Korean (KORN)

KORN 001 Spoken Korean I
This class is for those that have little to no knowledge of Korean. The main focus is the development of Korean communication skills by exploring a variety of everyday topics beyond school settings. Students will improve their Korean communication skills by engaging in a variety of interactive activities, role plays, and presentations. Class topics include, but are not limited to, introducing oneself, describing one’s surroundings, discussing daily activities and past events, talking about common objects and people, etc. We will also introduce cultural topics in order to deepen students’ understanding of Korea’s culture and language. NOTE: This course does not count toward the language requirement or the EALC major or minor. Offered through the Penn Language Center.
Taught by: Lee
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 002 First-year Spoken Korean II
Offered through the Penn Language Center. A continuation of KORN 001, this course aims to further develop oral communication skills by exploring a variety of topics, such as shopping, hobbies, family, and future plans. Class activities include interactive tasks, role plays, and presentations. Cultural topics (including short & full-length movies) will also be incorporated in order to further deepen students’ understanding of Korea's culture and language. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to comprehend and carry on basic conversations; exchange information on a variety of topics in the past, present, and future tenses; and achieve a proficiency level of Novice High based on the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) proficiency scale. NOTE: This course does not count toward the language requirement or the EALC major or minor.
Taught by: Lee
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: KORN 001
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 011 Elementary Korean I
This course is designed for students who have little or no knowledge of Korean. This course aims to develop foundational reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills through meaningful communicative activities and tasks. Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to comprehend and carry on simple daily conversations and create simple sentences in the past, present, and future tenses. Students will learn how to introduce themselves, describe their surroundings, talk about daily lives, friends and relatives, and talk about past and future events.
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 012 Elementary Korean II
This is a continuation of KORN 011. This course aims to further develop the four language skills of students to the novice-high level by building on materials covered in KORN 011. Students will learn how to use three speech styles (polite formal, informal, and intimate) appropriately in a given context. Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to handle simple and elementary needs of daily lives and talk (and write) about a variety of topics such as family, college life, birthday celebration, shopping, Korean food, etc.
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: KORN 011
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 021 Intensive Elementary Korean I & II
This is an intensive Korean course that covers the material from Elementary Korean I and Elementary Korean II in an intensive format, designed for novice learners who have little or no knowledge of Korean. This course aims to develop a solid foundation for reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills through meaningful communicative activities and tasks in cultural context. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to handle simple and elementary needs of daily lives and be able to talk and write about a variety of topics such as mood and personalities, clothing, weather, illness, Korean food, etc. Students will also learn how to use three speech styles (polite formal, informal, and intimate) appropriately in a given context. Students are also expected to obtain the Novice High level of proficiency based on the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) proficiency scale. During the summer, this course will be given in an online format that provides a communicative learning environment through Adobe Connect and Canvas. Students will be required to view PowerPoint slide shows and do homework questions in Canvas before each class, and class time will be mostly spent on communicative activities. After class, students will practice four language skills with the online exercises on Canvas, class blogs, and Voice Thread. This online course requires access to a reliable computer with high-speed internet and good quality headsets with a microphone. This course is offered through the Penn Language Center.
Course usually offered summer term only
Activity: Lecture
2.0 Course Units

KORN 111 Intermediate Korean I
This is a continuation of Elementary Korean II. This course is designed to develop students’ Korean language proficiency to the intermediate-low level of the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. Authentic materials, as well as various student-centered activities that are highly contextualized in everyday interactions will be used. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to present and exchange information on a variety of topics such as weather, fashion, travel, mailing, housing, public transportation, and shopping.
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: KORN 012
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit
KORN 112 Intermediate Korean II
This is a continuation of Intermediate Korean I. This course is designed to develop students’ Korean language proficiency to the intermediate-mid level of the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. This course expands student’s competence by dealing with more functions in various contexts that students can frequently encounter in everyday interactions. In order to prepare students for social contexts, students are encouraged to engage in conversations by personalizing the topics, functions or contexts. Students will perform in an interpersonal way by providing and obtaining information, expressing feelings and emotions, and exchanging opinions on a variety of topics such as birthday parties, recreation and hobbies, Korean holidays, marriage, cultural differences, education and jobs. This course completes the College language requirement.
