

Language Conversation Groups



IMPORTANT UPDATE: Please note that OISS has postponed all in-person Language Group meetings until further notice in [compliance with Yale guidance on the prevention of COVID-19](#) [1]. Several groups are meeting virtually; see below for details. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

OISS hosts a number of language groups that meet at the International Center weekly. The purpose of these groups threefold: to create a community of people based in language interest, to foster cross-cultural exchange, and to provide a welcoming space where people can learn at their own comfort. They are meant to provide a way to practice language skills that have already been acquired elsewhere. So whether you are new to Yale and New Haven, or you've been here for a while, we welcome all members of the Yale community to come participate in our groups. You don't have to be a native speaker, or highly fluent, all you need is the desire to connect with other people through language.

Chinese Conversation Group

Join us for a Chinese Conversation group that provides a relaxing environment to have a conversation in Mandarin Chinese. People of all skill levels are welcome, including beginners, experts, native speakers, and everyone in between. Please come join us! You can improve your Chinese and learn more about China and Chinese culture by discussing a variety of topics. Please contact oiss.chinese@gmail.com [2] or find us on [Facebook!](#) [3]

Weekly Meeting:

Fridays, 2:30-3:30pm

Meeting Virtually - Join Facebook Group for details

German Conversation Group

Come practice your German language skills with us! While this is not a German language course, we welcome German speakers of all levels from beginners to experts. Whether you want to connect with other German speakers during your time in the New Haven area or you're simply looking for a place to practice speaking the language, we'd love to have you! Please find us on [Facebook](#) [4] for more details!

Weekly Meeting:

Every other Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm

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Japanese Conversation Group

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You can improve your Japanese and also learn about Japanese culture! Let's enjoy Japanese traditional games, seasonal events, and so on! For questions, please send an email to japaneseoiss@gmail.com [5]. Join us on [Facebook](#) [6]!

Weekly Meeting:

Occasionally Meeting Virtually - Join the Facebook Group for Details

Spanish Conversation Groups

Whether you're a beginner looking to learn Spanish or a native speaker, we have a group for you! **Spanish for Beginners** is targeted to those who are looking to learn the basics of Spanish, or brush up on language skills you might not have used in a while. We also have **Spanish Conversation Group** for mid-level or advanced/native Spanish speakers. This group will engage in lively discussion and allows you to meet fellow speakers from around the world! The SPC is not a language class, but rather a weekly opportunity to practice your language skills in a pleasant, low-key setting. Find them on [Facebook](#) [7] for more details!

Weekly Meeting:

Meeting Virtually - see Facebook Group for Details

Spanish for Beginners - Mondays, 10:30-12:15pm

Spanish Conversation Group (mid-level) - Mondays, 3:30-4:30pm

Spanish Conversation Group (advanced) - Fridays, 2-3pm

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Links:

[1] <https://communications.yale.edu/covid-19-information>

[2] [#109;#97;#105;#108;#116;#111;#58;#111;#105;#115;#115;#46;#99;#104;#105;#110;#101;#115;#101;#64;#103;#109;#97;#105;#108;#46;#99;#111;#109;](#)

[3] <https://www.facebook.com/groups/737114319832767/>

[4] <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1442791792523189/>

[5] [#109;#97;#105;#108;#116;#111;#58;#106;#97;#112;#97;#110;#101;#115;#101;#111;#105;#115;#115;#64;#103;#109;#97;#105;#108;#46;#99;#111;#109;](#)

[6] <https://www.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F1614889792107696%2F>

[7] <https://www.facebook.com/spanishyale/>