN, and UNIV in the Courses of Instruction section.