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**W**e excerpt all 104 colleges' and universities' own words on why they chose to close their Confucius Institute. Online, at [https://data.nas.org/confucius\\_institute\\_contracts](https://data.nas.org/confucius_institute_contracts), you may read the original documents for yourself.

This chart lists universities alphabetically, by state.

Institution	State	Chinese Partner University	Date Opened	Date Closed
University of Alaska, Anchorage	AK	Northeast Normal University	9/8/2009	1/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	"Due to the budget situation in Alaska." - Letter from Chancellor Cathy Sandeen to Mr. Jiangwei Liu, Hanban July 10, 2019.			
Alabama A&M University	AL	Nanjing Forestry University	8/5/2014	Announced April 1, 2021, date of closure unclear
Stated Reason for Closing	"Alabama A&M University's executive committee has voted to close the Confucius Institute at the university after notification from the federal government that it could lose eligibility for some federal funds." - In Mike Cason, "Alabama A&M Closing its Confucius Institute Because of Federal Funding Ban," AL.com, April 22, 2021, <a href="https://www.al.com/news/2021/04/alabama-am-closing-its-confucius-institute-because-of-risk-to-federal-funding.html">https://www.al.com/news/2021/04/alabama-am-closing-its-confucius-institute-because-of-risk-to-federal-funding.html</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.			
Auburn University at Montgomery	AL	Hubei University of Economics	11/2/2012	06/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	"As part of our new strategic plan, AUM would like to expand its global initiatives through a more comprehensive plan that will expand our efforts beyond China to different regions around the world." - Letter from Chancellor Carl A. Stockton to Dr. Meng Zhaoxi, Hanban, March 12, 2019.			
University of Central Arkansas	AR	East China Normal University	9/18/2008	Summer 2021
Stated Reason for Closing	No Statement			
Arizona State University	AZ	Sichuan University	10/22/2007	05/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	"Given recent legislation enacted by the United States government, ASU believes that the continuation of ASU Confucius Institute will result in the loss of millions of dollars in funding over the next six years." - Letter from Executive Vice President and University Provost Mark Searle to Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive of Hanban, May 1, 2019.			

University of Arizona	AZ	Shaanxi Normal University	11/1/2007	7/31/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"Changes in federal law and policy have made it untenable for us, as a research-intensive university that receives significant federal funding, to continue our affiliation with the Confucius Institute. ... We will work with Hanban to help identify other institutions or non-profits in Tucson or Southern Arizona that might be interested in hosting a Confucius Institute." - Letter from Liesl Folks, Provost, and Brent White, Vice Provost for Global Affairs, University of Arizona, to Wei Jing, Deputy Director-General, Hanban, January 31, 2020.</p>			
California State University - Long Beach	CA	Hebei Institute of Foreign Languages	10/24/2014	2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"In particular, the National Defense Authorization Bill passed by Congress in 2019 specifies that Department of Defense (DOD) funds cannot be used to support a Chinese language program at an institution of higher education that hosts a Confucius Institute. This is problematic for CSULB. ...Moving forward, I assure you that CSULB highly values cross-cultural understanding and the exchange of ideas. In particular, all of our China-related educational programs will continue such as student and faculty exchange, faculty research, study-abroad programs, and the annual celebration of Chinese New Year and culture festival on campus. In addition, we look forward to new collaborations with Chinese institutions to provide learning opportunities for our students and faculty. To further these opportunities, I am pleased that our Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Brian Jersky and Associate Vice President and Dean Dr. Jeet Joshee will be in Beijing on October 14, 2019, to meet with you." - Letter from Jane Close Conoley, President, California State University Long Beach to M'a Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, September 6, 2019.</p>			
San Diego State University	CA	Xiamen University	10/30/2008	06/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"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." - In "New Chinese, Global Education Center Launched at SDSU," SDSU News Center, August 7, 2019, <a href="https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news_story.aspx?sid=77714">https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news_story.aspx?sid=77714</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
San Francisco State University	CA	Beijing Normal University	2/15/2006	05/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 specifies that Department of Defense (DoD) funds cannot be used to support a Chinese language program at an institution of higher education that hosts a Confucius Institute....San Francisco State is unable to operate both the Confucius Institute and the Chinese Flagship Program, and will close the Confucius Institute." - Statement from President Leslie E. Wong in "San Francisco State University to close Confucius Institute," SF State News, May 2, 2019, <a href="https://news.sfsu.edu/announcements/san-francisco-state-university-close-confucius-institute">https://news.sfsu.edu/announcements/san-francisco-state-university-close-confucius-institute</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
University of California, Los Angeles	CA	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	10/1/2010	7/31/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"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, to Flora Yan, NAS, February 2, 2021</p>			
University of California, Santa Barbara	CA	Shandong University	2015	2021
Stated Reason for Closing	No stated reason.			

University of California-Davis	CA	Jiangnan University	9/21/2012	8/15/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"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." - In Julia Ann Easley, "Campus to Close Confucius Institute, Seek New Opportunities," <i>UC Davis News</i>, April 28, 2020, archived at Wayback Machine, <a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20200502025508/https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/campus-close-confucius-institute-seek-new-opportunities">https://web.archive.org/web/20200502025508/https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/campus-close-confucius-institute-seek-new-opportunities</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p> <p>"The time has come for us to consider new pathways by building on cultural exchange programs like those our Confucius Institute has fostered." - Letter from Chancellor Gary S. May to Hanban, April 28, 2020. "We do plan to continue our well-established collaboration with you in organizing the international conferences on food science, which have been a cornerstone of our relationship since 1981." - Letter from Gary S. May, Chancellor, University of California Davis, to (names redacted), President and Vice President, Jiangnan University, April 27, 2020.</p>			
Colorado State University	CO	Hunan University	3/20/2012	6/30/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"Due to updated legislation in the United States which limits government funding to institutions of higher education with Confucius Institutes or similar language programs" - Letter from Colorado State University International Programs (name redacted) to Hunan University (name redacted), January 22, 2021. "A new agreement will be formalized with Hunan University to continue Chinese language and cultural exchange at CSU." - Letter from Colorado State University Office of the General Counsel (name redacted) to Hunan University (name redacted), January 9, 2021.</p>			
Community College of Denver	CO	University of Jinan	2/25/2007	9/30/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The Community College of Denver (CCD) will be closing the Confucius Institute effective September 30, 2020 due to budgetary and environmental circumstances." - "Confucius Institute," Community College of Denver undated, <a href="https://www.ccd.edu/org/confucius-institute#:~:text=The%20Community%20College%20of%20Denver,to%20budgetary%20and%20environmental%20circumstances">https://www.ccd.edu/org/confucius-institute#:~:text=The%20Community%20College%20of%20Denver,to%20budgetary%20and%20environmental%20circumstances</a>, accessed September 15, 2020.</p>			
Central Connecticut State University	CT	Shandong Normal University	5/20/2013	06/30/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"On July 16, 2020, CCSU was notified that Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) was closing and the CIs would be administered by the Chinese International Education Foundation. With all of the uncertainties these organizational changes bring during these challenging times, CCSU has decided to close its CI on June 30, 2021." - Letter from President Zulma Torro to Hao Pan, CLEC, November 6, 2020.</p>			
George Washington University	DC	Nanjing University	4/10/2013	6/30/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"Effective June 30, 2021, the GW Confucius Institute has closed." - "Confucius Institute," George Washington University, <a href="https://confucius.columbian.gwu.edu/news-events">https://confucius.columbian.gwu.edu/news-events</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
University of Delaware	DE	Xiamen University	10/19/2010	2/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"It was simply a decision made due to decreased activity." - Associate Deputy Provost Ravi Ammigan, quoted in Kirk Smith, "Confucius Institute Set to Close in Early 2020," <i>The Review</i>, October 8, 2019, <a href="http://udreview.com/confucius-institute-set-to-close-in-early-2020/">http://udreview.com/confucius-institute-set-to-close-in-early-2020/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
Broward County Public Schools	FL		12/17/2014	10/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The District's contract agreement with College Board and Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters expired in October 2019." - email from the Office of Communications, Broward County Public Schools, to Flora Yan, NAS, February 16, 2021</p>			

