

Chinese Culture and Conversation Two

Two non-credit courses in elementary Chinese culture and conversation will be offered this spring through the Confucius Institute at Purdue (CIP) and Purdue Continuing Education. The courses are open to anyone with an interest in Chinese language and culture.

The courses offered are listed below:

A Glimpse of China

Tuesdays, March 24 to April 28 • 7-9 p.m.

Class is held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
Fee \$125 • Class size is 15 • Aijen Wann, Instructor

This course will explore characteristics of Chinese culture and civilization in a seminar form. The class will begin by introducing the arts of Chinese cuisine and herbal medicine, then focus on two major aspects of Chinese culture: 1) the three major Chinese traditions of intellectual thought — Confucianism, Buddhism, and Daoism; and 2) popular Chinese beliefs, from the ancient concept of yin and yang to the modern fengshui. Basic knowledge of Chinese and geographical/ethnic groups will be systematically discussed along with the main class topics. Lectures will be in English and course materials will be provided. Enrollment is limited to 15 participants.

Elementary Chinese Conversation Two

Wednesdays, March 25 to April 29 • 7-9 p.m.

Class is held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
Fee \$125 • Class size is 15 • Jade Tang, Instructor

This course continues to develop the practical speaking skills achieved in Elementary Chinese Conversation and will direct participants toward the use of Chinese for special purposes. Topics will include daily communication in Chinese, expressions used in tourism, and cultural and social etiquettes for dealing with the Chinese business community. Course materials will be provided.

For More Information

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In partnership with Purdue University China Center, CIP promotes Chinese programs and studies on China, and initiates and fosters Chinese language and cultural programs to serve Purdue University, the greater Lafayette community, and the state of Indiana. CIP provides value-added information and expertise on Chinese culture and language education in business, global engineering, and tourism for academic programs, research project teams, community outreach, and K-12 schools.