Looking Ahead

The USF Confucius Institute is continuously working to strengthen current programs while expanding the development of statewide networks for Chinese language teachers and school administrators. These networks will help sustain and develop Chinese language programs, allowing them to be effective.

Key Initiatives

• Broaden and improve our selection of USF credit and non-credit courses

• Expand outreach to the Tampa Bay community by providing language and culture classes to community members, and build ties with local businesses

• Enhance partnerships between Florida schools and schools in China by building a network of Confucius Classrooms

• Partner with the Florida Chinese Teachers Association and the Chinese Language Teachers Association - FL

• Expand the Confucius Institute Lecture Series

• Sponsor events to promote cross-cultural understanding and peace

Confucius Institute at USF

The USF Confucius Institute (CI) was established in February 2008 through a partnership between USF and Qingdao University in China. The CI is jointly supported by USF, Qingdao University, and Hanban (the Confucius Institute Headquarters). It is part of a global network to promote the study of Chinese language and culture, and cross-cultural understanding.
The USF Confucius Institute
PROMOTING CHINESE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

What We Do
Supports credit-based Chinese language and culture courses
Offer non-credit Chinese language and culture courses for USF employees and Tampa Bay community members
Organize public lectures on Chinese society, culture, and U.S.-China relations
Offer learning and teaching resources through the Chinese Cultural Center
Administer Chinese language proficiency tests (HSK for adults and YCT for K-12 students)
Host cultural events, such as the Chinese New Year
Organize the Chinese Bridge Competition for college and high school students in Florida

USF Academic Support
The USF Confucius Institute instructors teach a variety of credit-based Chinese language and culture courses in partnership with the Department of World Languages and other colleges across the university. Additionally, the Confucius Institute provides annual scholarships for students to study in China.

Courses Offered at USF
• Modern Chinese I, II, III, and IV
• Business Chinese
• Contemporary China
• Chinese History
• Chinese Cinema
• Intercultural Communication with Chinese
• Modern Chinese Literature
• Ethnic Minority Cultures in China
• Summer Internships in China

USF Students Prepare for the Chinese Bridge Competition

Support for K-12 Schools
The USF Confucius Institute offers a variety of resources for Florida K-12 schools. K-12 initiatives include:
• Annual conference on teaching Chinese in K-12 schools
• Teacher development workshops
• Project-based summer programs for students
• Facilitating student and teacher exchanges with K-12 schools in China
• Building sustainable statewide networks to promote best practices for administrators and Chinese language teachers
• Chinese proficiency tests for K-12 students
• Co-sponsoring language and culture events at local schools

Thurgood Marshall Middle School Students Enjoy a Presentation by the USF Confucius Institute

Usf Student, Victor Florez, China Study Abroad Program

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