Miami Dade College	FL	Jiangsu Normal University	4/29/2010	12/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	"Declining enrollment in the program has made it difficult to continue its support and necessitated this decision." Letter from Interim President Rolando Montoya to Ma Jianfei, Hanban, October 2, 2019.			
University of North Florida	FL	Shaanxi Normal University	2014	8/2018
Stated Reason for Closing	"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." - "UNF's Confucius Institute Closes," <i>Osprey Update</i> , August 14, 2018, <a href="http://www.unf.edu/publicrelations/ospreyupdate/submissions/2018-08-14_UNFs_Confucius_Institute_Closes.aspx">http://www.unf.edu/publicrelations/ospreyupdate/submissions/2018-08-14_UNFs_Confucius_Institute_Closes.aspx</a> , accessed August 15, 2018.			
University of South Florida	FL	Qingdao University	12/11/2007	12/2018
Stated Reason for Closing	"I am sure you are aware that while the USF CI has operated with a high degree of integrity and professionalism at all times, CI's at other universities in the United States have come under increased and persistent scrutiny by elected government officials and are now named in the National Defense Authorization Act. While appreciating the quality and excellence of our USF-Qingdao CI, USF is increasingly troubled by these concerning national reports....We have seen a decline in student enrollment in Mandarin coursework at USF and it is no longer clear that we have sufficient work for your outstanding Qingdao instructors who have been critical to the CI success in the past." - Letter from System Vice President Roger Brindley to Ma Jianfei, Hanban, September 7, 2018.			
University of West Florida	FL	Sichuan International Studies University	4/28/2014	Fall 2017
Stated Reason for Closing	"Very few UWF students have taken advantage of the semester or academic year exchange with SISU. We also note limited demand for Chinese language and culture courses for credit. Goals were set at the beginning of the contract and, unfortunately, we have not met them through the CI partnership." - Letter from President Martha D. Saunders to Jing Wei, Hanban, December 8, 2017.			
Augusta University	GA	Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine	7/2013	6/2018
Stated Reason for Closing	"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 to Flora Yan, NAS, February 12, 2021.			
Emory University	GA	Nanjing University	3/9/2008	11/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	"Emory University has decided not to renew its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Confucius Institute in Atlanta when it expires in November 2021." - "Emory Will End Agreement with Confucius Institute in 2021," Emory News Center, August 18, 2020, <a href="https://news.emory.edu/stories/2020/08/upress_confucius_institute/index.html">https://news.emory.edu/stories/2020/08/upress_confucius_institute/index.html</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.			
Georgia State University	GA	Beijing Language and Culture University	9/1/2010	7/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	"We will support the study of Chinese language and culture through the Office of International Initiatives in cooperation with our valued partner, BLCU. Given the strong and multi faceted links we have developed over the years, including academic collaborations, student exchange and study abroad, and its status as one of the leading institutions for teaching Chinese as a foreign language, BLCU is the ideal partner for us to build on and expand the many achievements of the Georgia State CI. The staff formerly affiliated with the CI will transfer to this new initiative and continue to support teaching and outreach efforts at the university and in the Atlanta community." - Email from Associate Provost for International Initiatives Wolfgang Schlör to undisclosed recipients, August 19, 2020.			

Kennesaw State University	GA	Yangzhou University	8/17/2009	10/3/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	"Kennesaw State University is realigning its global focus to its current strategic priorities." - Email from Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Ronald H. Matson to "DGA Colleagues," July 29, 2019.			
Savannah State University	GA	Jiujiang University	4/9/2010	7/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	"Current world circumstances with the force majeure presented by the global COVID-19 pandemic dictate that we discontinue the collaboration, and close the Confucius Institute at Savannah State University." - Letter from Interim President Kimberly Ballard Washington to Ma Jianfei, CLEC, July 1, 2020.			
University of Hawaii Manoa	HI	Beijing Foreign Studies University	6/28/2006	5/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	"Legislation enacted by Congress has made it impossible to maintain a number of vital Chinese language and related programs including the STARTALK Chinese Summer Program and the Chinese Language Flagship Program. This legislation threatens our ability to apply for other federal funds if we maintain a Confucius Institute anywhere within the University of Hawai'i. On December 7, 2018, we submitted a waiver request to the Department of Defense (DOD) as provided in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2018. We just received notification from the DOD that it has denied all such waiver requests. Thus, UH finds itself in an untenable position because of the policy positions being taken by the federal government over which UH has no control....Although we can no longer collaborate through this particular institutional partnership, please know that we remain committed to the valuable relationship we have forged over many years with Beijing Foreign Studies University, with which we have a number of agreements that do not involve the Confucius Institute." - Letter from President David Lassner to Ma Jianfei, Hanban, April 25, 2019.			
University of Iowa	IA	East China Normal University	3/15/2006	7/2018
Stated Reason for Closing	"Following a twenty-year disinvestment in public higher education by the State of Iowa and back-to-back budget cuts by the Iowa legislature, the University of Iowa will not renew our Confucius Institute (CI) contract....If we could find a way without university funding to continue to provide the valuable outreach activities that our CI has undertaken over the past twelve years, we would do so." - Letter from President J. Bruce Harrelled to Jing Wei, Hanban, August 3, 2018.			
Northwest Nazarene University	ID	Northwest University of Xi'an	8/1/2012	5/31/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	"We made this decision because of broad national security concerns and legislation that was pending at that time." - Email from Mark Cork, Associate Vice President, Marketing & Communications, Northwest Nazarene University, to Rachelle Peterson, December 9, 2021.			
University of Idaho	ID	South China University of Technology	2/7/2013	5/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	"After a review of your proposal to assign the duties of Hanban to the CEIF, and as a result of numerous causes beyond the control of the University of Idaho, the University has determined that maintaining a Confucius Institute is no longer in the best interests of the University of Idaho. Rather, the University of Idaho is instead looking to institute a broader Asian Studies Center. Through this new center, we hope to include many of the same aspects of the Confucius Institute that will allow us to meet our common goals of promoting cross-cultural learning; the support of Chinese language education; and people-to-people exchanges." - Letter from James E. M. Craig, General Counsel to Yang Wei, President, Chinese International Education Foundation, and Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, December 18, 2020.			

