Confucius Institutes in the US that Are Closing

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	<u>Institution</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Decision</u>	Stated Reason for Closing	<u>Source</u>	Other Background Info
1	University	II	September	The university said that offensive comments from Xu Lin, directorgeneral 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	https://news.uchicago.edu/article/2 014/09/25/statement-confucius-	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.cour/2, r=0
	of Chicago	IL	2014	partnership."	institute-university-chicago	institute-sour/?_r=0
,	Pennsylvani a 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/anotherconfucius-institute-close	Penn State's decision came within a week of the University of Chicago's decision to close its Confucius Institute.

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

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	Texas A&M			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	higher- education/2018/04/05/congressmen- urge-ut-dallas-texas-universities-cut-	same day the Congressmen's letter
7	University	TX	April 2018	contract as they suggested."	ties-chinas-confucius-institute	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."	•	
9	University of lowa	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	

				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	http://www.unf.edu/publicrelations/	In February, Senator Marco Rubio
	University			mission and goals of the University, it	ospreyupdate/submissions/2018-08-	sent a letter to all Confucius
	of North		August	was determined that they weren't	14_UNFs_Confucius_Institute_Closes	Institutes in Florida, urging them to
10	Florida	FL	2018	aligned."	.aspx	close.
	North Carolina			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	https://news.ncsu.edu/2018/11/nc-	
	Carolina			which Chinese language and culture	https://news.ncsu.edu/2018/11/nc-	
1	State		November	programs will continue to play a	state-will-restructure-asia-	
11	University	NC	2018	significant role."	programming-in-2019/	

				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	https://record.umich.edu/articles/u-	
	University		December	continuously engage with Chinese	m-end-agreement-confucius-	
12	of Michigan	МІ	2018	artistic culture."	institute-next-year	
				USF cited the national security		
				concerns that members of Congress		
					https://www.tampabay.com/breakin	
	University			student enrollment. Only 65 students		sent a letter to all Confucius
	of South		December	enrolling in Confucius Institute	confucius-institute-on-new-years-eve-	
13	Florida	FL	2018	classes in fall 2018.	20190102/	close.

14	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_20181217234023/1663688	
15	Purdue University	IN	2018	"Purdue terminated its relationship with the Confucius Institute."	Email from Kim Weldy, Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees	
16	University of Massachus etts Boston	MΔ	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.

				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		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
				but close its Confucius Institute in		Chinese Government has deemed
				programs more flexible. "Our global efforts must be nimble; from the		demonstrations that resulted in the Tiananmen Square massacre."
				languages we teach to the research		https://www.tennessean.com/story
	University			opportunities we pursue, we have to		/news/politics/2017/02/22/tenness
	of			stay relevant and keep an eye on the	https://news.utk.edu/2019/01/24/ut-	ee-lawmaker-takes-issue-confucius-
	Tennessee		January	future. It's easier for us to do that if	transitions-strategic-focus-for-its-	institute-and-ties-chinese-
17	Knoxville	TN	2019	we're running our own program."	global-engagement-in-asia/	government/98246406/

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100	University of Minnesota	MN	February 2019	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.	https://www.mndaily.com/article/20 19/02/n-china-funded-institute-set- to-close	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
	University of Texas - San Antonio	TX	February 2019	"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	https://provost.utsa.edu/news/2019/02/story/2019-02-28-east-asia-institute.html	concerns with the programs

	University			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	https://missoulian.com/news/local/university-of-montana-shutters-confucius-institute/article 218eb6a5-	has ceased funding programs at
20	of Montana	NAT	March 2019		2c0e-56e9-a920-10fe4eec3a2f.html	Institutes.
21	Indiana University- Purdue University	IN	April 2019	"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.		The 2019 NDAA forbade Pentagon funding to universities with Confucius Institutes, unless the university receives a waiver.
22	Western Kentucky University	KY	April 2019	"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."	/index.php?view=article&articleid=7	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

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	University			"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	https://around.uoregon.edu/content	
23	of Oregon	OR	April 2019	programs."	/uo-confucius-institute-close	
				"The decision was made after a thorough review of Northern's international programs and activities. The university seeks to shift resources strategically toward		
	Northern				https://www.partharp.adu/paws/aa	
				services more aligned with its	https://www.northern.edu/news/co	
	State			mission, including study abroad	nfucius-institute-northern-state-	
24	University	SD	May 2019	programs."	<u>university-close-2020</u>	
	San Francisco			"As of Monday, May 6, 2019 the Confucius Institute at the San		
	State	١		Francisco State University campus is		
25	University	CA	May 2019	closed."	http://www.sfsu.edu/ci/	
	University of Hawaii			"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	http://manoa.hawaii.edu/confuciusi	
26	Manoa	HI	May 2019	faculty and students. "	nstitute/	

