

MPhil in Hypermedia for Language Learning
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Occupation: _____

Computer Literacy Self-Assessment

The following Self-Assessment is designed to give us an indication of your level of computer literacy but should also help you to determine if you will need additional practice or even training to meet the computer-related requirements of the MPhil programme.

Please answer each question with a 2, a 1, or a 0:

2 = YES

1 = NOT SURE, BUT LIKELY

0 = NO or UNLIKELY

A. General Computer Knowledge	score
Have you worked in a network environment before, i.e. where you had to log-on and log-off?	
Can you open, use and close programmes from the start menu?	
Do you understand and use the functions of the left and right mouse buttons?	
Do you know how to adjust a monitor (resize, change display properties)?	
Can you name two storage devices?	
Do you know what an "icon" is and what to do with it?	
Do you know how to use a mouse to "drag" an item?	
Do you know what a modem is used for?	
Do you know how to reboot your computer?	
If you have a programme on a diskette or a CD, do you know how to tell the computer to RUN it?	
Do you know how to open up more than one programme at a time and move between them?	
TOTAL SCORE General Computer Knowledge	

2 = YES

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B. File Management Knowledge	score
Do you know the acceptable form for a filename?	
Do you know how to search for a file on your computer?	
Do you know how to create a folder?	
Do you know how to navigate file structures using Windows Explorer?	
Do you know how to create a shortcut on the desktop?	
Do you know how to save files to a desktop folder, hard drive or disk?	
Can you use compression software such as Winzip to compress and decompress files?	
Do you know how to delete files, empty the recycle bin and restore items sent to the recycle bin?	
Do you know how to copy documents from a hard disk to a floppy/flashdisk and vice versa?	
Do you know the difference between file formats (e.g. *.doc, *.ppt, *.xls, *.htm, *.pdf)?	
<i>TOTAL SCORE File Management Knowledge</i>	

C. System Maintenance and Security Knowledge	score
Do you understand how programmes and data differ and how they are organized, stored and accessed?	
Do you know how to back up data using backup utilities or zip drives?	
Do you know how to use and maintain an up-to-date anti-virus programme to check programmes and files for viruses on your home computer?	
Do you know what to do if you think your home computer is infected with a virus?	
Do you know what computer practices put you at risk for virus infection?	
Can you diagnose and correct common hardware/software problems using self-help resources (manuals, online help, windows troubleshooter)?	
Can you remove programmes that are not used via the add/remove programmes feature?	
Do you know how to install or upgrade an application?	
Do you understand why temporary files are created and how to delete them?	
Do you know how to add new hardware such as scanners, mouse, keyboard, monitor, modem, printers, etc?	
Do you know how to perform basic system maintenance by using system tools (e.g. scan disk, disk cleanup, disk defragmenter)?	
<i>TOTAL SCORE System Maintenance and Security Knowledge</i>	

2 = YES

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D. Word Processing Skills	score
Do you know what font or typeface is?	
Do you know how to insert and remove/modify margins, tabs, headers, footers, page numbers and line spacing in your word processor?	
Do you know how to edit, copy, cut and paste a block of text?	
Do you know how to use a mouse to "drag" a block of text?	
Do you know how to create a table in a word processing document?	
Do you know what the clipboard does?	
Can you use a spell checker?	
Do you know how to change text fonts, size, colour and style?	
Do you know how to insert graphics and other files (spreadsheets, other documents) into a document?	
Do you know how to "save as" in order to change the format of the document you are saving from one type of word processing programme to another?	
TOTAL SCORE Word Processing Skills	

E. Communications Skills (E-mail)	score
Do you have an e-mail address that you regularly use?	
Do you know how to compose, send, reply to and forward e-mail messages?	
Do you know how to use an electronic address book to store individual and group e-mail addresses?	
Do you know how to set up e-mail preferences related to delivery, formatting, spellcheck, security, message handling and file management?	
Do you know how to send an attachment as part of an e-mail message?	
TOTAL SCORE Communications Skills	

F. Web Skills	score
Have you ever used more than one browser (Netscape, Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Opera)?	
Do you know how to save a web page?	
Have you ever customized a Web browser (security settings, tool bars, home page, etc)?	
Do you know the difference between a "search engine" (e.g. Google, AltaVista), subject directory (e.g. Scout Report, Yahoo) and a meta-search tool (e.g. Dogpile, Ask Jeeves) and know when it is most advantageous to use one over the other?	
If you found a site on the Web that you particularly liked, do you know how to easily save that site (bookmark)?	
Do you know how to view, download, decompress, and open documents and programmes from Internet sites (e.g. graphics, HTML, demonstrations of applications, documents, presentation files, PDF files)?	
Once you have located data on the Web, do you know how to save it to a folder?	
TOTAL SCORE Web Skills	

2 = YES

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0 = NO or UNLIKELY

G. Presentation Skills (PowerPoint)	score
Can you create presentations using wizards, design templates or blank layouts?	
Can you create individual slides using standard layouts and designs?	
Do you know how to modify standard layouts and design templates?	
Do you know how to edit, insert and re-sequence slides?	
Do you know how to change text fonts, add bullets or numbers to slide content?	
Do you know how to use the spellchecker to check for typographical errors?	
Can you add objects (e.g. clip art, pictures, video clips, sound) to your presentation?	
Do you know how to add animations and transitions to slides?	
Do you know how to include tables and charts in your presentation?	
Can you navigate between slides and switch between different views (slide, outline, etc)?	
TOTAL SCORE Presentation Skills	

At the end of each part, total your points for that section. As a rule of thumb:

- If you score above 16 points for any particular section (excluding the shorter sections E and F), you probably have the skill level you need to use a computer in that area for the programme.
- If you score between 10 and 15, you seem to have a significant amount of familiarity but we suggest you continue to give yourself opportunities to work with a computer and become even more familiar with particular aspects.
- If you score below 10, you need to get additional practice and/or training.

If you are admitted to the course, we will, based on the total, advise you whether or not you need to give attention to certain aspects and what is required for the programme.

Finally, just for our information:

Multimedia

- Have you used a graphical editor (Paintshop Pro, Photoshop, etc.) before? YES / NO

State name of programme: _____

- Have you recorded and edited sound digitally before? YES / NO

State name of programme: _____

Please e-mail the completed Self Assessment questionnaire to rdt@sun.ac.za or send it to:

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