

# Language Questionnaire

## NYU in Shanghai

### Spring 2009

The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide our language instructors with some insight into your language abilities prior to your arrival in China. Please complete it to the best of your ability. Please use Chinese where you can.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chinese Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender      Male             Female

Home Institution \_\_\_\_\_

1. What language do you normally use at home?
  - English
  - Chinese (Not Mandarin)
  - Chinese (Mandarin)
  - Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. How many semesters have you been learning Chinese in your university or college (before you come to NYU in Shanghai program)?
  - None

#### **College Level**

- 1<sup>st</sup> semester (Elementary I )
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (Elementary II)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> semester (Intermediate I )
- 4<sup>th</sup> semester (Intermediate II)
- 5<sup>th</sup> semester (Advanced I )
- 6<sup>th</sup> semester (Advanced II)
- 7<sup>th</sup> semester or above

***If you studied in weekend school or with a private tutor, please fill out the following chart.***

How many years did you study in weekend school/ with you tutor	
How often did you study in weekend school/with your tutor	
How long did you study in weekend school/ with your tutor	
What textbooks did you use	

3. Have you taken a placement test in your university or college before you come to Shanghai program? If yes, which level are you placed in?

4. Do any of your family members speak Mandarin? Please specify your relation(s).

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Please use the chart below to rate your spoken Chinese. \_\_\_\_\_

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	None
5	4	3	2	1

6. Can you read Chinese characters?

- No.
- Yes, I can **read / write** simplified characters. Please circle one or both.
- Yes, I can **read / write** traditional characters. Please circle one or both.

7. Can you read and write Pinyin of mainland of China?

- No.
- Yes, I can read and write Pinyin.

8. Please use the chart below to rate your written Chinese. \_\_\_\_\_

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	None
5	4	3	2	1

9. Did you have any experience studying Chinese outside of the U.S.?

- No.
- Yes, I studied in: mainland of China / Taiwan / Hong Kong / Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Circle all that apply)

10. What textbook(s)/ materials do you use in your home institution? Please give the name(s).

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11. What do you hope to achieve or improve on by taking Chinese language classes on this program? Please feel free to elaborate below.

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

12. For the advanced level students, do you want to study regular advanced Chinese class or topic-orientated Chinese classes like business Chinese, Chinese literature, Media Chinese, etc..? Please specify:

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