

WHAT IS THE CIVU?



Inaugurated on February 14, 2008, supported by the Confucius Institute Headquarters in Beijing, and co-run by Valparaiso University and its partner university Zhejiang University of Technology (ZJUT), the Confucius Institute at Valparaiso University (CIVU) aims at helping Northwest Indiana citizens learn about China and its people and culture and study the Chinese language, and promoting cultural, particularly music, exchange between the US and China in general, and between Indiana and Zhejiang Province in particular.

Each Confucius Institute has a Chinese university as its partner to assist with its overall operation and daily management. Valparaiso University's partner is Zhejiang University of Technology (ZJUT), a public institution with approximately 35,000 students. Founded in 1910 as a technological school, now a top university in Zhejiang Province, ZJUT became a college in 1953 and eventually a comprehensive university in 1993. Located in Hangzhou City, ZJUT hosts a variety of engineering programs and colleges including medical science, humanities, foreign languages, arts and law.

With the CIVU inaugurated and operating in full swing, Valparaiso University continues its two-decade-strong exchange relationships with ZJUT on a higher altitude, with a Hangzhou study center and more opportunities for students and faculty to visit its partner institutions, join summer camps or organize study trips, and, at the same time, it receives Chinese students to VU for educational and cultural exchange purposes.

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