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Arizona State			"As of May 31, 2019, the Confucius Institute at Arizona State University is		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-
	ΑZ	May 2019	closed."	e.asu.edu/	objections/2101486001/
·	ne.	Way 2013	"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 worldThe dedicated	<u>C.asa.Caaj</u>	
Kansas			work of the Confucius Institute staff		
State University	KS	June 2019	and Director, Max Lu, is greatly appreciated."	https://www.k-state.edu/confucius/	

	San Diego			"SDSU closed and transferred the [Confucius Institute] on June 30, 2019 to San Diego Global Knowledge University." Instead, the university is	https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_n	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-
	State			"launching a new Chinese Cultural	_	cultural-center-as-confucius-
20	University	CA	June 2019	Center."	14	institute-closes/
	Auburn	CA	Julie 2015	Center.	<u> </u>	institute-closes/
	University			"Auburn University at Montgomery's	Email from Troy Johnson, Executive	
	at			agreement to host a Confucius	Director, Office of University	
	Montgome			Institute expired in June 2019. AUM	Communications, Auburn University	
20	_	AL	June 2019	I -	•	
30	ry	AL	Julie 2019	did not renew the agreement."	at Montgomery	
				"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		l	University's earlier initiatives, the	https://www.utdallas.edu/news/cam	
	of Texas -		August	Confucius Institute and the Asia	pus-community/center-for-asian-	
33	Dallas	TX	2019	Center. "	studies-2019/	
						In February 2018, Senator Marco
				The college said in a statement to		Rubio sent a letter to all Confucius
			Announced	Politico that the decision was "due to		Institutes in Florida, urging them to
	Miami			low and declining enrollment that		close. Miami Young Republicans also
	Dade		will close	does not justify the operational	<u>college-is-shutting-down-its-</u>	lobbied against the Confucius
32	College	FL	Dec. 2019	cost."	confucius-institute-1174166	Institute.

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				"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		
	Kennesaw			renewing our memorandum of	Email from Alex McGee, Chief of	
	State			understanding. The institute closed	Staff and Vice President for External	
33		GA	10/3/2019	on October 3, 2019."	Affairs, Kennesaw State Univeristy	
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			Announced			
			Oct. 2019,	Associate Deputy Provost Ravi		
	University		will close	Ammigan said "It was simply a		
	of		February	decision made due to decreased	http://udreview.com/confucius-	
34	Delaware	DE	2020.	activity."	institute-set-to-close-in-early-2020/	
				"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	https://www.pace.edu/dyson/center	
	Dans		Danamba	from their work with the Confucius	s/global-asia-	
1,-	Pace	NIX.	December	Institute on our campus to this new	institute/welcome/confucius-	
35	University	NY	13, 2019	Institute."	<u>institute-closure-GAI-announcement</u>	

			Announced			
			December	The Lawrence Journal-World reports		
			2019, will	that the decision is "because of a	https://www2.ljworld.com/news/ku/	
			close	2018 law that restricts Department	2019/dec/17/ku-will-close-	
	University		January	of Defense funds to universities that	controversial-confucius-institute-in-	
36	of Kansas	KS	2020.	host Confucius Institutes."	january/	
				"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		Senator Josh Hawley had also urged
			Announced	Mandarin Chinese language teacher		the university to close its Confucius
			January	in every classroom with a Confucius		Institute.
			2020 will	Institute staff member," which the	https://news.missouri.edu/2020/mu-	https://www.hawley.senate.gov/foll
			close	university found cost-prohibitive,	to-terminate-confucius-institute-	owing-discussion-fbi-director-wray-
	University		August	said Mary Stegmaier, interim vice	partnership-due-to-changes-in-	senator-hawley-asks-missouri-
37	of Missouri	МО	2020	provost for international programs.	federal-guidance/	universities-reconsider-their
38	University of Maryland	MD	January 2020 will	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."	https://www.baltimoresun.com/edu cation/bs-md-confucius-institute- umd-20200123- 3sb7hhbyq5cn7pfl7n55edtlaq- story.html	
20	University of Alaska,	414	January	"Because of budget pressures, UAA was not in a position to renew the		
رد	Anchorage	IUN	2020	MOA."	Email	