Chicago Public Schools	IL	East China Normal University	6/29/2005	2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The District supports world language Mandarin courses, which is managed by Chicago Chinese Language Center (CCLC). CPS formally stopped it's [sic] association with the Confucius Institute, arranged by the Chinese International Education Foundation, in 2020 due to funding being stopped in 2017." - Email from Chicago Public Schools Office of Communications to Rachele Peterson, February 8, 2022.</p>			
University of Chicago	IL	Renmin University of China	9/29/2009	9/2014
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"Recently published comments about UChicago in an article about the director-general of Hanban are incompatible with a continued equal partnership." - "Statement on the Confucius Institute at the University of Chicago," <i>UChicago News</i>, September 25, 2014, <a href="https://news.uchicago.edu/story/statement-confucius-institute-university-chicago">https://news.uchicago.edu/story/statement-confucius-institute-university-chicago</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign	IL	Jiangxi Normal University	10/11/2012	9/2017
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"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." - Interim University Provost John Wilkin, quoted in Haipei Wu, "University Confucius Institute Closed Months Before FBI Monitoring," <i>The Daily Illini</i>, March 3, 2018, <a href="https://dailyillini.com/news/2018/03/03/university-confucius-institute-closed-months-fbi-monitoring/">https://dailyillini.com/news/2018/03/03/university-confucius-institute-closed-months-fbi-monitoring/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
Indiana University-Purdue University	IN	Sun Yat-sen University	8/1/2007	4/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"This decision ensures ongoing operations of some programs within IU impacted by federal changes surrounding Chinese language programs." - University spokesman Chuck Carney, quoted in Josh Rogin, "America's universities are finally waking up to the China threat," <i>Washington Post</i>, April 4, 2019, <a href="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">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</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p> <p>"This decision has no influence over IUPUI's commitment to the strategic alliance between our institutions. Our partnership has provided unparalleled educational and research opportunities, with nearly every school at IUPUI collaborating with SYSU over the course of our affiliation. This includes offering medical and other student exchanges, study abroad opportunities, collaborative degree programs, and faculty and staff development exchanges, in addition to the activities supported through the Confucius Institute, which have created pathways for residents in Central Indiana to learn about Chinese language and culture and built bridges of understanding between our two countries. Our campus deeply appreciates your support and dedication to the alliance we have formed over many years. Moving forward, my colleagues and I look forward to working with you and your colleagues at SYSU to explore opportunities to continue to advance the study of Chinese language and culture, building on the legacy of our valued partnership. We look forward to welcoming SYSU representatives back to IUPUI later this month and hope to focus on these discussions at our upcoming Advisory Committee meeting on April 25." - Letter from Nasser H. Paydar, Chancellor, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis to Jun Luo, President, Sun Yat-sen University, April 5, 2019.</p>			

Purdue University	IN	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	5/14/2007	2018
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"Moving forward, the University will advance those efforts independently through the Chinese Language Program in the School of Languages and Cultures, directed by Professor Wei Hong." - Letter from Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity Jay T. Akridge to Zhang Yong, Hanban, September 27, 2018.</p>			
Valparaiso University	IN	Zhejiang University of Technology	7/23/2007	3/1/2022
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"First, some members of Congress reached out to the University in 2020 and earlier in 2021, questioning the presence of CIVU. A federal law, the National Defense Authorization Act, already prohibits the Defense Department (DOD) from funding research at any university with a Confucius Institute. DOD funding is not the only federal funding at risk, Department of Education (DOE) funding may also be. Just this past March, DOE funding and Confucius Institutes were intertwined in a bill, S.590, which the U.S. Senate passed by unanimous consent. (Unanimous consent means that no U.S. Senator objected to this bill.) This bill would impose tight restrictions on funding from DOE (other than student financial aid) to colleges hosting Confucius Institutes. A potential cut-off of DOE funding would be devastating to our financial position. This is not a risk we can take....This wave of closures and the other factors above are the reasons for my closing CIVU, not the Indiana Attorney General's (AG) investigation into CIVU." - Statement from President José D. Padilla in "Closing The Confucius Institute at Valparaiso University (CIVU)," Valparaiso University, August 30, 2021, <a href="https://www.valpo.edu/news/2021/08/30/closing-the-confucius-institute-at-valparaiso-university-civu/">https://www.valpo.edu/news/2021/08/30/closing-the-confucius-institute-at-valparaiso-university-civu/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
Kansas State University	KS	Jilin University	6/12/2014	6/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"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." - "Confucius Institute Changes," Confucius Institute, University of Kansas, <a href="https://www.k-state.edu/confucius/">https://www.k-state.edu/confucius/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p> <p>"Kansas State University will consider entering into separate, new agreements related to a Confucius Institute at the University if we can reach mutually acceptable terms. Please contact Grant Chapman, Associate Provost for International Programs . . . to discuss." - Letter from Charles S. Taber, Provost and Executive Vice President, Kansas State University, to Guo Jiaoyang, Division Director for Division of American and Oceanian Confucius Institutes, Hanban, December 11, 2018.</p> <p>"The Confucius Institute was only part of the University's relationship with Jilin University. We value the overall relationship with Jilin University and would like to continue University to University relations." - Letter from Charles S. Taber, Provost and Executive Vice President, Kansas State University, to Zhang Guangcui, Director of Global Engagement, Jilin University, February 5, 2020.</p>			
University of Kansas	KS	Central China Normal University	3/17/2006	1/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"Because of a 2018 law that restricts Department of Defense funds to universities that host Confucius Institutes." - Lauren Fox, "KU will close controversial Confucius Institute in January," <i>Lawrence Journal-World</i>, December 17, 2019, <a href="https://www2.ljworld.com/news/ku/2019/dec/17/ku-will-close-controversial-confucius-institute-in-january/">https://www2.ljworld.com/news/ku/2019/dec/17/ku-will-close-controversial-confucius-institute-in-january/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p> <p>"I also want to reaffirm our respect for your institution and the high value that we place on our partnership. It is my most sincere hope that our institutions can continue the broad and deep collaboration that both universities have enjoyed since our partnership began in 2005." -Letter from Chancellor Douglas A. Girod to Central China Normal University President Zhao Lingyun, August 21, 2019</p>			

University of Kentucky	KY	Shanghai University	11/6/2010	3/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"There is growing and strong federal regulatory concern regarding Confucius Institutes. That is simply a facet of ongoing tensions between our two countries. 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." Email from President Eli Capilouto published in "The University of Kentucky's Confucius Institute Is Closing," <i>Patch</i>, March 4, 2021, <a href="https://patch.com/kentucky/lexington-ky/university-kentucky-confucius-institute-closing">https://patch.com/kentucky/lexington-ky/university-kentucky-confucius-institute-closing</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
Western Kentucky University	KY	North China Electric Power University	5/19/2010	4/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"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." - "WKU Ends Agreement with Confucius Institute," <i>WKU News</i>, April 22, 2019, <a href="https://www.wku.edu/news/articles/index.php?view=article&amp;articleid=7622">https://www.wku.edu/news/articles/index.php?view=article&amp;articleid=7622</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p> <p>"Though activities will phase out over the next several weeks, we will continue our dialogue with key partners to work toward a solution that allows WKU to continue our programming. We hope to strengthen, deepen and broaden our relationships with partner institutions in China throughout this process." - President Timothy C. Caboni, quoted in "WKU Ends Agreement with Confucius Institute," <i>WKU News</i>, April 22, 2019, <a href="https://www.wku.edu/news/articles/index.php?view=article&amp;articleid=7622">https://www.wku.edu/news/articles/index.php?view=article&amp;articleid=7622</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
Tulane University	LA	East China Normal University	2013	2017
Stated Reason for Closing	No stated reason.			
Xavier University of Louisiana	LA	Hebei University	10/20/2012	9/3/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The University continues to offer for-credit Chinese language courses and the Chinese Minor through its Department of Languages." - "Confucius Institute," <i>Xavier University</i>, <a href="https://www.xula.edu/confucius/">https://www.xula.edu/confucius/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
Tufts University	MA	Beijing Normal University	6/6/2014	9/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"We have decided to focus more on our strong and growing direct relationship with BNU." - James M. Glaser (Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences) and Diana Chigas (Senior International Officer and Associate Provost) in "Decision to Close the Confucius Institute at Tufts University," <i>Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President, Tufts University</i>, March 17, 2021, <a href="https://provost.tufts.edu/blog/news/2021/03/17/decision-to-close-the-confucius-institute-at-tufts-university/">https://provost.tufts.edu/blog/news/2021/03/17/decision-to-close-the-confucius-institute-at-tufts-university/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
University of Massachusetts Boston	MA	Renmin University of China	2006	1/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"Following careful consideration, we have decided that a new model, a different arrangement, would better meet the academic needs of our university. Over the past months we have been in conversations with Renmin University in Beijing about ways to continue some of the Confucius Institute's activities through our standing university-to-university partnership with them." - Announcement from Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman and Provost Emily McDermott to "University of Massachusetts Boston Community," January 17, 2019.</p>			
University of Maryland	MD	Nankai University	3/1/2005	End of the spring 2020 semester
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The passage of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 has adversely affected the University of Maryland's ability to both host a Confucius Institute and receive certain federal funding. Our subsequent application for a waiver from the relevant terms of this legislation was not accepted. As such, we are unfortunately unable to continue hosting the Confucius Institute at the University of Maryland." - Letter from President Wallace D. Loh to Ma Jianfei, CLEC, January 16, 2020.</p>			

