MCMASTER UNIVERSITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

ASSESSMENT OF LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

Student’s Name: ______________________________                 Student Number: _______________________________

(FOLLOWING PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY A LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR)

Assessment of ____________________________ language

Name of Evaluator:________________________________ Position/Title:__________________________________
Telephone:__(____)______________________________ Email:________________________________________
Signature:_______________________________________ Date:_________________________________________

Please return a copy of this assessment to the student. Please also return a copy to:

Jenna Levi
Education Abroad Coordinator
International Student Services, GH 110
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How was the evaluation determined?

☐ Based on knowledge of student’s course work in a language class
☐ Written examination; test name and date administered________________________________________
☐ Oral examination; date administered: ______________________________________________________

Please indicate your opinion of the student’s present language ability in each of the following categories.

1. ORAL COMPREHENSION

☐ None
☐ Limited to slow, uncomplicated sentences
☐ Understands simple conversation
☐ Understands conversation on simple academic topics
☐ Understands sophisticated discussion on academic topics

2. SPEAKING ABILITY

☐ None
☐ Able to complete structurally simple, short phrases
☐ Uses basic grammatical structure, speaking with limited vocabulary
☐ Uses structural patterns, but not with consistent accuracy; adequate to participate in conversational topics
☐ Has control over structure patterns; can handle a wide range of conversational situations.
3. READING ABILITY

☐ None
☐ Limited to simple vocabulary and sentences structure
☐ Understands conventional topics and non-technical subjects
☐ Understands materials which contain idioms and specialized terminology
☐ Understands sophisticated materials, including those in proposed field of study

4. WRITING ABILITY

☐ None
☐ Writes simple sentences on conventional topics with some errors in spelling and structure
☐ Writes on academic topics with a few errors in structure and spelling
☐ Writes on academic topics with idiomatic ease of expression and feeling for the style of the language

What is your opinion of the student’s ability to pursue university-level course work in this language?

☐ Will require considerable training before necessary competence can be attained
☐ Will require additional training before beginning the exchange
☐ Should be able to manage adequately after a short period of adjustment abroad
☐ Should have no difficulty

Please mark as appropriate:

☐ I do not approve the student for study in this language
☐ I conditionally approve the student for study abroad in this language
☐ I unconditionally approve the student for study abroad in this language

Please add any comments relating to the student’s linguistic ability.

In case of conditional approval, what are the conditions the student must satisfy to receive clearance for study abroad? List any suggestions (e.g. one more term of language preparation/intensive summer language program).

☐ I ________________________________ (student name) understand that it is my responsibility to follow up on the conditions noted above and supply proof of completion to MacAbroad. I understand that MacAbroad reserves the right to withdraw my exchange nomination should I not meet the conditions noted in this language assessment.