

Spanish and Portuguese

Chair

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Facilities

Center for Language and Culture Learning

The Center for Language and Culture Learning provides a wide variety of facilities and services, including an Instructional Technology Center (ITC), small group study rooms equipped with video production and editing software, a Computer Assisted Language Learning Lab with computers integrated with Sanako software for language practice, and virtual reality hardware and development space.

The center provides spaces for quiet study as well as for group meetings. Departments, programs, and student organizations are welcome to host conversation hours, film nights, study groups, workshops, and more. Peer education services include peer tutoring programs in many languages, with both in-person and online availability, as well as Independent Language Study, through which faculty, staff, or students can be paired with a tutor to learn a language not taught at the university. Tutors are trained to use practices supported by the Office of Student Learning, including developing a growth mindset, using memory strategies to retain knowledge, and reflecting on learning gains.