



Korean Major and Minor

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The Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures offers courses in the language, literature, film, linguistics, and culture of China, Japan, and Korea; the department offers majors in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean as well as minors in Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. They offer courses in the modern standard language of China, Japan, and Korea, and a wide variety of offerings ranging from introductory level to specialized, designed to illuminate various facets of these Asian civilizations. Students whose interests range broadly across the civilization of East Asia may want to consider the interdisciplinary studies option or take advantage of the Asian Studies Certificate Program.

Required courses for the Korean major

The Korean major requires the completion of 41 credits distributed as follows.

Language courses

KOREAN 0003 Second Year Korean 1
KOREAN 0004 Second Year Korean 2
KOREAN 0005 Third Year Korean 1
KOREAN 0006 Third Year Korean 2

Advanced language course; choose one

KOREAN 1050 Fourth Year Korean 1
KOREAN 1053 Advanced Writing Through Reading

Required course

KOREAN 0007 Introduction to Korean Culture and Civilization

Elective courses; choose three

KOREAN 0023 Korean Language: Then and Now
KOREAN 0075 Introduction to Korea through Films
KOREAN 0084 Introduction to Korean Literature
KOREAN 1023 Aspects of the Korean Language
KOREAN 1024 Sounds of the Korean Language
KOREAN 1044 The Chinese Writing System in East Asia
KOREAN 1060 Language and Society in Korea
KOREAN 1070 World of Korea
KOREAN 1080 Contemporary Korean Culture
KOREAN 1082 Korean Literature
KOREAN 1085 Introduction to East Asian Cinema
KOREAN 1086 New Media Culture in Korea
KOREAN 1088 Korean Cinema
KOREAN 1700 Theory and Practice of Translation

Writing (W) requirement

Students must complete KOREAN 1908 Directed Writing in conjunction with another 1000-level Korean course that has a significant English language writing component.

KOREAN/Non-Departmental courses: choose two

KOREAN 0023 Korean Language: Then and Now
KOREAN 0075 Introduction to Korea through Films
KOREAN 0084 Introduction to Korean Literature
KOREAN 1023 Aspects of the Korean Language
KOREAN 1024 Sounds of the Korean Language
KOREAN 1044 The Chinese Writing System in East Asia
KOREAN 1060 Language and Society in Korea
KOREAN 1070 World of Korea
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KOREAN 1085 Introduction to East Asian Cinema
KOREAN 1086 New Media Culture in Korea
KOREAN 1088 Korean Cinema
KOREAN 1700 Theory and Practice of Translation
ANTH 1734 Gender in East Asia
ENGFLM 1420 Transnational East Asian Cinemas
HAA 0020 Introduction to Asian Art
HIST 0400 East Asian Civilization to 1800
HIST 0401 Modern East Asian Civilization
HIST 0475 Religion and Culture in East Asia
HIST 0487 World War II in Asia
HIST 0755 Religion in Asia
HIST 1475 East Asian Buddhism
PS 1326 East Asian Political Economy 1950-Present
RELGST 0505 Religion in Asia
RELGST 0525 Religion and Culture in East Asia
RELGST 1550 East Asian Buddhism

Capstone course

KOREAN 1999 Capstone Project (three credits) must be taken during the student's last Spring term as an undergraduate.

Grade requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

Satisfactory/No Credit option

First year language courses may be taken on an S/NC basis, but not second year language courses. In the third and fourth years, majors have the option of taking two additional courses on an S/NC basis, one of which may be an advanced language course.

Checklist for the Korean major

Language courses

_____ KOREAN 0003 _____ KOREAN 0004
_____ KOREAN 0005 _____ KOREAN 0006

Advanced language course; choose one

_____ KOREAN 1050 _____ KOREAN 1053

Required course

_____ KOREAN 0007

Culture, film, literature, and linguistics

Choose three of the following

_____ KOREAN 0023 _____ KOREAN 0075
_____ KOREAN 0084 _____ KOREAN 1023
_____ KOREAN 1024 _____ KOREAN 1044
_____ KOREAN 1060 _____ KOREAN 1070
_____ KOREAN 1080 _____ KOREAN 1082
_____ KOREAN 1085 _____ KOREAN 1086
_____ KOREAN 1088 _____ KOREAN 1700

KOREAN/Non-Departmental courses; choose two

_____ KOREAN 0023 _____ KOREAN 0075
_____ KOREAN 0084 _____ KOREAN 1023
_____ KOREAN 1024 _____ KOREAN 1044
_____ KOREAN 1060 _____ KOREAN 1070
_____ KOREAN 1080 _____ KOREAN 1082
_____ KOREAN 1085 _____ KOREAN 1086
_____ KOREAN 1088 _____ KOREAN 1700
_____ ANTH 1734 _____ ENGFLM 1420
_____ HAA 0020 _____ HIST 0400
_____ HIST 0401 _____ HIST 0475
_____ HIST 0487 _____ HIST 0755
_____ HIST 1475 _____ PS 1326
_____ RELGST 0505 _____ RELGST 0525
_____ RELGST 1550

Writing (W) requirement

_____ KOREAN 1908 Directed Writing

Note: This course must be taken in conjunction with another 1000-level KOREAN course that has a significant English language writing component

Capstone course

_____ KOREAN 1999

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Option 1

One Language Course

_____ KOREAN 0001 _____ KOREAN 0002
_____ KOREAN 0003 _____ KOREAN 0004
_____ KOREAN 0005 _____ KOREAN 0006
_____ KOREAN 1050 _____ KOREAN 1051
_____ KOREAN 1052 _____ KOREAN 1053

One Culture Course

_____ KOREAN 0007 _____ KOREAN 0023
_____ KOREAN 0075 _____ KOREAN 0084
_____ KOREAN 1023 _____ KOREAN 1024
_____ KOREAN 1044 _____ KOREAN 1060
_____ KOREAN 1070 _____ KOREAN 1080
_____ KOREAN 1082 _____ KOREAN 1085
_____ KOREAN 1086 _____ KOREAN 1088
_____ KOREAN 1700

Three Other Language and/or Culture Courses

_____ KOREAN 0001 _____ KOREAN 0002
_____ KOREAN 0003 _____ KOREAN 0004
_____ KOREAN 0005 _____ KOREAN 0006
_____ KOREAN 0007 _____ KOREAN 0023
_____ KOREAN 0075 _____ KOREAN 0084
_____ KOREAN 1023 _____ KOREAN 1024
_____ KOREAN 1044 _____ KOREAN 1050
_____ KOREAN 1051 _____ KOREAN 1052
_____ KOREAN 1053 _____ KOREAN 1060
_____ KOREAN 1070 _____ KOREAN 1080
_____ KOREAN 1082 _____ KOREAN 1085
_____ KOREAN 1086 _____ KOREAN 1088
_____ KOREAN 1700

Option 2

Two Language Courses

_____ KOREAN 0003 _____ KOREAN 0004
_____ KOREAN 0005 _____ KOREAN 0006
_____ KOREAN 1050 _____ KOREAN 1051
_____ KOREAN 1052 _____ KOREAN 1053

Two Culture Courses

_____ KOREAN 0007 _____ KOREAN 0023
_____ KOREAN 0075 _____ KOREAN 0084
_____ KOREAN 1023 _____ KOREAN 1024
_____ KOREAN 1044 _____ KOREAN 1060
_____ KOREAN 1070 _____ KOREAN 1080
_____ KOREAN 1082 _____ KOREAN 1085
_____ KOREAN 1086 _____ KOREAN 1088
_____ KOREAN 1700

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation.