

## PLACEMENT TESTS for ASIAN LANGUAGES, FALL 2011

When? **Tuesday, September 6**

**Where?** **Chinese:** 06 September, 4.30pm, Lyons 210 for room assignment  
**Japanese:** 06 September, 4.30pm, Lyons 210 for room assignment  
**Korean:** 06 September, 4.30pm, Lyons 210 for room assignment

### Why should I take this test?

The placement test serves two major purposes:

- to determine proper placement in East Asian language courses;
- to provide a way for students with advanced skills to satisfy the foreign-language graduation requirement

Students who wish to register for Intermediate or Advanced Chinese/Japanese/Korean at Boston College but who have not taken prerequisite language courses at an American university get placed into the appropriate levels by these test scores.

The test also helps students interested in taking Elementary Chinese/Japanese/Korean determine whether higher-level courses might suit them better.

Finally, students who place at an advanced level will have automatically fulfilled the foreign-language proficiency requirement.

Students receive recommendations about registering at the appropriate language-course levels according to their placement-test scores (see table below),

but note that **actual admission into a course is subject to the enrollment limits of that course.**

In other words, even with an appropriate score, students cannot register for a class that is already full.

### Who does *not* need to take the test?

Those who have never studied Chinese/Japanese/Korean and who want to take *Elementary Chinese I*, *Elementary Japanese I*, or *Introduction to Korean I* do not need to take the placement test.

Those who have successfully taken *Elementary Chinese II*, *Elementary Japanese II*, *Introduction to Korean II* at Boston College and would like to take *Intermediate Chinese I*, *Elementary Japanese I* or *Continuing Korean I* do not need to take the test.

Those who have successfully taken *Intermediate Chinese II* or *Intermediate Japanese II* at Boston College and would like to continue with Third-Year or Advanced Chinese or with Third-Year or Advanced Japanese I do not need to take the test.

Those who have SAT II Chinese/Japanese / Korean Subject Test scores do not need to take the test. In this case, the table at the end of this document indicates the recommended appropriate levels.

### How do I prepare for the test?

Your best bet would be to review the materials from your previous language classes.

There is no need to prepare in any special way for the placement test because the purpose of the test is to determine a student's general proficiency so that we can place the student at the most suitable level.

## Test format?

The tests have both written and oral components.

We offer the *Chinese* test in both *traditional* and *simplified* characters.

Students may choose either version.

For details on the *Japanese* test, contact:

Ms. Ritsuko Sullivan, tel +1-617/552.2755 [vmb 2], eMail [sulli1adq@bc.edu](mailto:sulli1adq@bc.edu)

For details on the *Korean* test contact:

Dr. Choong Yoon, tel +1-617/552.8963, eMail [younch@bc.edu](mailto:younch@bc.edu)

## What if I cannot make it to the scheduled test on 06 September?

Those who have legitimate reason to miss the scheduled time should contact Prof Sing-chen Lydia Chiang [chiangs@bc.edu](mailto:chiangs@bc.edu) for alternative test arrangements.

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### SAT II Chinese/Japanese/Korean Subject Test scores and placement levels

score	course level
200-400	SL009 <b>Elementary Chinese I</b> plus corequisite Practicum (5 cr total) SL023 <b>Elementary Japanese I</b> SL031 <b>Introduction to Korean I</b> offered Fall semester only
410-480	SL010 <b>Elementary Chinese II</b> plus corequisite Practicum (5 cr total) SL024 <b>Elementary Japanese II</b> SL032 <b>Introduction to Korean II</b> offered Spring semester only
490-590	SL061 <b>Intermediate Chinese I</b> plus corequisite Practicum (5 cr total) SL063 <b>Intermediate Japanese I</b> SL075 <b>Continuing Korean I</b> (next offered 2012-2013) offered Fall semester only
600-640	SL062 <b>Intermediate Chinese II</b> plus corequisite Practicum (5 cr total) SL064 <b>Intermediate Japanese II</b> SL076 <b>Continuing Korean II</b> (next offered 2012-2013) offered Spring semester only
650-700	<i>Language-proficiency requirement satisfied</i> For further study: SL165 <b>Third-year Chinese I</b> SL167 <b>Third-year Japanese I</b> offered Fall semester only
710-750	<i>Language-proficiency requirement satisfied</i> For further study: SL166 <b>Third-year Chinese II</b> SL168 <b>Third-year Japanese II</b> offered Spring semester only
760-800	<i>Language-proficiency requirement satisfied</i> For further study: SL245–246 <b>Advanced Chinese I/II</b> SL257–258 <b>Advanced Japanese I/II</b> SL365 <b>Advanced Readings: Chinese Literature &amp; Philosophy</b> SL393 <b>Advanced Tutorial: Chinese</b>