University of Southern Maine	ME	Dongbei University of Finance and Economics	2013	6/10/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"Because the CI wasn't reaching enough students." - Public affairs director Marc Glass, as referenced in David Marino Jr., "USM closing institute funded by Chinese government," <i>Bangor Daily News</i>, April 13, 2021, <a href="https://bangordailynews.com/2021/04/13/news/portland/usm-closing-institute-funded-by-chinese-government/">https://bangordailynews.com/2021/04/13/news/portland/usm-closing-institute-funded-by-chinese-government/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022. "This letter is sent in response to your July 14, 2020, letter indicating that, "The Foundation and the Headquarters have agreed to transfer to the Foundation the operation of the brands of Confucius Institute and Confucius Classroom." "...The University of Southern Maine does not consent to this change and therefore declines to accept the transfer of the brands of Confucius Institute and Confucius Classroom to The Foundation. As a result, this letter serves as notice to you, the Chinese International Education Foundation, the Center for Language Education and Cooperation, and the Confucius Institute, that we are providing you with ninety (90) days' notice that we are terminating our Confucius Institute." - Letter from President Glenn Cummings and Provost and Executive Vice President Jeannine Diddle Uzzi to Yang Wei, Chinese International Education Foundation, and Ma Jianfei, Center for Language Education and Cooperation, March 12, 2021.</p>			
Michigan State University	MI	The Open University of China (China Central Radio and TV University)	5/1/2006	2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"While the university is closing the institute, it is not closing its doors to continued engagement with China or the partnerships formed through the institute. Closing the institute was a difficult decision, but with the uncertainty of support at the federal level and our belief that more direct and intentional partnerships are a more sustainable and effective way to continue these important programs, we know this decision was best for the university and those we serve. Going forward, many of the institute's programs will be transferred to other areas within the university so we can continue to benefit K-12 students and teachers who would not otherwise have these learning options available in their schools. We are proud of our long-standing connection with China and remain committed to continued meaningful engagement in the region through active partnerships with institutions and universities." Email from Deputy Spokesperson Dan Olsen to Rachelle Peterson, NAS, May 6, 2021.</p>			
University of Michigan	MI	Renmin University of China	6/26/2009	6/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"We would like to find a new model for collaboration between the UM and Hanban that aligns with the prevailing directions and interests of our faculty and students. Looking forward, we would like to explore with you new and different arrangements that would allow Hanban and UM to continue their collaboration in promoting Chinese culture and arts and building scholarly and friendly bridges between Chinese and American peoples. Rather than continuing a separate Confucius Institute we envision opportunities for the Hanban to support and engage with existing units at UM that focus on the arts and culture." - Letter from James P. Holloway, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Vice Provost for Global Engagement and Interdisciplinary Academic Affairs, Professor of Nuclear Engineering &amp; Radiological Sciences, University of Michigan, to "Madame Jing," September 20, 2018.</p> <p>"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." - Statement from Vice Provost for Global Engagement and Interdisciplinary Academic Affairs James Holloway in Debing Su, "U-M to End Agreement with Confucius Institute Next Year," <i>The University Record</i>, December 10, 2018, <a href="https://record.umich.edu/articles/u-m-end-agreement-confucius-institute-next-year/">https://record.umich.edu/articles/u-m-end-agreement-confucius-institute-next-year/</a>, accessed February 28, 2022.</p>			

Wayne State University	MI	Huazhong University of Science and Technology	6/27/2007	1/30/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	"Given the dissolution of Confucius Institute Headquarters in Beijing and our decision to close the Confucius Institute at Wayne University as of January 30, 2021, I am writing to reaffirm our intention to continue the long-standing partnership that has been established between Huazhong University of Science and Technology and Wayne State University." - Letter from Associate Vice President Ahmad M. Ezzeddine to Chen Jianguo, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, undated.			
Western Michigan University	MI	Beijing Language and Culture University	11/23/2009	12/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	"The COVID-19 pandemic has had a drastic impact on many higher education institutions around the world, and Western Michigan University (WMU) is no exception. Presently, WMU is facing unprecedented financial challenges and is undergoing a restructure of many of its activities, including global engagement." - Letter from President Edward Montgomery to Ma Jianfei, CLEC, June 12, 2020.			
University of Minnesota	MN	Capital Normal University	9/19/2008	2/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	"The University's DOD-funded Chinese Language Flagship program would have lost funding with the new policy had the University not decided to close its Confucius Institute. While the NDAA was a factor in the University's decision to close its Institute, McQuaid said closure discussions were already underway." - Associate Vice President Meredith McQuaid, quoted in Helen Sabrowsky, "China-funded institute set to close," <i>Minnesota Daily</i> , archived at Wayback Machine, <a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20190221152818/https://www.mndaily.com/article/2019/02/n-china-funded-institute-set-to-close">https://web.archive.org/web/20190221152818/https://www.mndaily.com/article/2019/02/n-china-funded-institute-set-to-close</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.			
University of Missouri	MO	Shanghai Normal University	1/28/2011	8/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	"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 - Mary Stegmaier, interim vice provost for international programs, quoted in "MU to Terminate Confucius Institute Partnership Due to Changes in Federal Guidance," <i>Show Me Mizzou</i> , January 14, 2020, <a href="https://news.missouri.edu/2020/mu-to-terminate-confucius-institute-partnership-due-to-changes-in-federal-guidance/">https://news.missouri.edu/2020/mu-to-terminate-confucius-institute-partnership-due-to-changes-in-federal-guidance/</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.			
University of Montana	MT	Southwest University of Political Science & Law	9/1/2009	3/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	"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." - Deena Mansour, director of the Mansfield Center, quoted in Keila Szpaller, "University of Montana Shuttters Confucius Institute," <i>Missoulian</i> , <a href="https://missoulian.com/news/local/university-of-montana-shuttters-confucius-institute/article_218e-b6a5-2c0e-56e9-a920-10fe4eec3a2f.html">https://missoulian.com/news/local/university-of-montana-shuttters-confucius-institute/article_218e-b6a5-2c0e-56e9-a920-10fe4eec3a2f.html</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.			
North Carolina State University	NC	Nanjing Normal University	10/27/2006	11/2018
Stated Reason for Closing	"Given the infrastructure and momentum we have built, NC State will no longer request funding from the CI headquarters after December 31, 2018. We will provide our institutional funding to continue the CI's planned academic, cultural and service programs in this academic year through June 30, 2019. Starting July 1, 2019, the Chinese language and culture programs will officially transition to the Office of Global Engagement at NC State, which is the central base for all international programs for the University." - Letter from Chancellor W. Randolph Woodson to Confucius Institute Headquarters, October 22, 2018.			
Pfeiffer University	NC	Shanxi University	9/1/2008	5/2016
Stated Reason for Closing	"The CI that formerly was located at Pfeiffer moved to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte at that time." - Email from President Colleen Keith to the Wilberforce Institute, June 2018.			

