COURSE DESCRIPTIONS 科目簡介

COURSES FOR 4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

KOR1101 Korean Beginner Level (non credit-bearing) (deleted from Term 2, 2026-27)
(Recommended: Cumulative GPA of 2.2)
(Restriction: Students are not allowed to take both this course and KOR1102 Korean I)
The course will introduce language and cultural features of Korea through interactive and communicative learning methods with task-based teaching which will help maximize students' interest and achievement in learning.

KOR1102 Korean I (3 credits)
(Recommended: Cumulative GPA of 2.2)
(Restriction: Students are not allowed to take both this course and KOR1101 Korean Beginner Level)
From 2022-23
As an introductory level course, this course is designed to help students to build a foundation of Korean language ability, starting from how to read and write Korean sound symbols (the alphabet) to how to communicate in Korean in daily contexts. The course offers various opportunities for students to train their oral skills with peers and a subject teacher, and to practice listening and reading comprehension on a regular basis. Also, not only simple grammar drills but also short writing tasks would be given for the students' skills enhancement. After completion of this course, students will be able to read, write, and speak basic Korean sentences, and reply shortly after listening to the contents in daily contexts. Plus, students are able to understand some cultural features merged in language, such as polite informal and polite formal ending forms.

In 2021-22 or before
The course will introduce language and cultural features of Korea through interactive and communicative learning methods with task-based teaching which will help maximize students' interest and achievement in learning.

KOR1201 Korean Post-Beginner Level (non credit-bearing) (deleted from Term 2, 2026-27)
(Recommended: Cumulative GPA of 2.2)
(Restriction: Students are not allowed to take both this course and KOR1202 Korean II)
The aim of this course as a further step of KOR1101 is for students to build up basic communication skills necessary for daily life with cultural-linguistic understanding. Students learn and understand grammar and vocabulary such as different negation patterns and modifying forms, which help them to develop their Korean language proficiency. After completing this module, students will be able to communicate in basic Korean using reading, writing and speaking, in everyday life.

KOR1202 Korean II (3 credits)
(Recommended: Cumulative GPA of 2.2)
(Restriction: Students are not allowed to take both this course and KOR1201 Korean Post-Beginner Level)
(Prerequisite: KOR1102 Korean I or equivalent.)
From 2022-23
As the second level course of the introductory series, Korean II aims to build up students' Korean language proficiency to a pre-intermediate / intermediate level through a theme

based and integrated approach. With a greater variety of topics which students will come across in daily life, students are able to acquire not only a variety of related grammar, expressions, and vocabulary but also how to use these features in authentic language use through interactive oral practice, regular basis listening and reading comprehension practice and writing tasks with corrections in tutorials and as assignments. Also, cultural features relevant to each theme would be explained for students' understanding. After completing this course, students are able to use honorific ending forms and simple polite informal ending forms appropriately in different conversational contexts and to communicate in Korean pragmatically.

In 2021-22 or before
The aim of this course as a further step of KOR1102 is for students to build up basic communication skills necessary for daily life with cultural-linguistic understanding. Students learn and understand grammar and vocabulary such as different negation patterns and modifying forms, which help them to develop their Korean language proficiency. After completing this module, students will be able to communicate in basic Korean using reading, writing and speaking, in everyday life.

KOR1301 Korean (Intermediate Level) (non credit-bearing) (deleted from Term 2, 2026-27)
(Prerequisite(s): Korean (Elementary level) or subject to the instructor's approval)
(Recommended: Cumulative GPA of 2.2)
The aim of this course as a further step of KOR1201/2 is for students to learn more various grammars and vocabularies which allow them to adjust to various mundane situations and to develop more natural communication skills. Furthermore, students are able to use different layers of politeness ending forms with different age group people. Based on text book context, this module would focus on balanced developments of four areas, listening , speaking, reading and writing with supplementary documents and class activities.

KOR1302 Korean III (3 credits)
(Prerequisite: KOR1202 Korean II or equivalent)
With KOR1202 as a pre-requisite, this pre-intermediate – intermediate course is designed for students to learn more grammar and vocabulary which are commonly used in ordinary situations and to develop more authentic communication skills. In this course, students will focus on different types of honorifics depending on the context and indirect speech forms based on a variety of sentence types.

KOR2001 Business Korean (3 credits)
(Prerequisite: KOR1202 Korean II or equivalent)
This course is designed for training students to acquire appropriate language use in the Korean-speaking business sector. The course contents consist of necessary terms, expressions, and formal sentence structures under specific themes in business context, such as interview, practical business affairs and business report etc. To enhance students' proficiency in both written and oral areas for business purposes, a variety of tasks for formal writing, and speaking and activities, such as presentation, simulation, and role play would be provided in the class. Also, authentic listening and reading materials would be given for better listening and reading comprehension.

KOR2002 Exploring Korean Traditional Culture Through Folktales (3 credits)
(Prerequisite: KOR1202 Korean II or equivalent)
As an intermediate level course, it is designed to enhance students' reading comprehension and to explore traditional cultural issues in Korean society through folktales. The lessons consist of not only focus on language learning factors but also consideration of

socio-cultural elements in traditional and modern Korean society as reflected in those folktales. Students will engage in a variety of activities such as discussions, presentations, and compositions to achieve effective learning outcomes.

KOR2402 Korean IV (3 credits)
(Prerequisite: KOR1302 Korean III or equivalent)
This is an intermediate level course designed to enhance overall students' communication skills in Korean, which is designed for students to familiarize themselves with complicated and detailed expressions and a variety of structures for expressing personal emotions and problem-solving skills. To achieve the aim of this course, the course contents focus on different types of indirect speech and expressions for specific situations including addressing prediction, disagreement, worry and suggestion. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to express their personal feelings and opinions in specific topics pragmatically in a variety of circumstances.