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: KORN 111
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 131 Korean for Heritage Speakers I
This course is designed for heritage speakers who have a strong background in everyday Korean. This course focuses on enhancing linguistic accuracy (spelling, grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation) and fluency (idiomatic and figurative expressions, narrative structure, discursive practice) in both spoken and written Korean, as well as gaining a deeper understanding of Korean culture. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to express themselves more accurately and participate in Korea-related communities more meaningfully. This course and its subsequent course KORN 132 complete the College language requirement. Prerequisite: Restricted to students who have previous knowledge in Korean. Students are required to take the Korean placement test.
Taught by: Jung
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 132 Korean for Heritage Speakers II
This course is a continuation of Korean for Heritage Speakers I, and aims to further develop students’ linguistic and cultural competence by building on materials covered in that class. In addition to gaining a deeper understanding of Korean culture, the course focuses on enhancing linguistic accuracy and fluency in both spoken and written Korean. Particular emphasis will be placed on building a meaningful Korean-speaking community, as well as consolidation of grammar structures, and expansion and enhancement of vocabulary. Topics include preparing for a trip to Korea, finding housing, college culture in Korea, entertainment and participating in various social events. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to express themselves more accurately and participate in Korea-related communities more meaningfully. This course completes the College language requirement.
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: KORN 131
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 211 Advanced Korean I
This course aims to develop functional proficiency in Korean at the intermediate-high level. Students will develop competence in fluency, grammatical accuracy and socio-linguistic/cultural appropriateness through a variety of activities and assignments. In addition, students will learn to communicate using more sophisticated grammatical structures and advanced vocabulary on various topics. The development of each of the four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) is equally emphasized.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Cho
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: KORN 112 OR KORN 132
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 212 Advanced Korean II
This is a continuation of Advanced Korean I. Students continue to develop functional proficiency in Korean at the advanced-low level. The topics include literature, culture, Korean customs, and social issues in contemporary Korea.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Cho
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: KORN 211
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 281 Business Communication in Korean
Offered through the Penn Language Center. This course is designed to help students improve their Korean language proficiency by learning essential communication skills necessary to engage in business in Korea. Students will also develop their knowledge of and competence in Korean business culture and practice. The course objectives include: (1) to learn essential business terms, advanced grammar structures and communication strategies in business transactions; (2) to learn Korean business customs and culture, work norms, and business etiquette that students need to successfully communicate in a Korean business context. Topics include job application, business correspondence and reports, discussion and presentation in business meetings, communication styles and strategies in business contexts, current business culture, etc.
Taught by: Cho
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: KORN 112 AND KORN 132
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 311 Topics in Advanced Korean
This course aims to develop an in-depth understanding of Korean culture and society through the analysis of spoken and written Korean discourse. Students will engage with key sociolinguistic concepts of politeness, hierarchy, solidarity, power, age, and gender, and enhance their advanced vocabulary and grammar. Students will also develop their abilities in conversation management, self-presentation, socialization, and sense of socio-cultural appropriateness, and gain a better understanding of how native speakers’ cultural practices are reflected in language use and how interpersonal relationships are built and maintained through language.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: KORN 212
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit
KORN 331 Current Korean Media I
Offered through the Penn Language Center. This course aims to develop a deeper understanding of the contemporary Korean society through critical analysis of language use and viewpoints expressed in various types of media including the Internet, TV, films, magazines and newspapers. This course will focus on cultural products and practices such as popular culture, media culture, and entertainment. By catering to the needs and interests of individual learners of Korean, the course will provide them with a rich opportunity to relate what they have learned in previous Korean language courses to the larger context of Korean culture and society. In addition, students will have an in-depth discussion on topics related to Korean society as well as Penn news. This course is conducted entirely in Korean.