University of North Carolina Charlotte	NC	Chinese Testing International	3/2017	12/2020
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"Heightened scrutiny and regulation, however, has rendered continued operation of the Confucius Institute impossible. Over the last two years alone, countless hours have been spent responding to inquiries regarding the Institute, including inquiries from members of the local and national media, the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Global Human Rights, the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, and numerous concerned state and local legislators and citizens. As you are likely aware, there are also several legislative efforts that preclude UNC Charlotte from maintaining its Confucius Institute. Since 2019, the National Defense Authorization Act has prohibited UNC Charlotte from receiving language program funding from the U.S. Defense Department due to the presence of the Institute, and there is additional pending federal legislation that could result in substantial consequences for the university unless we terminate the Agreement. More recently, legislation was introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly that would prohibit any constituent institution of the University of North Carolina, including UNC Charlotte, from operating a Confucius Institute as soon as the start of this academic year, and render private colleges and universities with a Confucius Institute ineligible to receive scholarship funds from the State of North Carolina. UNC Charlotte must be as prepared as possible for the potential impact of this legislation." - Letter from Interim Chancellor Joan F. Lorden to Ma Jianfei, July 1, 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 December 31, 2020. ...Although the Confucius Institute will be ending, Chinese language and culture programs will continue to play an important role at the University." - "Confucius Institute Programs to Transition as Part of Strategic Planning Effort," *Inside UNC Charlotte*, July 1, 2020, <https://inside.uncc.edu/news-features/2020-07-01/confucius-institute-programs-transition-part-strategic-planning-effort>, accessed February 28, 2022.

Dickinson State University	ND		2011	2012
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"The Confucius Institute was to be located in a new library addition on the DSU campus. This building did not receive funding through the State Board of Higher Education in 2010. An attempt to gain funding through the state legislature failed in the spring of 2011. Therefore, Dickinson State did not have the facility space necessary to house the Confucius Institute in a manner that the Hanban would find acceptable. During the last year, Dickinson State became involved in several issues dealing with international students. This resulted in the future loss of enrollment and tuition revenue for the university. Thus, Dickinson State will not have the necessary financial resources to fund an Institute Director and Center support staff." - Letter from Vice President Richard D. Brauhn to Xu Lin, Hanban, February 24, 2012.

University of Nebraska Lincoln	NE	Xi'an Jiaotong University	10/30/2007	12/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The University of Nebraska–Lincoln is closing its Confucius Institute as part of a multi-phase, \$38.2 million budget reduction. 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 -Chancellor Ronnie Green, quoted in Troy Federson, "Budget shifts include Confucius Institute closure," <i>Nebraska Today</i>, September 4, 2020, <a href="https://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/today/article/budget-shifts-include-confucius-institute-closure/">https://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/today/article/budget-shifts-include-confucius-institute-closure/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p> <p>"Our sincere hope is that this is only a new phase in the partnership between UNL and XITU. Although we will no longer have the formal platform of an institute to anchor our relationship, we would like to engage with you in discussions about a "more suitable mode" of engagement, as you suggest in your letter. We are hopeful that we can reach an agreement through which we can still partner on the teaching of Chinese language and culture and engage in academic exchange and cooperation for mutual benefit. I have authorized any existing funds that were committed for this purpose to be used going forward to help make this possible. Perhaps most urgently, we would like to reach an agreement that will allow the teachers currently in Nebraska to complete the academic year that has just recently started." - Letter from Chancellor Ronnie D. Green to Wang Shuguo, Xi'an Jiaotong University, September 3, 2020.</p>			
University of New Hampshire	NH	Chengdu University	6/23/2010	7/30/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<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>			
New Jersey City University	NJ	Jilin HuaQiao University of Foreign Languages	6/1/2015	6/1/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"June 1, 2021 is the official closing date." Email from Ira Thor, Senior Director of University Communications and Media Relations, New Jersey City University, to Rachelle Peterson, January 4, 2022</p>			
Rutgers University	NJ	Jilin University	5/1/2008	12/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<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....I would like to emphasize that we very much value our productive relationships with Jilin University, the Hanban, and the Chinese Ministry of Education over the past years, and we remain committed to continued cooperation and collaboration on programs of mutual benefit." - letter from Richard L. Edwards, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs to Zhang Xi, President of Jilin University, August 10, 2020</p>			

New Mexico State University	NM	Shijiazhuang Vocational College of Science & Technology; Hebei Normal University	3/13/2007	6/1/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>Low enrollment and “funding issues” - Algernon D’Ammassa, “New Mexico State’s Confucius Institute Is Closing; Here’s Why,” <i>Las Cruces Sun-News</i>, February 7, 2020, <a href="https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/education/nmsu/2020/02/07/nmsu-shuttering-their-confucius-institute-programs-chinese-instruction/4670853002/">https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/education/nmsu/2020/02/07/nmsu-shuttering-their-confucius-institute-programs-chinese-instruction/4670853002/</a></p> <p>“This action is part of a larger reorganization process, which has the goal of expanding our international initiatives, identifying and securing alternative funding sources, and providing stronger coordination among those involved. ...In this context, we also recognize the importance of learning about the Chinese language and culture. That is why the College will investigate new efforts to build educational and cultural connections with the people of China and provide quality language programs to our students.” - Email from Enrico Pontelli to as-heads@nmsu.edu listserv, November 19, 2019.</p>			
Clark County School District	NV		2013	4/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>“The main reason was we were not able to get licensable teachers to teach Chinese in Nevada.” - Shannon La Neve, Director of Humanities, Curriculum and Instruction Division, Clark County School District, via phone to Flora Yan, NAS.</p>			
Baruch College	NY	Shanghai International Studies University	12/1/2017	6/30/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>“Looking forward, we will continue global engagement with an increased emphasis on direct university partnerships.” - “The New York Confucius Institute for Global Finance Closure,” Confucius Institute, Baruch College, <a href="https://confuciusinstitute.baruch.cuny.edu/">https://confuciusinstitute.baruch.cuny.edu/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
Binghamton University	NY	National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts	11/6/2009	7/9/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>“This letter is notification of Binghamton University’s decision to close our Confucius Institute of Chinese Opera as of July 9, 2021.” Letter from Harvey Stenger, President, Binghamton University to Yang Wei, President, Chinese International Education Foundation, and Ma Jianfei, Director General, Center for Language Education and Cooperation, April 1, 2021.</p>			
Columbia University	NY	Renmin University of China	4/18/2013	Announced May 2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>“I am writing to inform you that the University’s contract with the Chinese International Education Foundation—formerly the Confucius Institute Headquarters or Hanban—governing operation of a Confucius Institute at Columbia University expired. The University no longer hosts a Confucius Institute and does not intend to pursue renewal of this contract.” - Email from Ira Katznelson, Interim Provost, to Bindu Nair, Director of Basic Research, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense, May 3, 2021.</p>			
Medgar Evers College	NY	Hunan University of Technology and Business	8/1/2019	2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>“Medgar Evers College did not renew its relationship with the Confucius Institute in 2020.” - Email from Giulia Prestia, <a href="mailto:GPrestia@mec.cuny.edu">GPrestia@mec.cuny.edu</a>, to Rachele Peterson, January 25, 2022.</p>			
Pace University	NY	Nanjing Normal University, Phoenix Publishing & Media Group	5/19/2009	12/14/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>“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.” - “Confucius Institute Closed, New Global Asia Institute Launched,” Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Pace University, December 14, 2019, <a href="https://dyson.pace.edu//centers/global-asia-institute/welcome/confucius-institute-closure-GAI-announcement">https://dyson.pace.edu//centers/global-asia-institute/welcome/confucius-institute-closure-GAI-announcement</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			

