Korean

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) offers a major and a minor in Korean language and culture. As a major in Korean, a student can expect to gain some proficiency in the language and to acquire a foundation in Korean literature, history and culture from earliest times to the present. All students majoring in Korean must complete first- and second-level Korean or its equivalent. They also must complete a prerequisite 200-level Civilization course and two literature/culture courses, as well as additional advanced-level courses (300- or 400-level). In addition, all prime majors must complete the required EALC Capstone Experience.

The department strongly encourages overseas study of Korean language and culture. All majors and minors are expected to maintain at least a B- average in all departmental courses.

Language Placement: Placement tests are required for all students entering our language programs, with the exception of those students who have had no previous knowledge of the language and are planning to enroll in the first semester of the first year of instruction. Students who test into second-year Korean and satisfactorily complete (with a grade of B- or better) at least one semester of language study may petition for 3 units of retroactive credit; students who test into third year or above and satisfactorily complete (with a grade of B- or better) at least one semester of language study may petition for 6 units of retroactive credit. Credit is limited to 3 units for testing into second year and 6 units for testing into third year or above. Please note that students with native language proficiency as determined by the individual language section, as well as students who enroll in courses below their placement level, are ineligible for retroactive credit units. Students who misrepresent their language proficiency so as to gain entrance to a course at the elementary or intermediate level will be dropped from that course.

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Majors

The Major in Korean Language and Culture

Units required: 24 upper-level (300-level or above) units

Prerequisites:
1. First- and second-level Modern Korean or the equivalent
2. Korean 223C Korean Civilization

Requirements:
24 advanced (300-level and above) units to include:
1. Korean 352 Literature of Modern and Contemporary Korea
2. Korean 355 Topics in Korean Literature and Culture
3. 400-level Capstone course (prime majors)

• Korean prime majors may satisfy their capstone requirement in one of two ways, both of which require a presentation at the EALC Senior Symposium in the spring.
  a) Successful completion of a senior honors thesis. This option, which also entitles the student to Latin Honors, requires a minimum of a 3.65 GPA. The thesis is researched and written over two semesters, for a total of 6 units, which are in addition to the 24 upper-level units required for the major.
  b) Successful completion of an approved 400-level seminar course, to be taken in the senior year. (This course may be included among the 24 advanced units for the major.)

Additional Information

1. With adviser approval, students may include one course in a related area offered outside the department among the 24 advanced units. (For example, a student with focus on Korea/Korean may take one course in Film and Media Studies or Art History that focuses on Korea.) With adviser approval, students may count one course from another area within the department among the 24 advanced units. (For example, a student with focus on Korea/Korean may take one course in either Chinese or Japanese.)

2. Students must earn at least a B- in language courses in order to continue to the next level. They must also maintain at least a B- average in all required courses for the major. Students who do not meet this requirement may either repeat the course(s) in question or earn at least a B- in an approved equivalent course or courses (either during the summer or in a study abroad program).

3. Courses for the major may not be taken Credit/No Credit.

4. Normally, no more than 6 units of transfer or study abroad non-language courses may be applied to the major.

5. Normally, no more than 3 units of Independent Study may be counted toward the required upper-level 24 units.

6. EALC awards Departmental Honors to majors as an acknowledgment of exemplary work in the major.
Minors
The Minor in Korean Language and Culture

Units required: 18 units

Requirements:
- Two semesters of Korean language
- At least 9 units must be 300-level or above
- And the following three courses:
  - Korean 223C: Korean Civilization
  - Korean 352: Literature of Modern and Contemporary Korea
  - Korean 355: Topics in Korean Literature and Culture

Additional Information
- Students must earn at least a B- in their language courses in order to continue to the next level. They must also maintain at least a B- average in all courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements. Students who do not meet this requirement may either repeat the course(s) in question or successfully complete an approved equivalent course or courses (either during the summer or in a study abroad program).
- Korean 437 and Korean 438 can fulfill either the language requirement or an upper-level elective requirement.
- Courses for the minor may not be taken Credit/No Credit.
- Normally, no more than 3 units of transfer or study abroad non-language courses may be applied to the minor.

Courses

L51 Korean 117D First-Level Modern Korean I
Introduction to the modern spoken and written language of Korea. Acquisition of the fundamentals of grammar, morphology and oral communication skills. Note: students with some previous Korean language background must take the placement examination.
Credit 5 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: LCD, LS BU: HUM, IS

L51 Korean 118D First-Level Modern Korean II
Emphasis is placed upon the understanding, speaking, reading and writing of Korean. Continuation of the acquisition of the fundamentals of grammar and morphology. Prerequisite: grade of B- or better in Korean 117D or placement by examination.
Credit 5 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: LCD, LS BU: HUM, IS

L51 Korean 217 Second-Level Modern Korean I
Second-year course in standard modern Korean. Emphasis is placed upon speaking, reading and writing of modern Korean.

