



Korean minor

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Overview

Korean is a language spoken natively by the 74 million Korean people living in the Korean peninsula, including 26 million North Koreans and 48 million South Koreans. It is spoken as a heritage language by 5.3 million people in the United States, almost three-quarters of a million in Japan, and half a million in the former Soviet Union. People study Korean as a foreign language worldwide because of Korea's continuing economic success since the 1970s. Korean ranks as the eleventh most spoken language among over 6,000 languages that exist on the globe.

In order to respond to the diverse needs of its students and to equip them with the practical language skills, the Korean Language and Culture Program offers courses on Korean language, linguistics, culture, literature, and film. Korean language is offered at four proficiency levels, emphasizing all the four language modalities of speaking, reading, writing, and listening.

The East Asian Languages and Literatures Department offers a minor degree in Korean. The Korean minor is designed to recognize a serious commitment to the study of Korean language and culture. It is especially suited for undergraduate students who wish to augment their major program with a knowledge of the Korean language.

The minor offers students two options for completion. The first three years of language courses are 4-credit courses; the rest of the courses are 3-credit courses.

Option 1

This option is intended for students who have little or no previous experience with the Korean language. Students must take four Korean language courses from the Language course list, totaling 14 to 16 credits, and one course from the Culture, Film, Linguistics, or Literature course list. Completion of this option requires 17 to 19 credits.

Option 2

This option is designed for heritage learners. Students must take two second, third, or fourth year language courses from the Language course list, totaling six to eight credits, and two courses from the Culture, Film, Linguistics, or Literature course list. Completion of this option requires 12 to 14 credits.

Grade Requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for the minor.

Satisfactory/No Credit Option

There is no limit to the number of courses that can be taken on the Satisfactory/No Credit (S/NC) basis for this minor.

Language courses

KOREAN 0001 First Year Korean 1
KOREAN 0002 First Year Korean 2
KOREAN 0003 Second Year Korean 1
KOREAN 0004 Second Year Korean 2
KOREAN 0005 Third Year Korean 1
KOREAN 0006 Third Year Korean 2
KOREAN 1050 Fourth Year Korean 1
KOREAN 1051 Fourth Year Korean 2
KOREAN 1052 Special Topics in Advanced Korean
KOREAN 1053 Advanced Writing through Reading

Culture, Film, Linguistics, or Literature courses

These courses are taught in English.

KOREAN 0007 Introduction to Korean Culture and Civilization
KOREAN 0023 Korean Language Then and Now
KOREAN 0070 World of Korea
KOREAN 0075 Introduction to Korea through Film
KOREAN 0084 Introduction to Modern Korean Literature
KOREAN 1023 Aspects of the Korean Language
KOREAN 1024 Sounds of Korean Language
KOREAN 1060 Language and Society in Korea
KOREAN 1065 Metaphor in Korean Language and Thought
KOREAN 1080 Contemporary Korean Culture