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History

The UCA Confucius Institute for Arkansas was established in 2007. It is the 24th Confucius Institute created within the United States. It is the only such institute in Arkansas and one of the very few located in the South. The Institute exists to facilitate engagement with China in ways that strengthen the understanding, opportunities and interaction between the people of Arkansas and the people of China.

The Confucius Institute concept has developed into a global network of more than 300 Confucius Institutes in 60 countries dedicated to the promotion and development of culture, language and business exchange with the People's Republic of China.

Strategic Partners

The UCA Confucius Institute was formed in collaboration with the Office of Chinese Language Council International. UCA's partner institution is East China Normal University (ECNU) located in Shanghai, China. Members of ECNU's senior administration serve on the UCA CI advisory board. Annual exchange of students and faculty between UCA and ECNU strengthens this relationship.

In addition, the UCA Confucius Institute works with a number of multinational corporations, governmental agencies, NGOs, school districts, Chinese Americans, UCA Chinese alumni and other individuals or entities interested in China.

Mission

The mission of the Confucius Institute at University of Central Arkansas is to promote the understanding of Chinese language and culture within the State of Arkansas. This is done in a variety of ways including cultural training, consultation services, seminars, conferences, language training support as well as cultural performances and exhibitions.

The UCA Confucius Institute exists to strengthen the ties between the State of Arkansas and the People's Republic of China and to enhance the mutual understanding of each respective culture. As such, the Institute is firmly committed to public service and community outreach to all segments and constituents of Arkansas.

Projects and Services

Currently, a number of projects are underway which include:

- Recruit and train Chinese language teachers to teach Mandarin within the Arkansas public school system.
- Provide scholarships for Arkansas college students to study Mandarin in China.
- Serve as Arkansas' Chinese Culture and Business Resource center.
- Host cultural events and Chinese performances in Arkansas.
- Produce a quarterly newsletter for Arkansans interested in China.

In addition, the UCA Confucius Institute provides many support services and consultation on many China-related subjects including:

- Chinese Etiquette
- Executive Travel Training
- Translation Assistance
- "Doing Business in China" Seminars
- "Best Practices" Professional Group Travel Series
- Culture exchange
- Group travel



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