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**
**Meeting Virtually - Join their Facebook Group for details**

### Japanese Conversation Group
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 japanesoiss@gmail.com [5]. Join us on Facebook [6]!

**Weekly Meeting:**
Occasionally Meeting Virtually - Join the Facebook Group for Details

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**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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[2] mailto:oiss.chinese@gmail.com
[5] mailto:japanesoiss@gmail.com