





## **Confucius Institute at NSU-BA Offers Advanced Chinese Class** for Fall

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Northeastern State University and the Confucius Institute have joined forces to offer an upper-level Chinese class this fall on the Broken Arrow campus. The course, HUM 4003 Chinese Language and Culture ZAP 4003 follows a compressed schedule, meeting four times a week for one hour.

Professor Cai Qi, the director of the Culture Teaching and Research section of Yunnan University, will teach the class. She is certified by the Chinese Ministry of Education to teach Chinese as a foreign language and has recently instructed a traditional Chinese Calligraphy class at NSU. Qi is in the United States to work at the Confucius Institute at the University of Oklahoma.

This is the first time advanced Chinese has been taught at Northeastern State. The pre-requisite for the class is two years of high-school Chinese or six hours of college-level Chinese.

The Confucius Institute at NSU promotes educational exchange and cooperation between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China. Confucius Institute's educational resources provide knowledge of Chinese language, culture, history, politics, economics, sociology, and philosophy through special events, guest speakers, lecture series, presentations, seminars and classes.

The China National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (HanBan) and NSU are in the process of jointly establishing the Confucius Institute as a non-degree granting entity. Through a grant, HanBan will provide library materials and resources for hosting visiting faculty members from China. Materials will be housed and courses provided in the Confucius Room in Building E of the NSU-BA campus.

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