

Department of Korean Language

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What is Korean Language and Culture?

The Department of Korean, through its Korean Language Program and Korean Culture Program, aims to produce experts in Korean studies. The Korean Language Program is divided into two major areas: Korean linguistics and Korean language education. Korean linguistics includes the study of phonology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics; Korean language education consists of courses for students training to become Korean language teachers. The Korean Language Program trains students interested in the Korean language to obtain the qualifications to teach Korean to foreigners. The Korean Culture Program is composed of courses designed to expose students to Korean culture. Recognizing the importance of culture in language learning, the Korean Culture Program incorporates a broad cultural education, giving students ample opportunities to embrace both Korean culture and other cultures of the world.

Korean Language and Culture Program at Kyung Hee

Kyung Hee University has a long tradition of research and teaching of Korean language and culture. Setting a precedent in Korea, the Department of Korean was established in the College of Foreign Language & Literature of Kyung Hee University in 1999. Since then, it has been playing a leading role in introducing Korean language and culture worldwide. The curriculum is composed of courses on teaching Korean as a foreign language, Korean traditions, and modern Korean culture. The department welcomes international students interested in learning about the Korean language and culture.

Degree Requirements

To receive the Bachelor of Arts in Korean Language, a student must:

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units
- satisfy the general requirements of the School for professional degrees
- complete 6 units of essential general subjects of Kyung Hee University in the areas of foreign language (6 credits of Global English 1, 2, or 6 credits of Korean1, 2 for foreigners)
- complete 6 credits of the general studies of the College of Foreign Language and Literature
- complete 48 units of professional electives for Korean Language and Culture Studies

Courses

Curriculum for Korean Students

Year 1

Introduction to Korean Linguistics, Introduction to Korean Language Education, Korean Folk Culture, Korean Modern Culture, Understanding of Language, Understanding of Culture

Year 2

Theories in Korean Pronunciation Education, Theories in Korean Grammar Education, Theories in Korean Vocabulary Education, Korean Traditional Culture, Introduction to Korean Modern Literature, Theories in Korean Grammar, Theories in Korean Morphophonemics, Analysis of Korean Writers, Activity of On-The-Job Training

Year 3

Foreign Language Acquisition, Teaching Methodologies of Korean Language Speaking and Writing, Korean Teaching Methodologies, Contrastive Linguistics, Using Materials in Korean Language Teaching, Teaching Methodologies of Korean Language Listening and Reading, Theories in Korean Culture Education, Korean Fiction & Film, History of Korean Thought, Korean Modern Art, Theories in Korean Discourse Education, Activity of On-The-Job Training

Year 4

Theories in Curriculum of Korean Education, Theories in Korean Language Assessment, Norms of Korean Language, Teaching Methodologies Using Multimedia, Practicum in Korean Language Teaching, Korean Popular Culture, Korean Women's Culture, Exploring for Cultural Heritage, Graduation Thesis, History of Korean Literature, Activity of On-The-Job Training

Curriculum for International Students

Year 1

Special Lecture of Spoken Text, Discourse and Vocabulary, Discourse and Grammar, Korean Society, Discourse and Conversation 1, Discourse and Composition 1

Year 2

Korean History and Culture (F), Special Lecture of Written Text, Learning Korean Through Korean Movies, Discourse and Conversation 2, Discourse and Composition 2

Careers and Graduate Destinations

- Required credits for the Korean language teacher qualification are as follows: level 1 teacher (Korean language: 6 credits), level 2 teacher (general or applied linguistics: 6 credits), level 3 teacher (Korean language education theory: 24 credits), level 4 teacher (Korean culture: 6 credits), level 5 teacher (practicum: 3 credits).
- The elective major subject "Understanding Language" also fulfills the level 2 teacher requirement. A graduate who has completed the prescribed courses of the Department of Korean Language is able to proceed to graduate programs to become a scholastic specialist or an expert in Korean language and culture or a Korean language teacher for foreigners at a training institute. Majoring in Korean language and a foreign language enables graduates to extend their career to the press such as a newspaper office or broadcasting company. They also can enter the teaching profession.

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