



Korea Studies at the University of Pittsburgh

In recognition of the growing economic and political importance of the Korean Peninsula, the Asian Studies Center (ASC), in cooperation with the Department of East Asian Languages & Literatures (EALL), has launched an initiative to expand course offerings and research on Korea at the University of Pittsburgh. The Korean language has been taught at the University of Pittsburgh for over 15 years.

Recently, the Korean language courses, taught by the Department of East Asian Languages & Literatures, have been expanded to include a fourth



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year of instruction in Korean. Currently, there are eight faculty who teach about Korea in their courses

and/or do research on Korea. There are a number of graduate students in various disciplines who are pursuing research on Korea and intend to focus on Korea in their dissertations.

Academic Programs and Degrees

The University of Pittsburgh's Korea Studies Program has faculty members in the following disciplines: East Asian Languages & Literatures, education, history, linguistics, public and international affairs, and security studies. Korean content is part of a number of survey courses on Asia. Undergraduate and graduate certificates in Asian Studies can be earned by students enrolled in regular departmental majors by fulfilling requirements in Korean language study and area studies course work related to Korea.

Korean Language Program

As of 2014-15, the Korean Language Program now comprises four years of course offerings. Both undergraduate and graduate students can register for Korean language courses. The primary goal of the Korean language courses is to develop the acquisition of communicative skills in standard Korean, focusing on the balanced development of the four basic language skills of speaking, listening,

writing, and reading through various language learning activities.



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Korean language courses also provide sociolinguistic and socio-cultural information, especially when language is intimately linked with culture through such channels as Korean movies, music, and a number of other cultural activities.

From beginning to advanced levels, all classes are divided into two parts: lecture classes include important information and explanations of conversational patterns in grammatical and pragmatic terms, and recitation classes provide opportunities to practice using Korean in the tasks and activities of daily life situations, from basic to complex. Additional courses in linguistics, film studies, and Korean culture are also offered.

Scholarships and Fellowships

Korean Language Study Abroad Opportunity: The University of Pittsburgh has student exchange agreements with Korea University, Seoul National University, and Yonsei University. Undergraduate and graduate students studying at Pitt are eligible to attend specialized language courses, as well as classes in the regular curriculum for one or both of the academic year semesters. There may be partial funding available.

Minor in Korean

Students at the main campus of the University of Pittsburgh may enroll in the minor in Korean language through the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures. The minor has two parts:

Category I:

- >>First Year Korean 1 (Fall)
- >> First Year Korean 2 (Spring)
- >> Second Year Korean 1 (Fall)
- >> Second Year Korean 2 (Spring)
- >> Third Year Korean 1 (Fall)
- >> Third Year Korean 2 (Spring)

Category II:

- >> Language and Society in Korea (Fall)
- >> Introduction to Korea through Films (Fall)
- >> World of Korea: Past & Present (Spring)

Option 1 requires taking four 4-credit Korean language courses (16 credit hours) from Category I and one 3-

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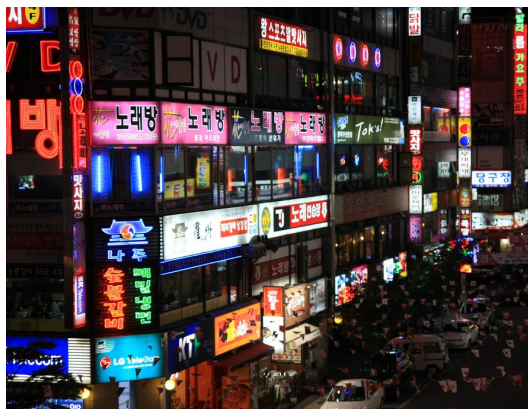


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credit non-language departmental course (3 credit hours) taught in English from Category II. [Total: 19 credits]

Option 2, designed for heritage learners, requires taking two 4-credit Second or Third Year Korean language courses (8 credit hours) from Category I and two 3-credit non-language departmental courses (6 credit hours) taught in English from Category II. [Total: 14 credits]

Information about course numbers, time, place and professor can be found on the courses section of the ASC and EALL websites.

Library Resources

The Korean Collection at the University of Pittsburgh supports the research and instructional needs of the Korean Studies faculty and students. It is a comparatively new collection, with vigorous growth in recent years, especially with supplemental acquisition budget support from the Asian Studies Center.

Currently, the collection ranks 17th among Korean collections in North America, with holdings of more than 16,000 volumes of Korean monographs, 123 titles of Korean periodicals, over 1,000 Korean visual/audio materials, and hundreds of e-books that can be accessed through the Library website or have been installed into the stand alone CD-ROM workstation. The collection is strong in

Korean economics and politics, history, literature, language, and philosophy. With the recent establishment of a book and gift exchange program with Yanbian University, People's Republic of China, the collection of North Korean publications has been greatly expanded.

Free document delivery service is available to Pitt affiliated faculty and students for Korean academic publications that are not held by or available from libraries in the United States.

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Korea Studies Faculty

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KOREA STUDIES

www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/academics/

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/funding>

DEPT. OF EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

<http://www.deall.pitt.edu/>

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