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孔子学院 Confucius Institute at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Purpose:

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Confucius Institute is a nonprofit public institute with a mission of promoting and teaching Chinese language and culture in Lincoln and the state of Nebraska. The UNL Confucius Institute was established and dedicated in 2007 as the 20th Confucius Institute in the United States. More than 100 Confucius Institutes have been established world-wide by the Office of Chinese Language Council International, known as Hanban, a part of the Chinese Ministry of Education. Hanban aims to promote friendly relationships with other countries; enhance understanding of Chinese language and culture among world Chinese learners; and provide a good environment for learning.

Governance:

The Institute operates in accordance with applicable local rules and regulations. A local governance board of directors is composed of the following individuals:

Harvey Perlman, UNL Chancellor, Chair
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Confucius Institute Personnel:

David Lou, Director, UNL
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Joyce Young, Office Associate, UNL

Activities:

- Teach Chinese language to university and K-12 students, interested members of the public, and others
- Prepare teachers of Chinese in K-12 and higher education
- Prepare examinees and administer the Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK) to certify ability to teach Chinese as a foreign language
- Teach Chinese courses and workshops, both credit and non-credit, to promote areas of competency for various groups (students, corporate interests, community groups)
- Sponsor academic activities and Chinese competitions
- Sponsor Chinese cultural events
- Advise individuals wishing to study, do business, or travel in China
- Make available reference materials for educators and other professionals
- Partner with public and private entities to serve communities, businesses, and schools



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Activity Plan for 2009-10:

- The UNL Confucius Institute will offer non-credit beginning Chinese language, culture and music classes for UNL students, local high school students, the general public, and American families with adopted Chinese children. These classes will be taught by instructors from Xi'an Jiaotong University.
- The UNL Confucius Institute will offer non-credit beginning Chinese language classes for employees of local business and industry that are currently doing or planning to do business in China.
- The UNL Office of Extended Education and Outreach will work with K-12 schools on developing online credit courses in beginning Chinese language and culture for Nebraska high school students.
- The UNL Confucius Institute and the university will sponsor cultural events and scholarly activities such as Nebraska Educator's culture tour of China, UNL undergraduate student culture tour of China, art exhibits, lectures, Chinese cultural events, etc.
- The UNL and Confucius Institute staff, working with UNL Administration, will develop a long-range plan for future program development.

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