

Chinese Placement Test Instruction

The purpose of this placement test is to help you choose a right Chinese course. If you want to place out, you need to complete this test plus a composition test that will be administered by Brandeis Chinese Language Program in the end of August. (Exact date, time and venue will be informed later.)

Before taking this test, please complete a short survey first. If you have special background/situation/need, please explain in your email when sending your answer sheet to Prof. Yu Feng, the director of Chinese Language Program (yfeng@brandeis.edu).

There are five parts and 48 questions in total. The test focuses on intermediate and low advanced levels although the questions may range from advanced beginner through native speaker level. Do not feel frustrated if you have learned one or two years Chinese but cannot complete most of the questions. In each part, questions are arranged from the easiest to the most difficult. Therefore, do not give up halfway. For example, if you feel the question 3 in part 1 is too difficult to you, you may feel the question 1 in part 2 quite easy. Do your best. When you don't know how to answer a question, however, you are not encouraged to guess randomly.

If you read simplified Chinese characters, please use the SP version; if you read traditional Chinese characters, please use the TD version.

You should complete the test within 2 hours without dictionary or other references. For the listening comprehension part, you are allowed to listen just once.

Please answer questions on the answer sheet by highlighting your choice with yellow color. Save the file and rename it with your name. Then, email your answer to yfeng@brandeis.edu as attachment. Yu Feng and other Chinese teachers will answer your questions promptly. We shall give you a course suggestion by the end of May through email.