Prerequisite: grade of B- or better in Korean 118D or placement by examination.
Credit 5 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: LCD, LS BU: HUM, IS

L51 Korean 218 Second-Level Modern Korean II
Continuation of second-year course in standard modern Korean. Prerequisite: grade of B- or better in Korean 217 or placement by examination.
Credit 5 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: LCD, LS BU: HUM, IS EN: H

L51 Korean 223C Korean Civilization
A comprehensive introduction to the study of Korea. Following a historical survey, the course examines key cultural themes and social institutions and explores aspects of Korea's relationship with its East Asian neighbors. Attention is also paid to contemporary issues, social problems and cultural trends.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, CD, SD A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, SD BU: IS EN: H

L51 Korean 298 Korean Undergraduate Teaching Assistants
In this course undergraduate students with native or near native proficiency in Korean assist in the first-, second-, and third-level modern Korean language classes by serving as one-on-one session tutors, lab drill and practice session tutors, or discussion leaders under close supervision of the faculty. Students can only enroll in the class with permission from the faculty member. Interested students must contact mmkim@wustl.edu for information.
Credit 1 unit.

L51 Korean 299 Independent Study
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor and the department chair.
Credit variable, maximum 6 units.

L51 Korean 346 Topics in East Asian Religion
This course explores one of the various topics in East Asian Religions. Same as L23 Re St 346
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM EN: H

L51 Korean 352 Literature of Modern and Contemporary Korea
This undergraduate course surveys the major writers and works of 20th-century Korean literature. During the 20th century, Korea went through a radical process of modernization. From its colonization by Japan, to its suffering of a civil war within the cold war order, to its growth into a cultural and economic powerhouse, Korea's historical experience is at once unique and typical of that of a third-world nation. By immersing ourselves in the most distinctive literary voices from Korea, we examine how the Korean experience of modernization was filtered through its cultural production. In class discussion, we pay special attention to the writers' construction of the self and the nation. How do social categories such as ethnicity, class, gender and race figure in the varying images of the self? And how do these images relate to the literary vision of the nation? Along the way, we observe the prominent ideas, themes and genres of Korean literature. This class combines discussion with lecture with students strongly encouraged to participate. All literary texts are
L51 Korean 427 Fourth-Level Modern Korean I
Fourth-year course in standard modern Korean (advanced level). Emphasis is placed on developing proficiency in all four areas of language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) beyond the intermediate level. Prerequisite: grade of B- or better in Korean 427 or placement by examination.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: LCD, LS BU: IS EN: H

L51 Korean 428 Fourth-Level Modern Korean II
Continuation of the fourth-year course in standard modern Korean. Emphasis is placed upon the further development of speaking, listening, reading and writing, beyond the intermediate level. Prerequisite: grade of B- or better in Korean 427 or placement by examination.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: LCD, LS BU: IS EN: H

L51 Korean 437 Contemporary Korean I: Topics in Korean Literature and Culture
Advanced- to high advanced-level course in standard modern Korean. Emphasis is placed on developing an advanced level of reading proficiency in Korean and writing ability in Korean for an academic or professional purpose. This course to be taken in the fall semester. Prerequisite: grade of B- or better in Korean 418 or placement by examination with instructor's permission.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: LCD, LS BU: IS EN: H

L51 Korean 438 Contemporary Korean II: Topics in Korean Literature and Culture
Continuation of Korean 437. Advanced- to high advanced-level Korean course in standard modern Korean. Emphasis is placed on developing an advanced level of reading proficiency in Korean and writing ability in Korean for an academic or professional purpose. This course to be taken in the spring semester. Prerequisite: grade of B- or higher in Korean 437 or placement by examination with instructor's permission.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: LCD, LS BU: IS EN: H

L51 Korean 455 Topics in Korean Literature and Culture
Varied topics in Korean literature and culture. Subject matter varies by semester; consult current semester listings for topic.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA, CD A&S IQ: LCD, LS BU: IS EN: H

L51 Korean 456 Guided Readings in Korean
This course normally is taken after successful completion of Korean 418 or by instructor's permission. May be repeated once. Prerequisite: instructor's permission.
Credit 2 units.

L51 Korean 495 Guided Readings in Korean
This course normally is taken after successful completion of Korean 418 or by instructor's permission. May be repeated once. Prerequisite: instructor's permission.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units. A&S: LA EN: H