



## On-Campus English Resources for Rice Internationals

Office of International Students & Scholars  
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### **OISS Free Volunteer English & Culture Classes**

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OISS coordinates classes open to the Rice community, including spouses. Each semester three or four classes are held: 1) Beginning Conversation, 2) Intermediate/Advanced Conversation, 3) Idioms and Slang, and 4) Grammar and Pronunciation. Please direct questions to the OISS office: 713-348-6095 or [oiss@rice.edu](mailto:oiss@rice.edu).

### **Academic Fellows (for undergraduates)**

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Each residential college has an academic fellows or mentors society, an honorary service organization dedicated to academic life in the college. Fellows or mentors are upperclassmen who have: 1) proven academic achievement, 2) college citizenship, 3) interest in academic life of their college, and 4) willingness to help fellow students. Fellows and mentors provide academic assistance on a regular basis through advertised review sessions, "office hours" or requested individual meetings. For a list of the current fellows in your college with their specialty, please go to [http://www.students.rice.edu/uploadedFiles/Students/Academic\\_Advising/Fellows%20and%20Mentors%202011-2012%2020110901.pdf](http://www.students.rice.edu/uploadedFiles/Students/Academic_Advising/Fellows%20and%20Mentors%202011-2012%2020110901.pdf).

### **International Language Exchange (ILE) (for undergraduates)**

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ILE allows international undergraduate students to meet and talk with native speakers. There are monthly lunches off campus and weekly lunches within the various colleges. Students are encouraged to meet for casual conversation. Event updates will be posted at the Facebook group for ILE at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#/group.php?gid=49017964390>

### **Center for the Study of Languages (CSL) Language Lab**

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The CSL Language Lab provides technical support for language acquisition. The lab maintains many software programs to help ESL learners with TOEFL preparation tools, speech recognition programs ("Tell Me More"), grammar aids and more. For more information, please visit <http://csllab.rice.edu>.

### **Center for Written, Oral, & Visual Communication (CWOVC)**

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The CWOVC has peer communications consultants to help students with writing papers and preparing oral presentations. These consultants are carefully trained to help you in many ways: reviewing plans for a paper, reviewing a draft, giving feedback while watching an oral presentation, or answering your questions about grammar and style.

The CWOVC also provides free workshops and short courses on topics such as thesis writing, academic conversation skills, creating an online presence, and writing to be published. To learn more and to sign up for services, visit <http://cwovc.rice.edu>.

**The Rice ESL Tutoring Program** (*intended for undergraduate students*)

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The Rice English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutoring Program trains Rice students as conversational partners to work with university employees and students to improve their English skills. Lessons are tailored to the needs and wants of the student (e.g. conversational practice, grammar, preparation for a specific exam, etc.). Time commitments can be as little as one hour per week. There are opportunities to have one-on-one tutoring or learn with a group.

If interested, please fill out a Learner Intake Form at: <http://cic.rice.edu/content.aspx?ekfrm=1670>

**The Rice University English as a Second Language Program**

*\*Tuition required*

There are two programs within the ESL Program: The Intensive English Program and the ESL Communication Skills Classes. The Intensive English Program offers six sessions yearly. Each session lasts seven weeks. In one year, ESL students should be able to progress through the six-level core program. Classes meet four hours daily, five days per week. ESL Communication Skills classes are designed for students at an intermediate or advanced level of proficiency. These courses meet two evenings a week (either Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday) for eight weeks. Classes meet 5:45-7:15 p.m. or 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Rice University. For more information on the schedule and costs for registration, please visit <http://esl.rice.edu>.

*\*There are limited scholarships for graduate students seeking to take an evening supplemental course. Inquire about this scholarship by calling OISS at 713-348-6095*