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: KORN 331
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 332 Current Korean Media II
Offered through the Penn Language Center. Current Korean Media II aims at a deeper understanding of the contemporary Korean society, through critical analysis of language use and viewpoints expressed in various types of media including the Internet, TV, films, magazines and newspapers. This course will focus on cultural products and practices such as popular culture, media culture, and entertainment. By catering to the needs and interests of individual learners of Korean, the course will provide them with a rich opportunity to relate what they have learned in previous Korean language courses to the larger context of Korean culture and society. In addition, students will have an in-depth discussion on topics related to Korean society as well as Penn news. This course is conducted entirely in Korean.
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: KORN 331
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 381 Business Korean I
Offered through the Penn Language Center. Business Korean I is designed for students who want to sharpen their Korean language skills to the advanced-high level by focusing their study on Korean business and economy. Students will learn business/economy-related terminologies and concepts. They will also take an in-depth look at the issues related to business practices and environment in Korea. Students will improve and refine their language skills through actively participating in discussions, research, and presentations.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Cho
Course not offered every year
Prerequisite: KORN 212
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 382 Business Korean II
Offered through the Penn Language Center. A continuation of the material offered in KORN 381. Business Korean I. Students further develop their Korean language proficiency at the advance-high level by studying case studies, participating in discussions, and doing research and giving presentations on the topic of current Korean business and economy.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Cho
Course not offered every year
Prerequisite: KORN 212
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 431 Advanced Readings in Modern Korean I
This course is designed for advanced level students. Based on literary pieces in the form of short stories, essays, and novels, students are to gain an in-depth, multi-faceted and critical understanding of Korean people, society, and culture. These objectives are achieved primarily through 1) close reading and discussion of original literary texts by 20th-century Korean writers; and 2) regular writing exercises. Some Korean films that are related to the topics of the reading text will be used.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Jung
Course not offered every year
Prerequisite: KORN 311
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 432 Advanced Readings in Modern Korean II
This course allows development of creative and analytical thinking through introduction of more organized thematic topics such as family, human relationships, and the reflection of self-images, and individual's mental status while the society changes in time.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Jung
Course not offered every year
Prerequisite: KORN 311
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 481 Advanced Business Korean I
Offered through the Penn Language Center. This course aims to further develop students' advanced language proficiency and simultaneously deepen their knowledge and understanding of specific areas related to Korean business and economy such as an expansion of business into Asian markets and globalization strategies. Through research, discussion and presentation on various case studies and other business-related materials, students will enhance their critical thinking skills and gain an in-depth perspective on issues related to contemporary Korean business operations and practices.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: KORN 311
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 482 Advanced Business Korean II
Offered through the Penn Language Center. A continuation of the material offered in Advanced Business Korean I. Students continue to closely follow the current topics of business and financial markets of Korea by actively participating in discussions, research, and presentations.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: KORN 311
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit
KORN 511 Advanced Academic Korean I
This course aims to assist students who wish to improve their knowledge of the advanced Korean language skills required to conduct academic research. Students will critically read, analyze, and discuss academic and other relevant texts, written in either Korean or mixed scripts. Readings include, but are not limited to, academic journal articles and book chapters are important in the field of each student's research, as well as major primary sources, such as periodicals, government documents, and other authentic texts from the late nineteenth century to the present. Students will develop familiarity with these texts and a deeper understanding of academic writing styles in Korean. In addition, students will expand their proficiency in Sino-Korean vocabulary and Hanja (Chinese characters), both essential to developing their academic language skills in Korean. This course will be conducted in Korean.
Taught by: Lee
Course offered fall; even-numbered years
Prerequisite: KORN 432
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

KORN 512 Adv Academic Korean II
This course aims to further develop and enhance the language and critical thinking skills required for conducting academic research in Korean studies or relevant disciplines. Through a historical lens, students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of topics, such as culture, gender, international relations, politics, the economy, and religion from early times to the nineteenth century. Students will continue to read critically, evaluate, analyze, and discuss these academic texts (both primary and secondary sources), written in Korean or mixed scripts, and will broaden and expand their repertoires of the Sino-Korean vocabulary and Hanja (Chinese characters) common in academic disciplines. Course materials will include academic journal articles, book chapters, and primary sources pertaining to the fields of each student's research, as well as Korean historical movies and documentaries. This course will be conducted in Korean.
Taught by: Lee
Course offered fall; odd-numbered years
Prerequisite: KORN 432
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit