Welcome!
Welcome to the Confucius Institute at Wayne State University! With the help of Hanban: Chinese Language Council International, Wayne State University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, and generous individual donors, we are happy to present our many highly successful programs spotlighting Chinese language and culture. Our primary mission is to serve southeastern Michigan, but we also reach out to the entire state and to many communities across China.

We invite you to peruse this viewbook, which highlights our programs, and to visit or contact us regarding any interest you may have in Chinese language or culture!

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K-12 Outreach

Chinese graduate assistants visit Detroit area schools where they introduce basic aspects of Chinese language and culture. A hallmark of the K-12 Outreach Program is the Immersion Obstacle Course, where students must complete tasks at simulated restaurants, stores, taxis, and other stations using only Chinese! The CI is committed to sparking an interest in Chinese language at all levels.

China Corps Summer Camp

The China Corps Summer Camp is offered the first three weeks in August, M-F, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Graduate assistants and hired teachers offer martial arts and language courses in the morning and cultural activities in the afternoon such as ping pong, paper folding, paper cutting, cooking, and calligraphy.
The Michigan China Quiz Bowl

密歇根中文知识竞赛

The Michigan China Quiz Bowl is a competition where teams from middle schools and high schools across Michigan test their knowledge of Chinese language and culture. Eighteen teams from nine schools took part in the first competition on April 25, 2009, at Madonna University. The following year, 43 teams represented 13 Michigan schools. The Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan has partnered with the Wayne State Confucius Institute to provide trophies and Chinese cultural entertainment for participants, coaches, and spectators.

Hanban Bridge Program

汉办汉语桥项目

The WSU Confucius Institute recruits, interviews, and screens high school students and chaperones for the Hanban Summer Bridge Program in China. The WSU-CI staff also coordinates travel and visa arrangements and provides a cultural orientation prior to departure. In 2010, WSU sent 17 local students and two chaperones to Henan Province while also coordinating the trip for an additional ten students from Wisconsin. Students and chaperones must pay their own air fare, but all in-country expenses are paid for by Hanban.

伟恩州立大学孔子学院负责为汉办举办的汉语桥中国夏令营项目招募、面试和选拔高中生及领队人员。孔子学院员工还负责协调旅行和签证安排，并在出发前组织文化方面的培训。在2010年，伟恩州立大学向河南省派出了17名学生和2名领队人员，与来自威斯康辛的另外10名学生合作完成了这次活动。学生和带队人员的往返机票由自己负担，所有的中国国内开支费用由国家汉办负责承担。
Sister Schools Program

“姐妹学校”项目

The Sister Schools Program pairs K-12 classrooms in the Greater Detroit area with classrooms in China. The intention is to allow American students to prepare boxes containing letters and memorabilia from their schools and hometowns and to send them to Chinese students, who, in turn, do the same. The box exchange is fun and exciting and helps personalize relationships between young people from China and the US.

The Summer Service Learning Program was a life changing trip that turned out to be one of the most eye opening and enjoyable experiences I've ever had. You travel to modern and rural areas so you are able to see the “real” China. I taught in a small village in Jiangxi, and the kids I taught were all great. I knew that I couldn’t teach much English in three weeks, but I discovered that I was able to give the kids something much more important – hope and the desire to learn. Inspiring these young children – many of whom had no hopes of ever going to college – to believe in themselves has been one of the most rewarding feelings.

Matt Yee – WSU Student

Chinese Language Testing

Youth Chinese Test

Non-native speakers of Chinese who are under the age of 15 may apply to take the YCT (Youth Chinese Test) through the Confucius Institute at Wayne State University. The WSU-CI currently offers Level 1 and Level 2 testing.

HSK Testing

The WSU-CI also offers the HSK exam, which assesses Chinese language proficiency for any non-native speaker of Chinese at the basic, elementary-intermediate, and advanced levels.

YCT（少儿汉语考试）

未满15岁的非母语者可在伟恩州立大学孔子学院申请参加少儿汉语考试。伟恩州立大学孔子学院现阶段提供1级和2级两个级别的测试。

HSK（汉语水平考试）

伟恩州立大学孔子学院同时主办汉语水平考试。该考试分为初级、中级和高级三个层次，对非母语者提供汉语水平证明。
Confucius Café
孔子茶座

Each Thursday between noon and 3 PM, the WSU community is invited to an informal gathering known as the Confucius Café. The Confucius Café offers Chinese-related lectures and performances, Chinese refreshments, and an opportunity to converse in English or Chinese. About 40 students, faculty, and staff come to the Confucius Café each week, including Dr. Robert Thomas, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who enjoys visiting with his 大家庭 (Big Family).