State College of Optometry, State University of New York	NY	Wenzhou Medical University	10/27/2010	12/31/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	"The Confucius Institute for Healthcare (CIH) at SUNY College of Optometry closed on December 31, 2021." - Email from Dawn Rigney, communications@sunyopt.edu, to Rachele Peterson, January 14, 2022			
State University of New York Global Center	NY	Nanjing University of Finance & Economics	12/10/2010	6/30/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	"The Confucius Institute for Business managed by SUNY System Administration, located at the SUNY Global Center, closed June 30, 2020 when the contracts expired and were not renewed." - Email from communications@suny.edu to Rachele Peterson, January 7, 2022			
State University of New York - Albany	NY	Southwestern University of Finance and Economics	9/23/2013	12/15/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"It became increasingly clear that continuing this relationship could jeopardize UAlbany's access to critical federal research funding. For a major research institution like UAlbany, that risk is untenable – no matter how valued the programming." - SUNY Albany spokesman Jordan Carleo-Evangelist, quoted in Pete DeMola, "SUNY campuses quietly close Chinese government-backed programs," <i>Times Union</i>, February 27, 2022, <a href="https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/SUNY-campuses-statewide-quietly-close-Chinese-16942259.php">https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/SUNY-campuses-statewide-quietly-close-Chinese-16942259.php</a>, accessed February 28, 2022.</p> <p>"We thank our many community members who have worked closely with the University at Albany Confucius Institute over the years and look forward to continuing these relationships." - "Confucius Institute at University at Albany Closed Effective December 15," Confucius Institute, University at Albany, <a href="https://www.albany.edu/confucius/">https://www.albany.edu/confucius/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
Stony Brook University	NY	Zhongnan University of Economics and Law	5/19/2010	5/5/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	"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. We continue to value the strong relationship we have established between ZUEL and the Stony Brook University College of Business. Our faculty look forward to sustaining the combined bachelors/MBA program, and recruiting high achieving students to start their studies at ZUEL and continue at Stony Brook. Keli Xiao, Professor of Finance and Management, greatly appreciates the time he has spent at ZUEL and hopes to return soon to continue productive research and support student recruitment. Other faculty, in particular, Professors Danling Jiang in Finance and Zhifeng Yang in Accounting, have strong ties in Wuhan, and are looking forward to expanding productive scholarly ties with ZUEL faculty. We see opportunities for new joint initiatives including visiting faculty, joint research, and student exchange." - Letter from President Maurie McInnis to Yang Canming and Li Yao, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, February 5, 2021.			
University at Buffalo	NY	Capital Normal University	4/9/2010	End of 2021
Stated Reason for Closing	"After careful consideration of all of the variables, we decided that in order to preserve and strengthen our long-standing relationship with CNU we would need to do so outside of the parameters of the Confucius Institute and in alignment with our research and education mission." - Provost A. Scott Weber, quoted in Jay Rey, "UB to Close Confucius Institute," <i>UB Now</i> , May 14, 2021, <a href="http://www.buffalo.edu/ubnow/stories/2021/05/confucius-institute-closing.html">http://www.buffalo.edu/ubnow/stories/2021/05/confucius-institute-closing.html</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.			

Cleveland State University	OH	Capital University of Economics and Business	8/28/2008	9/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"Cleveland State University evaluates its programs and partnership agreements on regular basis and make adjustments as needed to ensure we focus our efforts and resources on university strategic priorities. The university terminated its agreement with the Confucius Institute in March. The institute will end operations and close this September." -email from Dave Kiemeyer, Interim Vice President for Marketing and Communications, to Rachelle Peterson, NAS, May 12, 2021.</p>			
Miami University	OH	Liaoning Normal University	8/4/2007	6/30/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"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." - "Miami University Will Close Its Confucius Institute this summer," Miami University, March 6, 2020, <a href="https://www.miamioh.edu/news/campus-news/2020/03/confucius-institute-to-close.html">https://www.miamioh.edu/news/campus-news/2020/03/confucius-institute-to-close.html</a>, accessed April 22, 2022.</p>			
University of Akron	OH	Henan University	11/3/2008	6/30/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"In 2021, the United States Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which places restrictions on access to Department of Defense research funding at universities that host a Confucius Institute. The University of Akron has developed a broad research partnership with the Department of Defense and with other funding agencies and organizations at different levels of the federal and state government. In order to meet the requirements of the NDAA, The University of Akron has decided to close its Confucius Institute, effective June 30, 2022, and has begun a transitional process to phase out its operations." - "UA to Close Confucius Institute," University Marketing and Communications, University of Akron, November 8, 2021, <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/im/news/ua-to-close-confucius-institute">https://www.uakron.edu/im/news/ua-to-close-confucius-institute</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
University of Oklahoma	OK	Beijing Normal University	8/23/2006	10/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"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." - Oklahoma University spokesperson Keshia Keith, quoted in Mike Brake, "Chinese Espionage at Oklahoma University? Sen. James Lankford Wants Transparency," <i>Grand Lakes News</i>, June 23, 2020, archived at Wayback Machine, <a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20200624071654/https://www.grandlakenews.com/news/20200623/chinese-espionage-at-oklahoma-university-sen-james-lankford-wants-transparency">https://web.archive.org/web/20200624071654/https://www.grandlakenews.com/news/20200623/chinese-espionage-at-oklahoma-university-sen-james-lankford-wants-transparency</a>, accessed February 23, 2022.</p>			
Portland State University	OR	Soochow University	5/16/2007	End of Spring 2021 semester
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"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." - "CIPSU," Confucius Institute, Portland State University, January 28, 2021, <a href="https://www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute/">https://www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p> <p>"Our decision was indeed difficult, due to the extraordinary contribution that the CI has made to PSU and the campus community over the past fourteen years. However, the ever-increasing scrutiny on CI's by our federal government and the immense burden on PSU to respond to requests of information have made it impossible for us to continue hosting the CI at PSU." - Letter from President Stephen Percy to Yang Wei, President, Chinese International Education Foundation; Xiong Sidong, President, Soochow University; Zhang Xiaohong, Vice President, Soochow University; Chinese Consulate in SF; January 27, 2021.</p>			

