

The Confucius Institute at The UWI, St. Augustine Campus is an educational institution for Mandarin Chinese language teaching and the promotion of Chinese culture. The Institute is named after the Chinese philosopher and educator Confucius, who is regarded as one of China's most influential teachers.

It is operated in partnership with Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) and China Agricultural University (CAU). Officially launched on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013, it is the first institute of its kind in Trinidad and Tobago, the second in the Caribbean region and one of over 500 Confucius Institutes established worldwide.

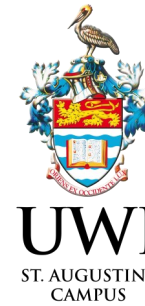
Our goal is to teach and provide educational resources for learners of the Mandarin Chinese language, and to encourage and strengthen cultural exchange and co-operation between China and Trinidad and Tobago. As our organization grows, we will become a focal point for cultural exchange, a fully operational HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test) examination centre and a training centre for Chinese language instructors.



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AT THE UWI ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS



Educational  
resources for learners  
of the Mandarin  
Chinese Language

## CLASSES

Since its establishment, the Confucius Institute has enrolled over 500 students. Mandarin Chinese language and Chinese culture classes are offered in three main zones: the UWI St. Augustine Campus, San Fernando, and Port-of-Spain.

### Mandarin Levels 1-6

These courses are aimed at enabling the student to communicate in everyday situations that would arise while travelling in China. The four language skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening are covered.

### Business Mandarin 1-4

These courses not only cover the basics of Mandarin Chinese, but also teach students to apply it to situations arising in business settings, and introduce aspects of Chinese business culture and etiquette.

### Chinese Culture Classes

Introductory courses in Tai Chi and calligraphy, subject to demand.

The Confucius Institute at the UWI St. Augustine can also organise special language classes for government ministries, companies and schools.



## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Confucius Institute has engaged with the local community in Trinidad and Tobago by holding a number of cultural events and activities including film screenings and Chinese business etiquette training sessions. Throughout the year, the Institute will also hold celebrations that coincide with traditional Chinese festivals, as well as other events such as lecture series, workshops and Chinese language speech competitions.

The Institute holds two major events each year; the Chinese Spring Festival (1st half of the year) and the Confucius Institute Day (2nd half of the year). For more information on our past events and updates on upcoming cultural events and activities, please visit our Facebook page.



## READING ROOM

The Confucius Institute's open access reading room offers a variety of resources for anyone wishing to learn more about China and various aspects of its culture, language, history and heritage, with over 500 titles across a wide range of China-related subjects.

The reading room also houses the Confucius Institute's collection of films, documentaries and educational DVDs.



## EXAMINATIONS

The Confucius Institute at the UWI St. Augustine is an official testing centre for Chinese Language Proficiency Examinations, namely the HSK, HSKK, BCT and YCT examinations. The HSK test certification in particular, can be used to apply for short-term and long-term scholarships to study in China.