

The Chinese Confucius Classroom in Technical University in Zvolen – website

1.) Class introduction

On January 18th, 2020, the Chinese Confucius Classroom in Technical University in Zvolen, established by the Confucius Institute at Comenius University in Slovakia and Technical University in Zvolen, was officially unveiled. The Chinese Confucius Class is based on the long-standing teaching and research traditions of the Department of East Asian Studies of the Faculty of Arts of the Comenius University in the field of Sinology. With the help of dozens of experienced Chinese teachers and volunteers from the Confucius Institute at Comenius University, as well as dozens of primary and secondary schools and teaching sites outside the capital, it is continuously committed to the teaching of Chinese language and the promotion of Chinese culture. Chinese language, being a powerful cultural symbol representing China, is occupying an increasingly important position in the process of communication and integration between Chinese culture and other cultures. In the context of the current popularity of Chinese culture overseas, the Confucius Institute and Technical University in Zvolen have combined to promote the exchange and cooperation of education and culture between China and Slovakia, as well as create a comprehensive and diversified cultural exchange platform, and hardworkingly spread the authentic Chinese culture to the local people.

2.) Courses and activities

The Chinese Confucius Classroom offers Chinese language courses and cultural courses to meet different needs at different levels and also provides to students high-quality learning resources and various multimedia learning materials. Our teachers are experienced native Chinese language teachers from the People's Republic of China certified in teaching Chinese as a foreign language and they provide balanced training in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Chinese. The courses are taught in English and Chinese.

– Course timetable (Unsure)

– Language courses

- Elementary Chinese 1 and 2
- Intermediate Chinese 1 and 2
- Advanced Chinese 1 and 2
- Business Chinese Course
- Beginners Course for Children
- Individual courses customized to personal interests and requirements

– Other activities

- the celebrations of the Chinese Traditional festivals, such as the Mid-Autumn Festival and the Chinese New Year Festival
- Chinese Martial Arts Performances
- Confucius Institute Summer Camp organized in cooperation with our partner institution Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUIBE)

3.) Teachers Profile

– Shuang LU

Ms. Shuang Lu graduated from Shanghai University of International Business and Economics majoring in teaching Chinese as a foreign language. She used to be a Chinese teacher in a Japanese school in Shanghai. Ms. LU has extensive overseas teaching experience and is proficient in Chinese and English language. Now she teaches Chinese courses at teaching sites in Bratislava International School, Technical University in Zvolen, and The School of Kungfu and Taiji.

4.) Chinese Courses Introduction

The Chinese Confucius Classroom offers Chinese language courses to meet different needs at different levels. Teachers will arrange teaching activities, choose appropriate textbooks, and set corresponding teaching goals to achieve the best teaching goals.

For the beginner courses, as the students all start at zero, therefore the teachers will use the HSK Standard Course textbooks, which is a set of textbooks written for people who want to pass the Chinese proficiency test. Practical topics are combined with communication, so that students can learn Chinese in a more practical manner. The teachers will also combine video, music and other means to expand the students' understanding of China. In addition, a cultural salon class is organized every month, where students can experience the charms of Chinese culture, such as paper-cutting, calligraphy, making Chinese knots, Chinese chess or playing shuttlecock. At the end of the one-stage learning process, teachers will organize students to register for the HSK exam. Students who pass the exam can get a certificate awarded by Hanban of China and can continue to study or work in China in the future.