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## Confucius Institute

The Confucius Institute at UNSW was established in 2009 to promote and support important and innovative language, cultural and research collaborations between UNSW, their partner Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) in Beijing. Their key focus is to enhance Australia's knowledge of China through support for projects aimed at deepening understanding amongst the business, academic, professional and broader community of relevant contemporary issues. The Confucius Institute works across UNSW faculties to encourage research and collaboration, student and academic exchanges, and enhance Chinese language capacity to build cohorts of students and researchers with a deeper knowledge of China.

The Confucius Institute at UNSW plays a key role in garnering support across the University for a stronger and deeper engagement with China. Working with all faculties of the university, they seek to identify opportunities to encourage researchers and students to consider the potential of working more closely with China, including learning Chinese language.

UNSW has cohort of over 50,000 staff and students and this enables the Confucius Institute to develop innovative programs to promote and support China-related activities on campus. Their multidisciplinary approach means they engage academically and professionally with students and scholars from a range of backgrounds, and collaborate on implementing activities and projects to strengthen ties with their partner. Their unique research strengths through collaboration with China in the areas of science, engineering, business and law enhance UNSW's academic leadership role in the Asia Pacific region. The Confucius Institute is a focal point for China-related activities at UNSW and the broader Sydney community as the Institute strives to create new and innovative approaches to increasing understanding and knowledge of China.

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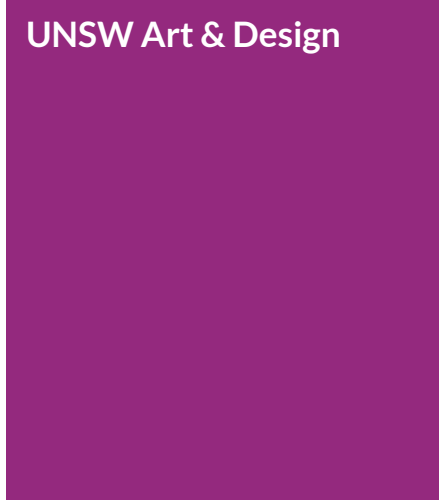


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