



## RESULTS OF ASSESSMENT

### Assessment Plan For

World Languages and Cultures  
(Department)

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Program, if applicable (AAS, Interdepartmental, etc.):

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1. Section of Mission & Goals  and/or Core Competencies   
and/or Strategic Priorities  to which the Intended Departmental/Program Outcome #1  
refers:

Communication - Students will read, write, speak, and listen effectively.

Critical Thinking - Students will actively reflect on, reason about, and form independent judgments on a variety of ideas and information, and use these skills to guide their beliefs and actions.

Applied Knowledge - Students will demonstrate an understanding of, and apply, bodies of knowledge within and across disciplines.

Creativity and Aesthetic Appreciation – Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the creative process, and an ability to think and express ideas creatively.

2. Intended Departmental/Program Outcome #1:

Students in **Chinese (Mandarin)** upper level World Language classes will be able to demonstrate comprehension of reading passages by responding to content specific questions.

3. Means of Assessment & Sources of Data:

In the Fall 2009 semester, students in all Chinese (Mandarin) II sections will be given a reading comprehension in-class assignment. The reading selection will be taken from an original source. Students will answer questions about the reading selection. Two kinds of questions will be used:

- True / False Questions and
- Comprehension Questions.

4. Criteria for Success:

75% passing rate in the reading comprehension exam; that is, 75% of the students taking the test will pass it with a score of 60 or higher.

5. Summary of Data Collected:

**Summary:**

In the two (2) sections of Chinese (Mandarin) II taught during the Spring 2010 semester, twenty (20) students took the reading comprehension quiz. The assessment could not be done during the Fall 2009 because the Chinese (Mandarin)II classes were cancelled due to low enrollment. The quiz was administered on April 28 and 29, 2010; one hour and fifteen minutes into the class. The time allowed to complete the quiz was 45 minutes. Class continued as scheduled for that day after the Assessment Quiz was done.

The piece read was brand new to the students. They worked on it individually and without the aid of a dictionary or notes.

Students received a grade of either A, B+, B, C+, C, D or F, according to performance, following this scale:

1-2 Wrong Answers =	A
3 Wrong Answers =	B+
4 Wrong Answers =	B
5 Wrong Answers =	C+
6 Wrong Answers =	C
7-8 Wrong Answers =	D
9 Wrong Answers =	F

This grade became part of the student's Semester Grade.

**Analysis:**

Twenty or 100% of the students who took the quiz passed it with a score of 60 or higher.

**Interpretation:**

The performance of the students met Learning Objective #2: "Students in upper level World Language classes will be able to demonstrate comprehension of reading passages by responding to content specific questions."

**6. Use of Results:**

To ascertain the reading comprehension performance of students studying other languages offered at Bergen Community College, a similar reading assessment should now be conducted in level II sections of Arabic, German and Russian during the next Assessment Cycle. As in the Spring 2010, students will be made aware of the purpose of this assessment component.