STAMP Chinese Proficiency Test Instructions for Students:

Thank you for registering for the STAMP Chinese proficiency test. The STAMP is a computer-adaptive assessment that helps the HNC Admissions Committee understand your proficiency level. Please carefully read the instructions below to prepare for the test.

Step 1: Submit the test fee
- If you have not done so already, please submit your test fee. In-Person Proctoring for $15 or $30 for a virtually proctored test. Payment is accepted by credit card or check made out to The Johns Hopkins University.

Step 2: Practice!
- To take the practice test go to https://www.update.avantassessment.com/sample-tests/ and then select 'Mandarin Simplified' under AVANT STAMP 4S SAMPLE TESTS. *The actual test will only be offered in Simplified Chinese*
  - Please note:
    - The Hopkins-Nanjing Center will only require that you complete the listening and reading portions of the STAMP for admission.
    - The practice test verifies the compatibility of your computer and not the difficulty you can expect from the test.

Step 3: Test Day
Test Regulations:
- You will need access to headphones and a computer connected to the internet.
- No paper, pens, pencils, cell phones, etc. are allowed during the testing process.
- No additional windows or applications (such as Word, email or Web pages) are allowed to be open on your computer during testing.
- No outside resources (such as dictionaries, textbooks, or other support materials) are to be used during the test.
- The proctor must remain with you throughout the testing process.

Logging in to take the STAMP (For In-Person Proctoring Only):
- Your proctor will provide the URL for the website login page, the test code, and password right before you begin the test.
- For your Login Name, please use your first initial followed by your last name (example: jsmith for John Smith). Login Name should be all lower case letters. Click on Login.
- After you log in, you will need to provide a Student ID number on the student profile page. Please enter the number 0.
- You will also be asked several questions about your previous Chinese study.
Instructions for Virtual Proctoring:

- Follow this link [https://hopkins.avantassessment.com](https://hopkins.avantassessment.com) and enter in the required information to set-up virtual proctoring. A message with set-up instructions will then be sent to the designated email by the virtual proctoring service EXAMITY. The email will include a login URL, user ID and temporary password. Use this information to create a permanent password and once completed you will have access to your account dashboard and be directed to first complete the “my profile” section prior to scheduling the actual test with the virtual proctor.

- Internet Explorer is currently not a supported web browser for virtual proctoring!

  For further instructions please refer to the resources provided by Examity below:
  YouTube Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPDUiC2ekLE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPDUiC2ekLE)

  For all technical issues with please contact the Examity support team
  Phone: 855-Examity (855-392-6489)  Email: support@examity.com

- Please be sure to notify our office at nanjing@jhu.edu once you have completed the test and self-report any irregularities should they occur!

Taking the Test

The Hopkins-Nanjing Center admissions office will review your scores for two sections of the STAMP: **Reading** and **Listening**.

- First click on the circle marked Reading. At the end of the reading section, you will receive the option to “Go on to the next section.” You should then click on the circle marked Listening. After completing the listening section, you are done with the test and you may close the test window. The HNC office will email your results within two business days.

Step 4: Results

Once you complete the test, the Hopkins-Nanjing Center Office of International Admissions will provide a detailed explanation of your score by email. The following scores are **recommended** for admission to HNC programs:

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**NOTE: This test is meant to be challenging. Do not be discouraged if you find it to be difficult!**

As an adaptive test, questions become more difficult as you answer previous questions correctly. Even if you do not know the answer to a question, try to answer to the best of your ability. Please also keep in mind that a limited number of academically strong applicants are conditionally admitted each year with scores below those recommended in the chart above. These students typically are required to enroll in a summer language program and retake the test prior to matriculating. In addition, students who intend to pursue further Chinese language study between taking the test and enrolling in the program should make this clear on the application, as this information can play a role in admissions decisions.

Step 5: Apply!

Click [this link](#) to start your application today!