The Confucius Institute enables all activities and offerings at the University of Graz that are related to China to be combined, thereby making the best use of synergies. It serves as a space where those interested in China can meet and as an interface between cultural, economic, political and research initiatives. The institute’s link to the university leads to a focus on the fields teaching, research and cultural exchange. Language courses and specialized courses as well as the education and certification of Chinese teachers are included in the wide variety of course offerings. In the field of research, the Confucius Institute supports employees of the University of Graz in preparing for and setting up cooperative research projects, and it also implements its own bilateral research projects. A wide variety of events and programmes about China promote cultural exchange.

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TEACHING
• Organization of practice-oriented Chinese courses for students in linguistic and non-linguistic fields of study
• Organization of intensive courses for students
• Organization of Chinese courses for university employees, graduates and external participants
• Organization of HSK tests for students and external participants
• Recommendation of outstanding candidates to participate in Chinese language competitions
• Organization of study trips for students from the University of Graz, Graz University of Technology, the Medical University of Graz, the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz and the University of Leoben
• Organization of summer camps for schoolchildren
• Information centre for questions related to China
• Provision and support of materials for learning Chinese on one’s own

RESEARCH
• Integration into the treffpunkt sprachen research areas plurilingualism and didactics
• Platform for academic cooperation between Austrian and Chinese universities
• Strengthening and pooling of academic exchange
• Promotion of cooperative research
The Confucius Institute meets the requirements and needs resulting from China’s current political and economic significance with events, forums, lecture series and traditional festivals. Relations between China and the region of Styria are organized actively and responsibly in conjunction with other players in the political, cultural and business worlds.

- Holding traditional festivals
- Offering an evening of Chinese song
- Organizing “Doing Business in China” lectures
- Organizing forums and lectures series on Chinese literature, philosophy, art history, business, society, politics, etc.
- Cooperating on information events
- Carrying out taster courses
- Organizing a Chinese cultural week (Chinese cuisine, kung fu, Chinese opera, medicine, folk dancing, calligraphy, folk music, etc.)
- Organization of “Cultural Tours to China”
• Private and group lessons for children, young people and adults
• Semester and intensive courses for students
• Basic courses for schoolchildren
• HSK and YCT certificates (international proof of knowledge of Chinese)
• Summer camps for schoolchildren and university students in Beijing – Zhenjiang – Shanghai
• Course offerings in the fields Chinese philosophy, literary studies, art history and cultural studies
• Education and certification of Chinese teachers
• Specific courses for companies
  (business Chinese, lectures, seminars and workshops)

Individual and specially designed Chinese courses, seminars and workshops can be conducted directly in companies, schools or at home. The Confucius Institute offers taster courses and advising free of charge.
CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL AND NEW YEAR CONCERT
The Confucius Institute presents dance and music by international artists from Asia. Thanks to their great virtuosity and technical perfection, the audience is taken on a journey to the world of Chinese movement and sound.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL
Every year, one of the most important and long-standing festivals in the Chinese year is celebrated: the Dragon Boat Festival. A Chinese atmosphere is created by tai chi fan dances, traditional Chinese music, Chinese folk songs, exhibitions of tai chi double sabre (dragon style) and modern Chinese dances. The buffet with traditional zongzi (sticky rice) and green tea completes the festival.
MOON FESTIVAL
The Moon Festival or Mid-autumn Festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar is dedicated to the largest and brightest full moon in the year, the harvest moon. The festival is also an official public holiday. Families and friends come together to celebrate the traditional Moon Festival and eat mooncakes (yueh-bing).

DOUBLE NINTH FESTIVAL
The ninth day of the ninth month of the Chinese lunar calendar is a festival for the older generation in China. In the beautiful setting of Stubenberghaus on Schöckl, old and young discuss generational issues, thereby learning about Chinese society’s interesting views of life.
Cultural Programme

Chinese Cuisine
Jiaozi (Chinese dumplings) are an integral part of Chinese culture. The filling generally consists of vegetables and meat or prawns. Since the recipe is relatively complicated, jiaozi are made at home by the whole family: rolled, kneaded, filled and finally (of course) eaten! We prepare these delicious dumplings with you at the Confucius Institute. Bon appétit!

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)
Health, diet, physical and mental flexibility are key issues of contemporary concern that are also at the centre of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). TCM pays attention to the individual and often a slight impulse is enough to trigger great changes. A correct diet plays an important role in both health and beauty. Lectures deal with different aspects of a correct diet that includes the five elements and how to follow it in daily life.

Tai Chi Chuan
Tai chi chuan is a traditional school of life that arose from Taoism. It does an excellent job of maintaining the health of the body and caring for the soul and spiritual development and is an efficient method of self-defence. “Know yourself, and you will know your enemy. Unite yourself dynamically with each changing situation.” (Chen Zhangxing)
CULTURAL PROGRAMME

GONFU CHA
Tea is an essential part of Asian life. Artists and emperors have dealt with it for thousands of years and created a tea culture that became a philosophical attitude towards life, the “Way of Tea.” In our seminars, you have the opportunity to get to know the art, history and culture surrounding gonfu cha — the Chinese tea ceremony — and to literally taste your way into the way of tea.

CHINESE INK WASH PAINTING
In our workshops, you get a glimpse into the generation of ideas and techniques of Chinese ink wash painting. Individually supervised, you develop your own painting style step by step and deepen your knowledge. Let yourself be enchanted by everything that happens when brush, ink and paper meet!

MAHJONG
Mahjong is inseparable from Asian and especially Chinese everyday culture. The rules are easy to learn, the game is exciting and varied, there is a good balance between game tactics and luck — in short, it is simply a lot of fun. Why don’t you play too?
CHINESE GOOD LUCK KNOTS
Chinese knots are especially popular at the time of the traditional festivals because they give life an extraordinary character. Chinese knots are usually tied with a silk cord and are handicrafts. During our courses, you tie your own Chinese knots that will bring you much luck!

PAPER CUTTING
Paper cutting is one of the oldest folk arts in China. During the Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, it is the tradition in many parts of the country to apply paper cuts of different patterns to the window or to the door. The basic technique is not very difficult; you just need a pair of scissors and a piece of paper. Would you like to make a Chinese-style paper cut? Let’s try it out together!

BEIJING OPERA AND MASK PAINTING
Beijing opera has two hundred years of history and is a comprehensive performance art. It combines song, martial arts and dance. Hours of work are required to create the elaborately painted masks that are characteristic of each role. Do you want to find out more about Beijing opera and take your own mask home? Then come visit us at the Confucius Institute!
China Days
As part of China Day, the Confucius Institute offers various lectures, cultural pro-
grammes and language courses at Styrian schools in which schoolchildren have the
opportunity to get to know the most important aspects of Chinese culture and language.
The topics on China Day include taster courses, TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine),
music and painting, calligraphy, kung fu, Chinese cuisine and feng shui.

China Forum
Every year, the Confucius Institute holds its traditional China Forum in which top experts
from China and the German-speaking countries participate. Lectures and discussion
forums examine aspects of Chinese philosophy, literature, culture, medicine, business
and law, and interesting academic topics are discussed with the general public.
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