The Placement Test is in an online multiple-choice format, which allows you to take it at your convenience before you come to Smith College for orientation. It will probably take 45 minutes to one hour to complete. The test consists of questions on vocabulary, grammar, and reading comprehension. There is no oral, listening, or writing component - these skills will be tested at the in-person part of the placement test during Orientation Week.

The test has questions ranging from very easy to very advanced; don’t worry if there are some (or many) questions you don’t understand at all. Please answer the questions for which you know the correct answer, and those for which you can make an educated guess. If you do not understand the question at all, please leave it blank and continue to the next question.

Your score will be available to you immediately upon completion of the test. Please do not worry about the “grade” - your score is not a grade; rather, it indicates to us which level of Chinese might be a good fit for you. The Chinese Program of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures will also be able to view your score. When you come to Smith College during the Orientation Week, an oral interview and a short written essay will be required and scheduled (see information here: http://www.smith.edu/registrar/entering_placement.php).

Your course placement will be determined based on a combination of this online test, an oral interview, and a written essay.

It is important to emphasize that the online placement test is for diagnostic purposes only. This diagnostic tool may be supplemented by your instructor's evaluation during the first week of classes, at which time he or she may recommend a change in registration.

The test must represent your own work. When taking it, you will be bound by Smith College’s Academic Honor Code. You may take this test only once. Please also note that no dictionary or textbook can be used during your test. Should you have any questions about your placement test, please email chineseprogram@smith.edu

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The test is accessible after August 1 by the link below. Please take the test no later than 5pm on September 1st. (The Oral and written portion will be held on Monday, September 2)

2. To take the test, go to https://moodle.smith.edu/course/view.php?id=30513. The link will take you to the usual Moodle login screen.
3. Log in with your Smith username and password and you will see the following screen.

4. Click the “Enroll me” button at the bottom and you will see the course and be enrolled.

5. You will see two quizzes - the simplified character version and the traditional character version. Choose whichever one you are most comfortable with, and click it.

6. Click “Finish Attempt” at the end of the quiz, then remember to click “Submit all and finish” button on the next screen.