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ANU Korean Language Program



Why study Korean?

South Korea is Australia's fourth largest trading partner and a key ally. The global popularity of Korean cultural products, like K-pop, dramas, and fashion, has heightened interest in Korea. As connections between Korea and Australia grow, studying Korean offers valuable opportunities to explore a new culture.

With over 80 million speakers worldwide, learning Korean enhances your cultural understanding, professional skills, and personal connections. Embark on a rewarding journey and unlock a world of opportunities by learning Korean.

- **Cultural engagement:** Deepen your understanding of the context behind your favourite Korean food, dramas, K-pop idols, and more.
- **Inter-cultural communication:** Enhance your ability to communicate effectively with people from diverse backgrounds.
- **Access to Korean sources:** Explore Korean materials to enrich your personal interests.
- **Personal connections:** Build meaningful relationships and improve communication with native Korean speakers.
- **Career prospects:** Boost your employability with language skills - and knowledge of one of the world's most fascinating countries - that are valuable in a globalised world.

"When you learn Korean, a whole new world of entertainment is there to be explored."

— BENJAMIN CHESWORTH, BACHELOR OF ASIAN STUDIES



Studying Korean at ANU

The Korean Language Program at ANU is one of Australia's oldest, with courses offered since 1979. As the only university in Australasia to offer Major, Minor, and Advanced Minor pathways in Korean, ANU supports students from beginner to advanced levels. Based in the nation's capital, the program attracts students pairing Korean with diplomacy, international relations, security studies, and Asia-Pacific studies. Our courses develop strong skills in spoken and written Korean while immersing students in Korea's vibrant cultural landscape — spanning literature, film, history, and contemporary society. Students can also undertake in-country study in South Korea, from short-term programs to year-long exchanges at leading universities, gaining first-hand language immersion and cultural insight. Build your Korean. Expand your global horizons. Experience Korea at ANU.

- ANU Students: Elective, minor (24 units/4 courses), advanced minor or major (48 units/8 courses) as part of ANU degree
- Non-Award: Enrol in individual courses for professional development or personal interest without pursuing a full degree.
- In-country Opportunities: Participate in In-country, field schools and internship programs based in Korea
- Advanced Courses: Progress through Korean language levels 1–6, and explore subjects in linguistics, politics, film, society, history and culture, with opportunities to pursue research focused on Korea.

Students with prior language experience must take a Language Proficiency Assessment (LPA) for proper level placement. For details, see the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) language proficiency assessment site.

Study Korean language and culture at the Australian National University.

Further Information

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