				"NMSU cited low enrollment and		
				"funding issues" with the Office of		
				Chinese Language Council	https://www.lcsun-	
	New			International, the institute's	news.com/story/news/education/n	
	Mexico		Announced	headquarters in Beijing (commonly	msu/2020/02/07/nmsu-shuttering-	
	State		February	referred to as "Hanban"), in its	their-confucius-institute-programs-	
40	University	NM	2020	decision to close the institute."	chinese-instruction/4670853002/	
			Announced			
			February		https://tucson.com/news/local/conf	
			2020; will		ucius-institute-at-university-of-	
	University		close July		arizona-closing/article_134fca9c-	
41	of Arizona	ΑZ	31, 2020	"changes in federal laws and policy"	5905-11ea-8358-97f08dbd363c.html	
				"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		
			March	administered through the office of		
			2020, will	International Student and Scholar	https://www.miamioh.edu/news/ca	
	Miami		close June	Services (ISSS) in the space where the	mpus-news/2020/03/confucius-	
42	University	ОН	30, 2020	CIMU now resides."	<u>institute-to-close.html</u>	

				"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		
			Announced	recently announced the institutes'		
			April 28,	renewed focus on language		
	University		2020, will	instruction. The UC Davis institute		
	of		close	never offered language instruction"	https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/cam	
	California-		August 15	but had focused on "food and	pus-close-confucius-institute-seek-	
43	Davis	CA	2020.	beverage science and technology."	new-opportunities	
				"the CI-Pitt program has experienced		
				increasing scrutiny by U.S. federal		In 2019, the university had to pause
				agencies. And, notwithstanding our		all Confucius Institute programming
				best efforts in political and legal		after the State Department found
				circles, restrictions have impeded the		that incoming Confucius Institute
				University's capacity to effectively		teachers failed to qualify for the
	University			maintain our role in this partnership.		visas they had applied for.
١.,	of Bittely and	. .	Will close	Therefore, we will be closing the Cl-	hara II	https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/cipitt/Vic
44	Pittsburgh	PA	June 2020	Pitt, effective June 30, 2020."	https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/cipitt/	eProvostMessage
	California					
	State					
	University -			"The Confucius Institute (CI) at	https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/Continui	
45	Long Beach	CA	2020	CSULB is no longer in operation. "	ngEd/about.aspx?pID=177	

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				"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,		
			Reported	and after requesting faculty input,		
			June 2020,	the university took the necessary	https://www.grandlakenews.com/ne	
	University		will close	steps to begin closing the Confucius	ws/20200623/chinese-espionage-at-	
	of		October	Institute." - OU spokesperson Kesha	oklahoma-university-sen-james-	
46	Oklahoma	OK	2020	Keith.	<u>lankford-wants-transparency</u>	
				"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,	https://dailymemphian.com/section/	
	University			announced Tuesday that June 30	metro/article/15185/blackburn-	
	of		June 30,	would be the Confucius Institute's	lauds-closing-of-university-of-	
47	Memphis	TN	2020	last day at University of Memphis."	<u>memphis</u>	
				HTL Conf. in Louis Louis Land		
	George		l	"The Confucius Institute at Mason		
40	Mason	.,,	June 30,	completed all programming and	https://confusius.com.cdu/	
48	University	VA	2020	closed on June 30, 2020." "The Savannah State University's	https://confucius.gmu.edu/	
	Savannah			Confucius Institute (SSU/CI) has		
	State			closed after six years of serving the	https://www.savannahstate.edu/con	
1,0	University	GA	July 2020	community."	fucius/	

				"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,		
			Announced	2020Although the Confucius		
	University		July 2020,	Institute will be ending, Chinese	https://inside.uncc.edu/news-	
	of North		will close	language and culture programs will	features/2020-07-01/confucius-	
	Carolina		December	continue to play an important role at	institute-programs-transition-part-	
50	Charlotte	NC	2020	the University."	strategic-planning-effort	
	University		August	·		
51	of Idaho	ID	2020		Email	
				"The Community College of Denver	https://www.ccd.edu/org/confucius-	
				(CCD) will be closing the Confucius	institute#:~:text=The%20Community	
	Community			Institute effective September 30,	%20College%20of%20Denver,to%20	
	College of		September	2020 due to budgetary and	budgetary%20and%20environmental	
52	Denver	со	30, 2020	environmental circumstances."	%20circumstances.	
			Announced			
			August 18,	"Emory University has decided not to		
			2020, will	renew its Memorandum of		
			close	Understanding (MOU) for the	https://news.emory.edu/stories/202	
	Emory		November	Confucius Institute in Atlanta when it	0/08/upress confucius institute/ind	
53	University	GA	2021.	expires in November 2021."	<u>ex.html</u>	

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				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		
			Announced	commitment to global engagement.		
			August 31,	We remain deeply committed to the		
	University		2020. Will	support of our Chinese students,		
	of		close	direct exchanges with Chinese	https://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/to	
	Nebraska		December	universities and our partnerships in	day/article/budget-shifts-include-	
54	Lincoln	NE	2020.	China and that region of the world."	confucius-institute-closure/	