University of Oregon	OR	East China Normal University	11/2/2009	4/2019
Stated Reason for Closing				<p>"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." - "UO Confucius Institute to Close," <i>Around the O</i>, April 29, 2019, <a href="https://around.uoregon.edu/content/uo-confucius-institute-close">https://around.uoregon.edu/content/uo-confucius-institute-close</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p> <p>"We happened to be hosting a visiting delegation from ECNU just a few days ago on our campus. We discussed our shared commitment, in a post Confucius Institute era, to maintain and indeed expand the many faculty research links, partnerships, joint projects and enriching student exchanges between our two universities. While we regret the end of one era of our collaboration, we look forward to opening a new chapter in our partnership, especially with ECNU. We look forward to a strong bilateral relationship between our two institutions." - Email from Dean and Vice Provost Dennis Galvan to Ma Jianfei, Hanban, and Qian Xuhong, East China Normal University, undated.</p>
Pennsylvania State University	PA	Dalian University of Technology	2/28/2010	9/2014
Stated Reason for Closing				<p>"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." - Dean Susan Welch quoted in Elizabeth Redden, "Another Confucius Institute to Close," <i>Inside Higher Ed</i>, October 1, 2014, <a href="https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2014/10/01/another-confucius-institute-close">https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2014/10/01/another-confucius-institute-close</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>
Temple University	PA	Zhejiang Normal University	10/31/2014	6/30/2021
Stated Reason for Closing				<p>"Temple has established a new Center for Chinese Language Instruction (CCLI) funded, housed, and managed by Temple University's Office of International Affairs. Temple will continue to teach Chinese language and culture courses through CCLI. To offer these language courses, Temple and its College of Liberal Arts will partner with Zhejiang Normal University." - Temple University Spokesman Stephen Orbanck, quoted in Linda Stein, "Temple Quietly Closes Communist China-Linked Program, as Criticism of CCP Rises," <i>Delaware Valley Journal</i>, July 15, 2021, <a href="https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/temple-quietly-closes-communist-china-linked-program-as-criticism-of-ccp-rises/">https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/temple-quietly-closes-communist-china-linked-program-as-criticism-of-ccp-rises/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>
University of Pittsburgh	PA	Wuhan University	5/5/2007	6/2020
Stated Reason for Closing				<p>"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." - 'Confucius Institute,' University of Pittsburgh, <a href="https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/cipitt/">https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/cipitt/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>
Bryant University	RI	China University of Geosciences, Wuhan	9/14/2007	Announced March 2021, unclear closure date
Stated Reason for Closing				<p>"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, quoted in "Bryant University Will not Seek Funding for the Confucius Institute," <i>NBC 10 News</i>, March 22, 2021, <a href="https://turnto10.com/news/local/bryant-university-will-not-look-for-the-confucius-institute-after-15-years/">https://turnto10.com/news/local/bryant-university-will-not-look-for-the-confucius-institute-after-15-years/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>
University of Rhode Island	RI	Zhejiang University	10/20/2007	12/2018
Stated Reason for Closing				<p>"Due to the changes mandated by the John McCain National Defense Authorization Act (H.R.5515), the University has determined that there are too many challenges to overcome to renew the agreement and continue to host a Confucius Institute at The University of Rhode Island. - Letter from President David M. Dooley to Ma Jianfei, Hanban, January 16, 2019.</p>

Presbyterian College	SC	Guizhou University	11/6/2009	Fall 2021
Stated Reason for Closing	"Due mainly to lack of staff because of COVID-19." - Email from Hal Milam to Rachele Peterson, January 19, 2022.			
University of South Carolina	SC	Beijing Language and Culture University	7/3/2008	12/31/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	"The USC Board of Directors voted to end the university's partnership with CI, which is under Hanban." - Artie Villasanta, "Another Confucius Institute Shut Down At Major U.S. University," <i>Business Times</i> , February 21, 2021, <a href="https://www.btimesonline.com/articles/146580/20210221/another-confucius-institute-shut-down-major-u-s-university.htm">https://www.btimesonline.com/articles/146580/20210221/another-confucius-institute-shut-down-major-u-s-university.htm</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.			
Northern State University	SD	University of Jinan	4/10/2015	5/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	"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." - "Confucius Institute at Northern State University to Close in 2020," Northern State University, May 9, 2019, <a href="https://www.northern.edu/news/confucius-institute-northern-state-university-close-2020">https://www.northern.edu/news/confucius-institute-northern-state-university-close-2020</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.			
Middle Tennessee State University	TN	Hangzhou Normal University	4/21/2010	8/20/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	"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, to Rachele Peterson, NAS, February 8, 2021.			
University of Memphis	TN	Hubei University	8/13/2007	6/30/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	"Although we have valued the CIUM resources on our campus, and the dedication of everyone involved, the University will focus its resources on international and cultural programming through its existing study abroad, language, and area studies programs, including East Asian Studies. The University remains dedicated to providing international education opportunities for its students and cultural experience for our campus community." - Letter from Thomas Nenon, Provost, University of Memphis, to Hsiang-te Kung, Director, Confucius Institute at the University of Memphis, May 1, 2020.			
University of Tennessee Knoxville	TN	Southeast University	4/17/2013	1/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	"We believe our Confucius Institute has served us well for six years, laying the groundwork for a strong partnership with Southeast University and providing cultural opportunities for our community. Our students have benefited from expert language instruction and opportunities for travel. We hold in high regard the work of the Confucius Institute staff and their focus on building our network and programming. We are appreciative of their commitment and that of Southeast University. But economically and strategically, it's time to move in a different direction. 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." - Gretchen Neisler, vice provost for international affairs. The article adds, "The university also wants to maintain its partnership with Southeast University." - "UT Transitions Strategic Focus for its Global Engagement in Asia," University of Tennessee Knoxville News, January 24, 2019, <a href="https://news.utk.edu/2019/01/24/ut-transitions-strategic-focus-for-its-global-engagement-in-asia/">https://news.utk.edu/2019/01/24/ut-transitions-strategic-focus-for-its-global-engagement-in-asia/</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.			
Houston Independent School District	TX		3/2/2012	Reported 2022
Stated Reason for Closing	"HISD does not currently have agreements with the Chinese International Education Foundation or the Chinese Ministry of Education Center for Language Exchange and Cooperation." - Email from Dennis Spellman, Senior Media Relations Specialist, Houston Independent School District, to Rachele Peterson, February 11, 2022.			