China Corner
汉语角

The WSU-CI offers an informal opportunity for students of all levels to practice their Chinese, Monday through Thursday from 4-5 PM. Native speakers of Chinese converse directly with students or help students converse with each other. The purpose of the China Corner is to turn academic lessons into a vital language-learning experience!

Language can be a barrier that keeps people apart, but it is also a bridge that brings them together. The Confucius Institute does just that! Activities such as the weekly Confucius Café provide a wonderful forum for speakers at all levels of Chinese language proficiency to come together and enjoy cultural events, while at the same time practicing their skills in another language. Language is by its very nature a communal thing, and the CI fosters friendships, as well as facilitating mutually beneficial cultural exchanges between what would appear to be two otherwise diverging cultures.

Courtney-Sophia Henry – WSU Linguistics/International Studies Major

The Confucius Institute is a big family for me. It’s not only a good stage to communicate with our different language and culture, but also a fantastic place to make good friends.

Going to the Confucius Café every week is the most important and enjoyable part of my life now. Communicating with friends and participating in the activities there make me happy and confident. It means so much for me.

Shanshan Qiu – WSU Graduate Student, Industrial Engineering
Summer Service Learning Program in China
“暑期中国社会实践”项目

Since 2006, Wayne State University has sponsored a summer service learning program with Tsinghua University in Beijing. Up to 20 WSU students have traveled to rural sites throughout China each summer, working with teams of Chinese college students to teach English at primary and secondary schools.

American volunteers enjoy a few days of sightseeing in Beijing before and after teaching at their assigned sites. WSU students have overwhelmingly reported that their experiences have helped redefine their self-perception as U.S. and world citizens while also gaining a greater sense of personal independence.

Local events have included musical performances, art exhibits, movies, and a multitude of lectures. Learning Community members generally take part in overnight visits to Chinatowns in Chicago or Toronto.

The Chinese Language and Culture Learning Community
“汉语及中国文化学社”项目

The Chinese Language and Culture Learning Community (CLCLC) is a one-credit, experiential course where students attend and comment on at least eight Chinese cultural events and attend a minimum of four Chinese supplemental learning sessions. In addition, students are required to give a final presentation on a Chinese cultural topic of their choice.

“汉语及中国文化学社”项目是一个可以使学生获得一个学分的实践学习课程。学生在一个学期之内，至少参加八个有关中国文化的活动，并撰写感想或发表评论，至少参与四次不定期的汉语辅导。除此之外，在学期结束时，学生需要自行选择一个有关中国文化的话题，做结业报告。
Exchange Programs with Huazhong University of Science and Technology

A small group of students from Wayne State University began studying Chinese language and culture at Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) in February of 2009. To date, ten WSU students have completed one or more semesters of study in Wuhan. The CI staff at WSU is currently working on agreements that would allow HUST students to complete a joint bachelor’s and master’s degree at HUST and WSU. Wayne State scholarships have also been granted to HUST students enrolled in the WSU Chinese language teaching program.

2009年2月，几个来自伟恩州立大学的学生来到华中科技大学开始学习中文及中国文化。迄今为止已有10名伟恩州立大学学生在武汉完成了至少一学期的学习。伟恩州立大学孔子学院正在与华中科技大学协商，联合培养学士和硕士。韦恩州立大学也已决定给来自华中科技大学的学习汉语教学项目的学生提供奖学金。

One day I was sitting in my Chinese class, where I was fulfilling the University requirement of studying a foreign language, and heard about the Confucius Café. Out of curiosity, I decided to pay a visit. A few months later I found myself in a remote Chinese mountain town teaching English. A few months after that, I was living, studying, and working in Wuhan. I returned to school looking for new possibilities in life, and through my involvement with the Confucius Institute, have found them beyond anything I had imagined.

Michael Switney – WSU Asian Studies Major

Chinese Courses at WSU

WSU offers a an Asian studies major with a concentration in Chinese along with one of only three Chinese teaching certification programs in Michigan. The WSU-CI has steadily contributed to the university’s Asian Studies and teaching programs by facilitating programs that bring visiting Chinese faculty from Huazhong University of Science and Technology and Fudan University.

