

# Institute for Chinese Studies

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**The Institute for Chinese Studies (ICS) at The Ohio State University is a major hub and catalyst for original thought and action in the study of China. With unique expertise and domestic and international partnerships, ICS continually challenges paradigms to further knowledge, increase understanding, and inspire life-long learning of the Chinese-speaking world and its impact around the globe.**

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## Sparks Innovative Research and Instruction

Academics is central to the mission of the Institute for Chinese Studies. By providing resources that stimulate new research opportunities and expand instructional initiatives, the Institute for Chinese Studies:

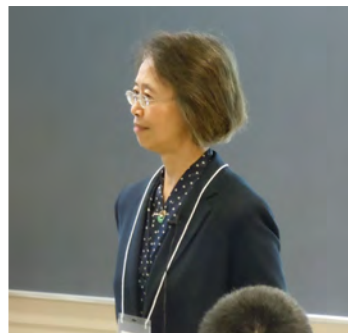
- Supports a community of faculty and students in fostering and exchanging innovative ideas on the Chinese-speaking world
- Organizes lecture series and conferences to share new perspectives that enrich research and curricula
- Supports a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses on China through instructional media, films, lectures and exhibitions
- Seeds new courses in language and area studies, enabling students to explore new areas and deepen their knowledge
- Augments research and teaching resources to provide access to unique tools for study



## Forges Interdisciplinary Connections Across Fields and Regions

In today's highly interconnected world, innovative research and instruction spans several domains and multiple disciplines. To promote an interdisciplinary network of Chinese experts throughout OSU and beyond, the Institute for Chinese Studies:

- Connects nearly 30 faculty and instructional staff from 13 disciplines to promote increased collaborations within various fields and specializations
- Brings together more than 80 graduate students from across the university specializing in the Chinese-speaking world
- Administers the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Chinese Cultural Studies
- Arranges visits of researchers and scholars and supports the creation of partnerships with overseas institutions
- Cooperates with partners in business and government sectors to promote exchange between Ohio and the Chinese-speaking world



## **Initiates Programs to Inspire Life-Long Learning**

ICS believes that learning about China should begin at an early age and continue throughout life. Therefore, throughout Ohio and beyond, the Institute for Chinese Studies works with students, teachers, businesses and the community to:

- Provide teaching resources on East Asia for K-12 schools and community organizations
- Offer programs to inspire K-12 students to continue their study of China at the collegiate level
- Offer lectures on Chinese themes at minority-serving institutions and community colleges
- Organize career and professional development events to keep individuals and businesses up to speed in an ever-changing world
- Sponsor cultural events, film series, festivals, dance and musical performances and art exhibits, bringing the traditional and modern arts of China directly to Ohio

## **ICS Accomplishments**

Since its founding in 2001, ICS has:

- Secured funding to support the ICS mission, such as the Ohio Chinese American Professional Association's donation to support the ICS lecture series
- Hosted more than a dozen annual academic lectures in both English and Chinese language
- Held numerous conferences and symposia in diverse fields
- Helped support leading faculty-edited journals
- Hosted visiting professors and scholars
- Invited composers and artists
- Sponsored an annual film series
- Helped spearhead education abroad programs and supported undergraduate research abroad
- Partnered with the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations to host the annual CHINA Town Hall
- Conducted outreach programs at K-12 schools across the state

# OSU in the Chinese-speaking world



## The Ohio State University China Gateway

- The OSU China Gateway office, located in Shanghai, capitalizes on the strengths of Ohio State's connections in China and provides the university with a myriad of opportunities, including operational support for faculty research/teaching and international partnerships, a portal for study abroad, a location for international student recruitment, a center for academic programming as well as executive and corporate training, a location for alumni gatherings and a new way to partner with Ohio-based companies operating in global markets.

## Education Abroad Programs

- The Ohio State University offers dozens of student exchange and education abroad programs which provide students opportunities to experience the Chinese-speaking world firsthand. Education abroad programs cover topics from intensive Chinese language to public health in China, from minority cultures in China to transportation systems planning in Taiwan.

## International Partnerships

- OSU has established over 100 partnerships with universities in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, including dual degree programs, memorandums of understanding, memorandums of agreement, and student exchange agreements, with more in development.
- Cooperative agreements for research, teaching and international exchange range fields such as agriculture, business, education and human ecology, engineering, humanities, libraries and medicine.

## International Students, Scholars and Alumni

- OSU enrolls more than 4,000 international students from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore.
- More than 750 visiting scholars from the Chinese-speaking world are affiliated with Ohio State annually.
- Alumni organizations are active in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore.



Established in 2001, the Institute for Chinese Studies (ICS) serves as a center for scholarly research, student training and public programming about the Chinese-speaking world for The Ohio State University faculty, students, the P-12 community, business and government, and members of the general public. ICS focuses on the dissemination of knowledge about the cultures, languages, history, politics, economies and the educational institutions of the Chinese-speaking world. Activities sponsored by the Institute not only focus on the People's Republic of China, but encompass the Chinese societies of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Southeast Asia as well.

ICS is a unit the East Asian Studies Center (EASC), and is led by the ICS faculty director and supported by EASC staff, a team of professionals who hold backgrounds in East Asian studies and have extensive experience in program administration. EASC and ICS are housed within the Office of International Affairs, which spearheads the University's international endeavors, including OSU Gateway Centers, area studies, international security studies, education abroad, global engagement, and international students and scholars.

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