

# Language Background Questionnaire

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class:

section:

1. Name:

e-mail account:

(if you have several, list the one you use on a daily basis)

class standing (e.g., first year, second year, graduate, etc.):

Are you registered for this section?

2. Why did you choose to study this language?

3. Have you spent any time in a German-speaking country?

If so, please note how much time you spent there and the nature of your stay (e.g., travel, study [at what level], living with family)

4. Do you now or did you ever speak German at home, with relatives or friends?

If so, describe such use of German in terms of the person(s) with whom you spoke German, the amount of time spent speaking German, and the kinds of topics you generally dealt with.

5. What do you consider to be your native language? If you are familiar with more than one language and regularly use these, on what basis did you choose your native language?

6. What plans do you have for your future use of German (e.g., study abroad, beyond the college years)?

7. What expectations do you have for this course?

8. What (academically and personally) could potentially help you to acquire this new language and what could keep you from making progress?

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