伟恩州立大学开设有以汉语为主修方向的亚洲研究专业，同时还开设有中文教师资格证项目，是密歇根州仅有的三所能够开展该项目的学校之一。伟恩州立大学孔子学院一直在与华中科技大学和复旦大学的教师开展合作，为华中科技大学的汉语教师提供教学支持。
CLAM: The Chinese Language Association of Michigan

The WSU-CI founded CLAM: Chinese Language Association of Michigan in 2008. The organization provides opportunities for K-16 educators and advocates of Chinese language and culture to share practical ideas about teaching and administrating courses and programs. CLAM currently offers an annual conference and a website where ideas can be readily exchanged. The annual November conference draws 20-25 presentations and over 100 participants from schools and colleges across the state and beyond. The WSU-CI staff, although currently operating and sponsoring CLAM, hopes to eventually make the organization independent.

Since 2008, the WSU College of Education has offered certification in Chinese at the K-8, 9-12, and K-12 levels. The WSU-Confucius Institute has also obtained one-time scholarships for students from Huazhong University of Science and Technology who are interested in pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching.

I was a visiting faculty member at WSU for six months, but was greatly impressed by the diversity and high efficiency of this CI. They have so many programs and some of the ideas are just incredible — like the immersion obstacle course at the Michigan China Quiz Bowl, Chinese summer camp, and Confucius Café — which I myself enjoyed immensely, even if the food was not perfectly Chinese Chinese!

Li Liang – Visiting Professor, Huazhong University of Science and Technology
Chinese Business Club

The Wayne State University Confucius Institute, in cooperation with Tech Town, Detroit’s premier business incubator, sponsors the Chinese Business Club four times each year. Interested parties may register in advance for a traditional Chinese breakfast, networking opportunities and a chance to hear invited speakers discuss topics related to business in China.

TV Documentaries

In order to reach a larger audience about issues related to studying Chinese language and culture, the WSU-CI has produced the following made-for-TV documentaries:

Learning Chinese in Detroit: In an effort to showcase a successful Chinese immersion program to teachers and administrators in the US, the WSU-CI produced this documentary highlighting the activities, pedagogy, and outcomes at the Foreign Language Immersion and Culture School on Detroit’s northwest side.

American College Students in China: As a way to encourage American college students to study in China, WSU-CI staff interviewed American graduate and undergraduate students who have studied in Beijing or Wuhan.

Summer Service Learning in China: The WSU-CI produced this documentary to highlight the personal growth associated with taking part in a short, study-abroad program in rural China.

I was lucky enough to visit the WSU-CI “Big Family” this summer while working, as an intern of CI. Everybody there loves Chinese culture and is devoted to bringing whoever has the same interest closer to a real experience. They are driven by passion to make their programs meaningful and beneficial. I really appreciate what they are doing. 我爱大家庭!

Qianyun Zhu – Tsinghua University Student and WSU intern
Business Outreach

The WSU-CI coordinates forums related to China and Chinese culture for local business and government organizations. Drawing from experts within the university, the WSU-CI provides seminars focusing on Chinese history, literature, business etiquette, and other topics. In addition, the WSU-CI has arranged for business delegations to tour economic zones, universities, and research facilities in Wuhan and Shanghai.

Sponsored Performances

The WSU-CI has coordinated Chinese musical performances, most notably a five-city tour for the Huazhong University of Science and Technology Musical Troupe. The 23-member troupe of singers, dancers, and instrumentalists performed at venues in Chicago, Kalamazoo, Novi, Detroit and Rockford, Maryland. An appreciative audience of over 1600 came to the performance at the Detroit Music Theater on January 30, 2010.
Resources

The WSU-CI houses a Chinese Resource Library with over 3000 volumes of reference materials, text books, novels, CDs, DVDs, games, posters, and other resources related to Chinese language and culture. The Institute also houses two large, flat-screen televisions for interactive learning, a karaoke machine with over 4000 selections, and a “Diplomacy Room” where Chinese, Americans and others laugh and compete over games of ping pong!

偉恩州立大學孔子學院擁有一個超過3000冊藏書的中文圖書館，里面有中文課本、小說、CD、DVD、遊戲、海報以及其他與中國語言和文化相關的各種參考資料。另外，孔子學院還配備了2個超大屏幕的液晶電視，可以用来交互式學習。還有一台包含4000首歌曲的卡拉OK機，和一個“外交室”——來自中國、美國和其他國家的人歡聚在此，談笑風生，切磋球技。