The Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK) is a national standardized test to assess the Chinese language proficiency of non-native speakers, including foreigners, overseas Chinese and students of Chinese national minorities.

The Confucius Institute at Western Michigan University has offered the HSK test on campus for the past two years. The HSK is the only standardized Mandarin Chinese proficiency test for non-native speakers recognized by the Chinese government, which was first offered at Beijing Language and Culture University. Upon successful completion of the test, an HSK certificate is issued, which is recognized without limitation in the People’s Republic of China and which may be useful for higher education and professional purposes.

**HSK comprises of six levels from HSK-Level 1 to HSK-Level 6:**

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<td>Test takers who reach HSK-Level 1 can understand and use simple words and sentences to fulfill specific communication needs and have a foundation for the further study of Chinese.</td>
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| Level 2 | Test takers who reach HSK-Level 2 can communicate simply and directly on daily topics they are familiar with. Level 2 have reached the advanced stage of beginner level. | Listening: 35 questions  
Reading: 25 questions | 55             | 30            |
| Level 3 | Test takers who reach HSK-Level 3 can complete basic communication tasks in daily life, study and work. If traveling in China, Level 3 can handle most communication tasks they encounter. | Listening: 40 questions  
Reading: 30 questions  
Writing: 10 questions | 90             | 40            |
| Level 4 | Test takers who reach HSK-Level 4 can discuss a relatively wide range of topics in Chinese and are able to communicate with native speakers. | Listening: 40 questions  
Reading: 30 questions  
Writing: 10 questions | 105            | 50            |
| Level 5 | Test takers who reach HSK-Level 5 can read Chinese newspapers and magazines, appreciate Chinese films and television, and are able to write and deliver a full speech. | Listening: 45 questions  
Reading: 45 questions  
Writing: 10 questions | 125            | 60            |
| Level 6 | Test takers who reach HSK-Level 6 can easily understand what they read and listen, and express themselves fluently in written and oral Chinese. | Listening: 50 questions  
Reading: 50 questions  
Writing: 1 question | 140            | 70            |

**Date and Time for 2018**

Levels II, IV and VI will be offered starting at 9 a.m. on test day, and levels I, III, and V will be offered at 1:30 p.m. in **Dunbar Hall 2152 on WMU's main campus**.

2019-1-12
2019-03-23
2019-05-11
2019-07-21
Registration is now open for all test dates and will close **10 days** prior to each test. Payment for the HSK should be made online after completing your test registration.

**Cancellation Refunds:**

If a student withdraws from the test and notifies the Confucius Institute two weeks or more prior to the test date, a full refund will be given.

If a student withdraws from the test and notifies the Confucius Institute one week before the test date, a 50% refund will be given.

If a student withdraws from the test and notifies the Confucius Institute less than one week before the test date, no refund will be given.