

Confucius Institutes in the US that Are Closing

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| | Institution | State | <u>Date of Decision</u> | <u>Stated Reason for Closing</u> | <u>Source</u> | <u>Other Background Info</u> |
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| 1 | University of Chicago | IL | September 2014 | The university said that offensive comments from Xu Lin, director-general of the Hanban, led the university to close its Confucius Institute: An official "Statement on the Confucius Institute at the University of Chicago" said that "recently published comments about UChicago in an article about the director-general of Hanban are incompatible with a continued equal partnership." | https://news.uchicago.edu/article/2014/09/25/statement-confucius-institute-university-chicago | In April 2014, 108 faculty members signed a petition calling for the Confucius Institute to close. Hanban director-general Xu Lin challenged the university to maintain its Confucius Institute, and a Chinese paper, the Jiefang Daily, praised Xu for her "toughness" and crowed that "Her attitude made the other side anxious. The school quickly responded that it will continue to properly manage the Confucius Institute." https://sinosphere.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/09/26/university-of-chicagos-relations-with-confucius-institute-sour/?_r=0 |
| 2 | Pennsylvania State University | PA | September 2014 | Dean Susan Welch told Inside Higher Ed that "several of our goals are not consistent with those of the Office of Chinese Languages Council International, known as the Hanban, which provides support to Confucius Institutes throughout the world." | https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2014/10/01/another-confucius-institute-close | Penn State's decision came within a week of the University of Chicago's decision to close its Confucius Institute. |

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| 3 | Pfeiffer University | NC | May 2016 | Moved to University of North Carolina at Charlotte | Email from Colleen Keith | |
| 4 | Tulane University | LA | 2017 | No stated reason | NAS phone call with the School of Liberal Arts. | |
| 5 | University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign | IL | September 2017, reported March 2018 | Daily Illini reported in March 2018 that according to Interim University Provost John Wilkin, "The institute was shut down when the University's funding was not substantial enough to maintain it, but the University is exploring the opportunity to reestablish the institute on campus." | https://dailyillini.com/news/2018/03/03/university-confucius-institute-closed-months-fbi-monitoring/ | |
| 6 | University of West Florida | FL | Fall 2017, announced February 2018 | February 2018 Pensacola News Journal reported that according to George Ellenberg, senior vice president and provost, a "lack of student interest" led the university to decide in fall 2017 not to renew the contract when it expired in May 2018. Ellenberg said, "We determined that we weren't really getting adequate return in terms of student interest and decided to discontinue it." | https://www.pnj.com/story/money/business/2018/02/07/uwf-cuts-ties-chinese-run-confucius-institute-criticized-controversial-chinese-government-affiliated/312966002/ | One day before the university announced its decision, Senator Marco Rubio sent a letter to all Confucius Institutes in Florida, urging them to close. |

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| 7 | Texas A&M University | TX | April 2018 | Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Shields cited a letter from two Congressmen as the key reason for the university system's decision: "They have access to classified information we do not have. We are terminating the contract as they suggested." | https://www.dallasnews.com/news/higher-education/2018/04/05/congressmen-urge-ut-dallas-texas-universities-cut-ties-chinas-confucius-institute | Two Texas Representatives, Republican Michael McCaul and Democrat Henry Cuellar, mailed a letter to all Texas Confucius Institutes on March 23, 2018, urging them to close. The university's announcement came on April 5, the same day the Congressmen's letter was reported on in the local press. |
| 8 | Prairie View A&M University | TX | April 2018 | Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Shields cited a letter from two Congressmen as the key reason for the university system's decision: "They have access to classified information we do not have. We are terminating the contract as they suggested." | https://www.dallasnews.com/news/higher-education/2018/04/05/congressmen-urge-ut-dallas-texas-universities-cut-ties-chinas-confucius-institute | Two Texas Representatives, Republican Michael McCaul and Democrat Henry Cuellar, mailed a letter to all Texas Confucius Institutes on March 23, 2018, urging them to close. The university's announcement came on April 5, the same day the Congressmen's letter was reported on in the local press. |
| 9 | Augusta University | GA | June 2018 | "The basis for the nonrenewal was a lack of interest from our faculty and students, and a decision to use University resources towards more strategic and productive endeavors." email from the office of the president. | | |

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| 10 | University of Iowa | IA | July 2018 | The University of Iowa announced its plans to close seven centers due to cuts in state funding. The contract for the Confucius Institute will not be renewed upon its expiration on July 31, 2019. | https://now.uiowa.edu/2018/07/ui-forced-make-difficult-budget-decisions-following-state-funding-cuts | |
| 11 | University of North Florida | FL | August 2018 | The University of North Florida announced its plans to close the Confucius Institute in six months (February 2019). A statement on the university's website says, "After reviewing the classes, activities and events sponsored over the past four years and comparing them with the mission and goals of the University, it was determined that they weren't aligned." | http://www.unf.edu/publicrelations/ospreyupdate/submissions/2018-08-14_UNFs_Confucius_Institute_Closes.aspx | In February, Senator Marco Rubio sent a letter to all Confucius Institutes in Florida, urging them to close. |
| 12 | Texas Southern University | TX | Summer 2018 | "The University has severed all ties from the Chinese National Confucius Institute at the end of the Summer of 2018. We severed these ties mainly due to the unstable relationship between the U.S. and Chinese governments. Currently, we do offer Chinese language courses through our University funded Chinese Institute." - email from Kendall T. Harris, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Research, Texas Southern University | | |

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| 13 | North Carolina State University | NC | November 2018 | <p>North Carolina State University announced it intends to close its Confucius Institute in June 2019, as part of a project to "restructure" its Asia programming. A statement from University Communications on the university's website says, "After June 2019, NC State will no longer offer academic and cultural programs through the Confucius Institute (CI). This transition is part of NC State's efforts to create a more comprehensive Asia strategy led by the Office of Global Engagement, of which Chinese language and culture programs will continue to play a significant role."</p> | <p>https://news.ncsu.edu/2018/11/nc-state-will-restructure-asia-programming-in-2019/</p> | |
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| 14 | University of Michigan | MI | December 2018 | <p>James Holloway, vice provost for global engagement and interdisciplinary academic affairs, said the university would bring more of its China studies programs in-house: "This transition is driven by a desire to more broadly include the work of exploring and studying Chinese visual and performing arts within U-M's regular academic and cultural units." However, the university announced that it remains open to working with the Hanban in other ways: "Meanwhile, U-M is in communication with Hanban, exploring alternative ways to support the greater U-M community to continuously engage with Chinese artistic culture."</p> | <p>https://record.umich.edu/articles/u-m-end-agreement-confucius-institute-next-year</p> | |
| 15 | University of South Florida | FL | December 2018 | <p>USF cited the national security concerns that members of Congress have raised, along with falling student enrollment. Only 65 students enrolling in Confucius Institute classes in fall 2018.</p> | <p>https://www.tampabay.com/breaking-news/usf-shutters-controversial-confucius-institute-on-new-years-eve-20190102/</p> | <p>In February, Senator Marco Rubio sent a letter to all Confucius Institutes in Florida, urging them to close.</p> |

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| 16 | University of Rhode Island | RI | December 2018 | A spokeswoman told WPRI 12 that the university was concerned the Confucius Institute could jeopardize federal funding to the university. | https://www.wpri.com/news/top-video/uri-ending-relationship-with-controversial-confucius-institute_20181217234023/1663688481 | |
| 17 | Purdue University | IN | 2018 | "Purdue terminated its relationship with the Confucius Institute." | Email from Kim Weldy, Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees | |
| 18 | University of Massachusetts Boston | MA | January 2019 | Katherine Newman, the interim chancellor at UMass Boston, declined to give a specific reason in an interview with Boston's Commonwealth Magazine, but said the university will pursue new negotiations with Renmin University of China to develop other ways to promote Chinese language and culture. | https://commonwealthmagazine.org/education/umass-boston-severs-ties-with-confucius-institute/ | In March 2018, U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA) sent letters to UMass Boston and other universities in Massachusetts, urging them to close their Confucius Institutes or avoid opening new ones. |

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| 19 | University of Tennessee Knoxville | TN | January 2019 | Gretchen Neisler, vice provost for international affairs, said the university will maintain a partnership with Southeast University in China but close its Confucius Institute in spring 2019 in order to make its Asia programs more flexible. "Our global efforts must be nimble; from the languages we teach to the research opportunities we pursue, we have to stay relevant and keep an eye on the future. It's easier for us to do that if we're running our own program." | https://news.utk.edu/2019/01/24/ut-transitions-strategic-focus-for-its-global-engagement-in-asia/ | Tennessee State Representative Martin Daniel has repeatedly criticized the Confucius Institutes. In February 2017 he sent three Tennessee universities a letter expressing concern for China's "blatant disregard for human rights" and warning that Confucius Institutes "avoid classes that cover controversial subjects that the Chinese Government has deemed inappropriate — such as student-led demonstrations that resulted in the Tiananmen Square massacre." https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/politics/2017/02/22/tennessee-lawmaker-takes-issue-confucius-institute-and-ties-chinese-government/98246406/ |
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| 20 | University of Minnesota | MN | February 2019 | <p>Meredith McQuaid, associate vice president and dean of international programs, said the university would have lost federal funding as a result of the NDAA ban on Pentagon funding to Confucius Institute-linked programs. McQuaid also said "The Chinese language teaching community in greater Minnesota ... has definitely grown and matured over the last decade. Their needs have evolved," such that the CI is no longer needed.</p> | <p>https://www.mndaily.com/article/2019/02/n-china-funded-institute-set-to-close</p> | <p>State Sen. Jim Abeler, R-Anoka, sent a letter to the Confucius Institutes at the University and St. Cloud State University in 2018 expressing his concerns with the programs</p> |
| 21 | University of Texas - San Antonio | TX | February 2019 | <p>"When the current grant concludes this summer, UTSA will use the opportunity to graduate its programs into a more robust environment for students studying Eastern Asian cultures by integrating them into the UTSA East Asia Institute." - Lisa Montoya, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives & Senior International Officer</p> | <p>https://provost.utsa.edu/news/2019/02/story/2019-02-28-east-asia-institute.html</p> | |

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| 22 | University of Montana | MT | March 2019 | <p>According to The Missoulian, Deena Mansour, director of the Mansfield Center where the Confucius Institute was based, "Identifying alternate funding sources will allow us the freedom to assess the best way to support mutual relations between the U.S. and China within the Priorities for Action framework," referencing UM's plan to set priorities.</p> | <p>https://missoulian.com/news/local/university-of-montana-shutters-confucius-institute/article_218eb6a5-2c0e-56e9-a920-10fe4eec3a2f.html</p> | <p>The Mansfield Center, where the Confucius Institute was located, also held the Defense Critical Language and Culture program funded by the U.S. Department of Defense--which has ceased funding programs at universities that also have Confucius Institutes.</p> |
| 23 | Indiana University-Purdue University | IN | April 2019 | <p>"This decision ensures ongoing operations of some programs within IU impacted by federal changes surrounding Chinese language programs," university spokesman Chuck Carney told the Washington Post.</p> | <p>https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/americas-universities-are-finally-waking-up-to-the-china-threat/2019/04/04/1b21e616-5716-11e9-9136-f8e636f1f6df_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.43b5cbe638e0</p> | <p>The 2019 NDAA forbade Pentagon funding to universities with Confucius Institutes, unless the university receives a waiver.</p> |
| 24 | Western Kentucky University | KY | April 2019 | <p>"The decision to close the CI, which has operated at WKU since 2010, came when the University could not secure a waiver from the Department of Defense that would allow WKU to operate both the CI and the Chinese Flagship Program."</p> | <p>https://www.wku.edu/news/articles/index.php?view=article&articleid=7622</p> | <p>However, in July 2019, the university moved the Confucius Institute to Simpson County Schools. https://www.wku.edu/news/articles/index.php?view=article&articleid=7814</p> |

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| 25 | University of Oregon | OR | April 2019 | "The University of Oregon is closing its Confucius Institute because a new law approved by Congress last year prohibits academic institutions from running such a program if they receive U.S. Department of Defense funding for Chinese language programs." | https://around.uoregon.edu/content/uo-confucius-institute-close | |
| 26 | Clark County School District | NV | April 2019 | "The main reason was we were not able to get licensable teachers to teach Chinese in Nevada." - phone call with Shannon La Neve, Director of Humanities, Curriculum and Instruction Division, Clark County School District | | |
| 27 | Northern State University | SD | May 2019 | "The decision was made after a thorough review of Northern's international programs and activities. The university seeks to shift resources strategically toward services more aligned with its mission, including study abroad programs." | https://www.northern.edu/news/confucius-institute-northern-state-university-close-2020 | |
| 28 | San Francisco State University | CA | May 2019 | "As of Monday, May 6, 2019 the Confucius Institute at the San Francisco State University campus is closed." | http://www.sfsu.edu/ci/ | |

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| 29 | University of Hawaii Manoa | HI | May 2019 | "The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa closed its Confucius Institute effective May 31, 2019, in order to maintain federally funded research and educational opportunities for its faculty and students. " | http://manoa.hawaii.edu/confuciusinstitute/ | |
| 30 | Arizona State University | AZ | May 2019 | "As of May 31, 2019, the Confucius Institute at Arizona State University is closed." | https://web.archive.org/web/20190530012459/https://confuciusinstitute.asu.edu/ | The 2019 NDAA forbade Pentagon funding to universities with Confucius Institutes, unless the university receives a waiver. "ASU applied for a waiver to this law over the summer, but the Pentagon denied the request to fund ASU's Language Flagship Program while the Institute remained open, ASU spokeswoman Katie Paquet said in an email." https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona-education/2019/08/23/asu-confucius-institute-china-closes-u-s-defense-department-objections/2101486001/ |

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| 31 | Kansas State University | KS | June 2019 | "Kansas State University (K-State) has decided not to renew the contract with the Confucius Institute as of June 2019. The decision to move forward without a Confucius Institute does not reflect an end to our engagement and mutually beneficial partnerships with China and other parts of the world....The dedicated work of the Confucius Institute staff and Director, Max Lu, is greatly appreciated." | https://www.k-state.edu/confucius/ | |
| 32 | San Diego State University | CA | June 2019 | "SDSU closed and transferred the [Confucius Institute] on June 30, 2019 to San Diego Global Knowledge University. " Instead, the university is "launching a new Chinese Cultural Center." | https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news_story.aspx?sid=77714 | The 2019 NDAA forbade Pentagon funding to universities with Confucius Institutes, unless the university receives a waiver."SDSU ... had submitted a waiver to keep its Confucius Institute and still receive federal funding. But Everett-Haynes said that waiver was denied." https://thedailyaztec.com/94940/news/sdsu-launches-new-chinese-cultural-center-as-confucius-institute-closes/ |
| 33 | Auburn University at Montgomery | AL | June 2019 | "Auburn University at Montgomery's agreement to host a Confucius Institute expired in June 2019. AUM did not renew the agreement." | Email from Troy Johnson, Executive Director, Office of University Communications, Auburn University at Montgomery | |

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| 34 | University of Texas - Dallas | TX | August 2019 | "The University of Texas at Dallas has established the Center for Asian Studies, which expands its commitment to programs that previously were components of the University's earlier initiatives, the Confucius Institute and the Asia Center. " | https://www.utdallas.edu/news/campus-community/center-for-asian-studies-2019/ | |
| 35 | Miami Dade College | FL | Announced Sept. 2019, will close Dec. 2019 | The college said in a statement to Politico that the decision was "due to low and declining enrollment that does not justify the operational cost." | https://www.politico.com/states/florida/story/2019/09/06/miami-dade-college-is-shutting-down-its-confucius-institute-1174166 | In February 2018, Senator Marco Rubio sent a letter to all Confucius Institutes in Florida, urging them to close. Miami Young Republicans also lobbied against the Confucius Institute. |
| 36 | Kennesaw State University | GA | 10/3/2019 | "Kennesaw State University made the decision to close the CI affiliated with the institution in July of 2019 and notified the Confucius Institute Headquarters that KSU would not be renewing our memorandum of understanding. The institute closed on October 3, 2019." | Email from Alex McGee, Chief of Staff and Vice President for External Affairs, Kennesaw State University | |
| 37 | Broward County Public Schools | FL | October 2019 | "The District's contract agreement with College Board and Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters expired in October 2019." - email from the Office of Communications | | |

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| 38 | University of Delaware | DE | Announced Oct. 2019, will close February 2020. | Associate Deputy Provost Ravi Ammigan said "It was simply a decision made due to decreased activity." | http://udreview.com/confucius-institute-set-to-close-in-early-2020/ | |
| 39 | Pace University | NY | December 13, 2019 | "As of December 14, 2019, Pace University's contract to host the Confucius Institute at Pace will end. ...Going forward, we are pleased to be launching the new Global Asia Institute (GAI)...GAI staff members working with Professor Lee include Qiqi Wang, program manager, and Ansel Lurio, program coordinator, who bring their valuable experience from their work with the Confucius Institute on our campus to this new Institute." | https://www.pace.edu/dyson/centers/global-asia-institute/welcome/confucius-institute-closure-GAI-announcement | |
| 40 | University of Kansas | KS | Announced December 2019, will close January 2020. | The Lawrence Journal-World reports that the decision is "because of a 2018 law that restricts Department of Defense funds to universities that host Confucius Institutes." | https://www2.ljworld.com/news/ku/2019/dec/17/ku-will-close-controversial-confucius-institute-in-january/ | |

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| 41 | University of Missouri | MO | Announced January 2020 will close August 2020 | <p>"We were notified by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs this past July that due to changes in State Department guidance, we would now be required to have a certified Mandarin Chinese language teacher in every classroom with a Confucius Institute staff member," which the university found cost-prohibitive, said Mary Stegmaier, interim vice provost for international programs.</p> | <p>https://news.missouri.edu/2020/mu-to-terminate-confucius-institute-partnership-due-to-changes-in-federal-guidance/</p> | <p>Senator Josh Hawley had also urged the university to close its Confucius Institute.</p> <p>https://www.hawley.senate.gov/following-discussion-fbi-director-wray-senator-hawley-asks-missouri-universities-reconsider-their</p> |
| 42 | University of Maryland | MD | Announced January 2020 will close at the end of the spring 2020 semester. | <p>President Wallace Loh said the National Defense Authorization Act for 2019 "includes language that prevents organizations that host a [Confucius Institute] from participating in certain federally funded programs."</p> | <p>https://www.baltimoresun.com/education/bs-md-confucius-institute-umd-20200123-3sb7hhbyq5cn7pfl7n55edtlaq-story.html</p> | |
| 43 | University of Alaska, Anchorage | AK | January 2020 | <p>"Because of budget pressures, UAA was not in a position to renew the MOA."</p> | <p>Email</p> | |

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| 44 | New Mexico State University | NM | Announced February 2020 | "NMSU cited low enrollment and "funding issues" with the Office of Chinese Language Council International, the institute's headquarters in Beijing (commonly referred to as "Hanban"), in its decision to close the institute." | https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/education/nmsu/2020/02/07/nmsu-shuttering-their-confucius-institute-programs-chinese-instruction/4670853002/ | |
| 45 | University of Arizona | AZ | Announced February 2020; will close July 31, 2020 | "changes in federal laws and policy" | https://tucson.com/news/local/confucius-institute-at-university-of-arizona-closing/article_134fca9c-5905-11ea-8358-97f08dbd363c.html | |
| 46 | Miami University | OH | Announced March 2020, will close June 30, 2020 | "Miami's Global Initiatives program believes it can more effectively provide cultural, intercultural and global learning programming and support through an international student center. This will be administered through the office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) in the space where the CIMU now resides." | https://www.miamioh.edu/news/campus-news/2020/03/confucius-institute-to-close.html | |

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| 47 | University of California-Davis | CA | Announced April 28, 2020, will close August 15 2020. | "UC Davis is separating from the Hanban division of China's Ministry of Education — which has sponsored hundreds of institutes around the world — after the organization recently announced the institutes' renewed focus on language instruction. The UC Davis institute never offered language instruction" but had focused on "food and beverage science and technology." | https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/campus-close-confucius-institute-seek-new-opportunities | |
| 48 | University of Pittsburgh | PA | Will close June 2020 | "the CI-Pitt program has experienced increasing scrutiny by U.S. federal agencies. And, notwithstanding our best efforts in political and legal circles, restrictions have impeded the University's capacity to effectively maintain our role in this partnership. Therefore, we will be closing the CI-Pitt, effective June 30, 2020." | https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/cipitt/ | In 2019, the university had to pause all Confucius Institute programming after the State Department found that incoming Confucius Institute teachers failed to qualify for the visas they had applied for. https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/cipitt/ViceProvostMessage |
| 49 | California State University - Long Beach | CA | 2020 | "The Confucius Institute (CI) at CSULB is no longer in operation. " | https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/ContinuingEd/about.aspx?pID=177 | |

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| 50 | University of Oklahoma | OK | Reported June 2020, will close October 2020 | "In March 2019, the U. S. Department of State conducted an inquiry into the Confucius Institute housed at OU and made certain operational recommendations. In that context, and against the backdrop of evolving programmatic, budgetary and managerial needs, and after requesting faculty input, the university took the necessary steps to begin closing the Confucius Institute." - OU spokesperson Kesha Keith. | https://www.grandlakenews.com/news/20200623/chinese-espionage-at-oklahoma-university-sen-james-lankford-wants-transparency | |
| 51 | University of Memphis | TN | June 30, 2020 | "Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican and strong critic of the Chinese government's failure to alert the United States about the coronavirus believed to have started there, announced Tuesday that June 30 would be the Confucius Institute's last day at University of Memphis." | https://dailyMemphian.com/section/metro/article/15185/blackburn-lauds-closing-of-university-of-memphis | |
| 52 | George Mason University | VA | June 30, 2020 | "The Confucius Institute at Mason completed all programming and closed on June 30, 2020." | https://confucius.gmu.edu/ | |
| 53 | Old Dominion University | VA | June 30, 2020 | "The ODU Confucius Institute was ended effective June 30, 2020." - email from Yvonne Casalino, Executive Assistant to the Provost | | |

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| 54 | Savannah State University | GA | July 2020 | "The Savannah State University's Confucius Institute (SSU/CI) has closed after six years of serving the community." | https://www.savannahstate.edu/confucius/ | |
| 55 | Georgia State University | GA | July 2020 | "Contributing factors were the expiration of our contract with Hanban, and the pending changes in the CI support structure in China, in particular the dissolution of Hanban." - email from Wolfgang F. Schlör, Associate Provost for International Initiatives, Georgia State University | | |
| 56 | University of California, Los Angeles | CA | July 31, 2020 | "UCLA made this decision in part because Hanban's new emphasis on Chinese language teaching no longer aligned with UCLA's programs, which were focused on culture and the arts. Additionally, there was an urgency to focus the university's resources and expertise on pressing world issues, such as the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic." - email from Ricardo Vazquez, director of media relations | | |

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| 57 | University of North Carolina Charlotte | NC | Announced July 2020, will close December 2020 | "UNC Charlotte will transition the Chinese language and culture programs of its Confucius Institute to the Department of Languages and Culture Studies in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences on Dec. 31, 2020. ...Although the Confucius Institute will be ending, Chinese language and culture programs will continue to play an important role at the University." | https://inside.uncc.edu/news-features/2020-07-01/confucius-institute-programs-transition-part-strategic-planning-effort | |
| 58 | University of Idaho | ID | August 2020 | | Email | |
| 59 | Community College of Denver | CO | September 30, 2020 | "The Community College of Denver (CCD) will be closing the Confucius Institute effective September 30, 2020 due to budgetary and environmental circumstances." | https://www.ccd.edu/org/confucius-institute#:~:text=The%20Community%20College%20of%20Denver,to%20budgetary%20and%20environmental%20circumstances. | |
| 60 | Emory University | GA | Announced August 18, 2020, will close November 2021. | "Emory University has decided not to renew its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Confucius Institute in Atlanta when it expires in November 2021." | https://news.emory.edu/stories/2020/08/upress_confucius_institute/index.html | |

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| 61 | Middle Tennessee State University | TN | August 20, 2020 | <p>"Simply put, we are unwinding our contractual relationship with Confucius Institute. We no longer accept funding from CI or engage with them in programming. Meanwhile, our Center for Asian Studies, formed by MTSU in 2009, coordinates our remaining academic ties with universities in China, and works to develop and expand opportunities with institutions throughout the region." - email from Robert Summers, Vice Provost for International Affairs, Middle Tennessee State University</p> | | <p>In July, MTSU said it was "winding down" its Confucius Institute, following criticism and the introduction of the Transparency for Confucius Institutes Act by Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tennessee). https://www.wmot.org/post/mtsu-says-its-winding-down-last-confucius-institute-tennessee</p> |
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| 62 | University of Nebraska Lincoln | NE | Announced August 31, 2020. Will close December 2020. | <p>According to an announcement from the university, "The University of Nebraska–Lincoln is closing its Confucius Institute as part of a multi-phase, \$38.2 million budget reduction." Chancellor Ronnie Green said, "The financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our institution is substantial and it requires that we make tough choices. This closure does not mean a reduction in our broader commitment to global engagement. We remain deeply committed to the support of our Chinese students, direct exchanges with Chinese universities and our partnerships in China and that region of the world."</p> | <p>https://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/today/article/budget-shifts-include-confucius-institute-closure/</p> | |
| 63 | Rutgers University | NJ | December 2020 | <p>"An unfortunate combination of financial, legal and political reasons requires us to make this difficult decision....The decision to close the Institution was not based on any dissatisfaction with Jilin University, the Hanban, CIRU or its programs." - letter from Richard L. Edwards, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs to Zhang Xi, President of Jilin University, dated August 10, 2020</p> | | |

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| 64 | Wayne State University | MI | January 30, 2021 | "The Confucius Institute at Wayne State University completed all programming and closed on January 30, 2021." | http://www.clas.wayne.edu/ci/ | |
| 65 | Portland State University | OR | Announced January 2021, will close at the conclusion of the Spring 2021 semester | "The University has decided for a range of financial, staffing and operational reasons to end its Confucius Institute program previously operated for 13 years through OIA. The University is truly grateful for all that the Confucius Institute program and its dedicated staff have accomplished in terms of building better cultural understanding and appreciation...The University intends now to replace the Confucius Institute with a variety of other programs and resources, including what will hopefully be renewed and expanded direct academic ties with the faculty, students and staff at Soochow University in China." | https://www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute/ | |

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| 66 | Central Connecticut State University | CT | Closure effective | <p>"Central Connecticut State University has made an operational decision to close the Confucius Institute, effective on June 30, 2021.</p> <p>Our thanks and appreciation is extended to all our friends and colleagues for their support and collaboration over the years."</p> | <p>https://www.ccsu.edu/ci/</p> | |
| 67 | Western Michigan University | MI | February 2021 | <p>"COVID has caused the university to focus on its core mission and as a result of that we are streamlining lots of our programs. This was part of the decision to make a reduction in force." - phone call with Kahler B. Schuemann, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees</p> | | |

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| 68 | University of Kentucky | KY | March 2021 | <p>"There is growing and strong federal regulatory concern regarding Confucius Institutes. That is simply a facet of ongoing tensions between our two countries.</p> <p>That concern reached an inflection point for UK recently as federal laws and policies — regarding the practical ability to receive federal funding for research grants from the Department of Defense (DOD) — have made continuing our UKCI unsustainable.</p> <p>Nine UK colleges currently receive significant DOD research and academic funding, which we cannot jeopardize. That's some \$50 million in the last five years alone with nearly 50 active projects and another 50 in the proposal stage."</p> | <p>Email from President Eli Capilouto. https://patch.com/kentucky/lexington-ky/university-kentuckys-confucius-institute-closing</p> | |
| 69 | University of South Carolina | SC | Announced March 2021 | <p>"The USC Board of Directors voted to end the university's partnership with CI, which is under Hanban."</p> | <p>https://www.btimesonline.com/articles/146580/20210221/another-confucius-institute-shut-down-major-u-s-university.htm</p> | |

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| 70 | Colorado State University | CO | January 2021 said will close June 30, 2021 | <p>"The recently passed National Defense Authorization Act contains specific language that no Dept. of Defense funding can go to any university that hosts a Confucius Institute. CSU does millions of dollars of joint projects with the DoD, so that pretty much made the decision to close the CI inevitable." - email from Kathleen Fairfax, Vice Provost, International Affairs</p> <p>Colorado State University</p> | | |
| 71 | Stony Brook University | NY | Will close May 5, 2021 | <p>"Stony Brook University will close its Confucius Institute, effective May 5, 2021. The University will maintain its support for Chinese students, language and culture, and sustain its commitment to relationships in China through the robust programs and services it has developed in its China Center, and through partnerships with more than 40 Chinese universities."</p> | <p>https://www.stonybrook.edu/confucius/</p> | |

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| 72 | University of New Hampshire | NH | Announced January 2021, will close July 30, 2021 | <p>"Due to amplified concerns in Washington about security and influence, the federal government has made it increasingly difficult for us to operate the Institute, including the real possibility of losing significant federal research funding if we do not do so. We hope to continue our strong partnership with Chengdu University, which antedates CI-UNH, as well as other international universities in China and beyond." - campuswide email from University President James W. Dean Jr.</p> | | |
| 73 | Tufts University | MA | Announced March 17, 2021, will close September 2021 | <p>"In 2019, Tufts announced a two-year renewal of the CITU. As the expiration of that agreement approaches, we have decided to focus more on our strong and growing direct relationship with BNU." - statement from James M. Glaser (Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences) and Diana Chigas (Senior International Officer and Associate Provost)</p> | <p>https://provost.tufts.edu/blog/news/2021/03/17/decision-to-close-the-confucius-institute-at-tufts-university/</p> | |

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| 74 | Bryant University | RI | Announced March 2021, unclear closure date | "We have chosen not to apply for continued funding at the expiration of the Confucius Institute contract. The University will evaluate changes that are taking place in China and regarding U.S.-China relations before making any future commitment." - Bryant University President Ross Gittell | https://turonto10.com/news/local/bryant-university-will-not-seek-funding-for-the-confucius-institute-after-15-years | |
| 75 | University of Southern Maine | ME | Announced April 2021, will close June 10, 2021 | Public affairs director Marc Glass told the Bangor Daily News that the university is closing the institute because it wasn't reaching enough students. | https://bangordailynews.com/2021/04/13/news/portland/usm-closing-institute-funded-by-chinese-government/ | |
| 76 | College of William and Mary | VA | Will close June 30, 2021 | "The William & Mary Confucius Institute (WMCI), which was founded in 2011, will close June 30, 2021, at the completion of the current agreement with the university. William & Mary will continue to explore and strengthen its independent collaborations with Beijing Normal University (BNU) and other universities in China in order to maintain robust language, cultural and research opportunities for our students, faculty and the wider Williamsburg community." | https://www.wm.edu/sites/confuciusinstitute/index.php | |