Prairie View A&M University	TX	Xi'an International Studies University	7/3/2013	4/2018
Stated Reason for Closing		Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp 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." - Jackie Wang, "Texas A&M System Cuts Ties with China's Confucius Institute After Congressmen's Concern over Spying," <i>Dallas Morning News</i> , April 5, 2018, <a href="https://www.dallasnews.com/news/higher-education/2018/04/05/congressmen-urge-ut-dallas-texas-universities-cut-ties-chinas-confucius-institute">https://www.dallasnews.com/news/higher-education/2018/04/05/congressmen-urge-ut-dallas-texas-universities-cut-ties-chinas-confucius-institute</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.		
Texas A&M University	TX	Ocean University of China in Qingdao	4/28/2008	4/2018
Stated Reason for Closing		Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp 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." - Jackie Wang, "Texas A&M System Cuts Ties with China's Confucius Institute After Congressmen's Concern over Spying," <i>Dallas Morning News</i> , April 5, 2018, <a href="https://www.dallasnews.com/news/higher-education/2018/04/05/congressmen-urge-ut-dallas-texas-universities-cut-ties-chinas-confucius-institute">https://www.dallasnews.com/news/higher-education/2018/04/05/congressmen-urge-ut-dallas-texas-universities-cut-ties-chinas-confucius-institute</a> , accessed February 24, 2022.  "I believe, and hope you will agree, that the partnership between our two great universities is broader and deeper than any one grant alone. I am committed to the continued enhancements of our research collaborations, the success of the joint degree program, and student and faculty exchange. I am pleased by the progress of our rjoint taskforce created during your visit to Texas A&M University in 2-16. Under the Co-leadership of Dr. Jack Baldauf and Xiaopei Lin, I believe even more collaborations will be forged and our partnership will be stronger." - Letter from Michael K. Young, President, Texas A&M University, to Yu Zhigang, President, Ocean University of China, April 13, 2018.		
Texas Southern University	TX	Beijing Jiaotong University	4/12/2013	Summer 2018
Stated Reason for Closing		"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 to Rachele Peterson, NAS, March 3, 2021		
University of Texas - Dallas	TX	Southeast University	11/5/2007	8/2019
Stated Reason for Closing		"We will be arranging a new bilateral agreement with Southeast University to continue our mutually beneficial engagements. Our newly created UT Dallas Center for Chinese Studies will have the responsibility for continuing and expanding our engagements with Southeast University and will also have the responsibility of advancing our curricular offerings in Chinese language, history, and culture." - Letter from President Richard C. Benson to Ma Jianfei and Jing Wei, Hanban, and Wang Baoping, Southeast University, February 28, 2019.  "In the spirit and stated intent of Article 7 that the program ultimately become self-sustaining, independent of contributions from Confucius Institute Headquarters, UT Dallas is prepared to assume full responsibilities for financing our share of the costs of such programs with our own internal university funds. Hence, in the context of Article 9 of the new agreement, we are hereby informing you that we will no longer request financial support from Confucius Institute Headquarters." - Letter from President Richard C. Benson to Ma Jianfei and Jing Wei, Hanban, and Wang Baoping, Southeast University, February 28, 2019.		

University of Texas - San Antonio	TX	University of International Business and Economics	2/10/2010	2/2019
Stated Reason for Closing	<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 &amp; Senior International Officer, in "Chinese Arts and Language Programming to Be Fully Integrated into East Asia Institute," Academic Affairs, University of Texas at San Antonio, February 28, 2019, <a href="https://provost.utsa.edu/news/2019/02/story/2019-02-28-east-asia-institute.html">https://provost.utsa.edu/news/2019/02/story/2019-02-28-east-asia-institute.html</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p> <p>"After ten years of grant-funded support for the Confucius Institute, UTSA is now ready to graduate its China-related language and culture programs into a more robust environment, UTSA East Asia Institute, where we have many students engaged in learning about Japan, Korea and China. UTSA will not seek grant funding renewal and the Confucius Institute's activities will transition to the East Asia Institute as of June 30, 2019." - Letter from Vice Provost Lisa Montoya to Wang Jiaqiong, University of International Business and Economics, February 25, 2019.</p>			
Southern Utah University	UT	Sichuan University	10/19/2010	Will close June 30, 2022
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"State legislation was passed precluding foreign funds from begin used by public entities for language acquisition programs. The same legislation provided seed money to create a new center with a similar mission." - Email from Stephen Allen, Associate Vice President, Southern Utah University, to Rachele Peterson, NAS, April 5, 2022.</p>			
College of William and Mary	VA	Beijing Normal University	4/16/2012	6/30/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The William &amp; 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 &amp; 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." - "W&amp;M-BNU Collaborative Partnership," Global Engagement, College of William and Mary, <a href="http://wm.edu/sites/confuciusinstitute/index.php">wm.edu/sites/confuciusinstitute/index.php</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
George Mason University	VA	Beijing Language and Culture University	4/16/2009	6/30/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The Confucius Institute at Mason completed all programming and closed on June 30, 2020." - "Notice," Confucius Institute at Mason, George Mason University, <a href="https://confucius.gmu.edu/">https://confucius.gmu.edu/</a>, accessed February 24, 2022.</p>			
Old Dominion University	VA	Minzu University of China	4/19/2013	6/30/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>"The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, which was signed into law in August 2018, prohibits universities that host Confucius Institutes from receiving certain types of federal research grants. As a research-intensive public university, Old Dominion made the decision to close the Confucius Institute after careful consideration of the importance of federal funding to our mission of teaching, research, and discovery." - Letter from Provost and Vice President Augustine O. Agho to Song Min, Minzu University, and Ma Jianfei, Hanban, October 21, 2019.</p>			

University of Washington	WA	Sichuan University, Chongqing Municipal Education Commission	9/12/2009	1/2020
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>“Our faculty made this difficult choice in the context of the UW’s ongoing efforts to support and enhance access to the study of Chinese language and literature. The UW is applying to serve as a U.S. Department of Defense-funded Chinese Language Flagship Program for the 2020-2024 period. We are very disappointed to be forced to choose between hosting CIWA and pursuing this new opportunity. I am personally leading efforts to identify an appropriate alternate host institution so that CIWA’s many valued programs in service to the State of Washington may continue. The UW’s many shared activities and valued relationships with Chinese partners, including CIWA-partner Sichuan University, will continue. The UW is very proud of our global community, including our Chinese students, faculty, and staff. We remain strongly committed to our Chinese partners and community members, as well as to the study of Chinese language and literature more broadly.” - Letter from Jeffrey Riedinger, Vice Provost for Global Affairs, University of Washington, to Deputy Director Ma, September 9, 2019.</p>			
University of Wisconsin-Platteville	WI	South-Central University for Nationalities	9/17/2007	5/2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>“Over the past two years, the United States of America and its Department of State have raised serious concerns as to the scope of the People’s Republic of China and Beijing’s influence over higher education institutions, both nationally and globally. In response, a large number of U.S. colleges and universities have closed their Confucius Institutes. For those institutions that did not close their Confucius Institutes, such as UW-Platteville, the federal government and public officials have continued to question and scrutinize those relationships with China due to what is perceived as risks to research, threats to academic freedom, lack of transparency in foreign funding, and other matters. For example, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 was passed, effective January 1, 2021, which restricts certain federal funds to institutions that host Confucius Institutes. As a state entity, UW-Platteville is at risk of potentially losing federal funds as well as continued public scrutiny if it continues to operate a Confucius Institute. Unfortunately, due to these recent and continued concerns raised by the United States federal government and public officials as well as the recently enacted legislation, I have reached the difficult decision to end the UW-Platteville Confucius Institute as of the end of this academic year. ...This decision was made neither in haste nor without much deliberation on my part. I have had multiple discussions with my administration, faculty and students, as well as local, regional and national public officials on this matter. ...My hope is that we can work together to make this change in an amicable and respectful manner so that our partnership can continue many other important programs, projects, and engagements. For the details related to this change, I will have your staff work with my staff to ensure that this change is made with minimal impact on your staff and employees. I stress that UW-Platteville’s relationship with the Confucius Institute and SCUN has been positive, transparent, and engaging. I respect all that you have done to develop and maintain our partnership at UW-Platteville. I look forward to our continued partnership in offering the Master of Science in Teaching English as a Second Language, as well as other programs and projects in the future.” - Letter from Chancellor Dennis J. Shields to Yang Wei, Chinese International Education Foundation, and Ma Jianfei, Center for Language Education and Cooperation, February 1, 2021.</p>			
West Virginia University	WV	Tianjin University of Finance & Economics	11/5/2014	MOU expired 2019; funding ended and the Institute closed June 2021
Stated Reason for Closing	<p>“Moving forward, the University felt our students and faculty could receive the benefits of partnering with academic institutions in China without the required administrative oversight the Center required from both governments.” - email from April Kaull, Executive Director of Communications, West Virginia University, to Rachele Peterson, NAS, May 10, 2021</p>			

