KOREAN (KORN)

KORN 0100 Beginning 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.
Fall
1 Course Unit

KORN 0103 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.
Fall
1 Course Unit

KORN 0105 Spoken Korean II
A continuation of Spoken Korean I, 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 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. Offered through the Penn Language Center.
Spring
Prerequisite: KORN 0103
1 Course Unit

KORN 0200 Beginning Korean II
A continuation of Beginning Korean I, this course aims to further develop the four language skills of students to the novice-high level by building on materials covered in that class. 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.
Spring
Prerequisite: KORN 0100
1 Course Unit

KORN 0210 Intensive Beginning 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.
Summer Term
2 Course Units

KORN 0220 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 KORN0420 complete the College language requirement.
Fall
1 Course Unit

KORN 0300 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.
Fall
Prerequisite: KORN 0200
1 Course Unit
KORN 0400 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.
Spring
Prerequisite: KORN 0300
1 Course Unit

KORN 0420 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.
Spring
Prerequisite: KORN 0220
1 Course Unit

KORN 0500 High Intermediate 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.
Fall
Prerequisite: KORN 0400 OR KORN 0420
1 Course Unit

KORN 0560 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.
Fall
Prerequisite: KORN 0400
1 Course Unit

KORN 0600 High Intermediate 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.
Spring
Prerequisite: KORN 0500
1 Course Unit

KORN 0700 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.
Fall
Prerequisite: KORN 0600
1 Course Unit

KORN 0860 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.
Not Offered Every Year
Prerequisite: KORN 0600
1 Course Unit

KORN 0865 Business Korean II
Offered through the Penn Language Center. A continuation of the material
offered in 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.
Not Offered Every Year
Prerequisite: KORN 0600
1 Course Unit
KORN 0870 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 and newspapers. This course will provide students with a rich opportunity to relate what they have learned in previous Korean language courses to the larger context of Korean culture and society. The course is conducted entirely in Korean and utilizes both written and audiovisual materials to develop students’ reading/listening comprehension and critical thinking. The course also involves in-depth class discussion and writing short compositions to enhance conversation and writing skills. 
Fall or Spring
Prerequisite: KORN 0600
1 Course Unit

KORN 0875 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. 
Fall
Prerequisite: KORN 0870
1 Course Unit

KORN 1040 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. 
Not Offered Every Year
Prerequisite: KORN 0700
1 Course Unit

KORN 1045 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. 
Not Offered Every Year
Prerequisite: KORN 0700
1 Course Unit

KORN 1060 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. 
Fall
Prerequisite: KORN 0700
1 Course Unit

KORN 1065 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. 
Spring
Prerequisite: KORN 0700
1 Course Unit

KORN 1140 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. 
Fall, even numbered years only
Prerequisite: KORN 1045
1 Course Unit

KORN 1145 Advanced 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. 
Fall, odd numbered years only
Prerequisite: KORN 1045
1 Course Unit