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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 to the Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures (DWLLC), including a 24-computer Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and five All-In-One Studios/small group study rooms equipped with video production and editing software, a Computer Assisted Language Learning Lab with 25 computers integrated with Sanako software for language practice, a SignAll lab for American Sign Language learning and 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. The center supports a robust peer tutoring program in many of the languages taught in DWLLC, with both in-person and online availability, as well as Directed Independent Language Study, through which faculty, staff, or students can be paired with a tutor to learn a language not taught in the DWLLC.

Spanish Writing, Speaking, and Conversation Center
The Spanish Writing, Speaking, and Conversation Center assists students in understanding their assignments and helps them recognize what constitutes good Spanish speaking and writing. Tutors and students brainstorm ideas for an oral presentation or a paper, generate outlines, organize information, and explore dictionaries and other resources to avoid direct translations from English to Spanish. Tutors also provide students with tools for future writing and oral assignments.

The center helps students develop confidence to participate in class discussions, practice conversational skills, and assists students with reading comprehension. Any student enrolled in SPAN:1502 Intermediate Spanish II or above can use the services of the center free of charge by making an appointment online.