Korean Studies at the University of Sydney

The Department

Established in 1991 with Korean language units, we are the first independent Korean department in Australia, and one of the earliest and long-standing in Australia.

Utilising the specialties of our staff, we have maintained distinctive strengths in teaching and research in Korean history, language, culture and society, and media. We utilise innovative modes of teaching, such as language units which require flexible and intensive learning.

Unlike other Australian universities that focus on Korean language and history, we offer a range of subjects covering areas such as: Korean culture and society; traditional and modern history; contemporary issues; pop culture and trends; media and communications; language and linguistics.
Study with us

Acquire strong Korean language skills and in-depth knowledge of the history, culture, society and socio-linguistics of the thriving Northeast Asian nation.

Language studies

Korean units 1–6
With comprehensive beginners, intermediate and advanced level courses, enhance your aural, reading, writing and speaking skills through practical and interactive activities in various modes of communication.

With study of authentic Korean texts, lay a strong foundation, extend your language command, or acquire fluency including sophistication and formality of speech.

Other language units might include:
- Korean Phonology
- Issues in Korean Language

Please refer to page 6 for an example of the pathways you could take for a Korean major.

Cultural subjects

Interdisciplinary cross-listing
Many units are cross-listed with Asian Studies(*) and other disciplines, such as History, Politics, Media and Communications, Law and Business.

Cultural units might include:
- Korea in Literature and Popular Culture
- Contemporary Korean Society and Culture
- Traditional Korea*
- Modern Korea*
- Mass Media in East Asia*

For the complete list of units of study and more information, see Sydney Courses:
- sydney.edu.au/courses
Korean Studies and your degree

Students of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, and other liberal studies or combined degrees can study our units as:

A major or minor
Complete 8 units (48 credit points) in Korean Studies for a major, or 6 units (36 credit points) for a minor in one of our pathways:
- Introductory (beginner level)
- Intermediate (e.g. HSC Beginners >70 or HSC Continuers <80)
- Advanced (e.g. post-HSC Continuers >80 or HSC Extension)

Electives
Language units can be taken as an elective from Handbook Table S.

Please check your respective course resolutions to ensure specific units are eligible for combined degrees.

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies (BA/BAS)
Build on your expertise with advanced coursework and project work, or Honours, in your final year through the combined four-year degree. Undertake a substantial real-world industry, community, entrepreneurship or research project. This involves a minimum of 24 credit points in 4000-level KRNS units, including at least 12 credit points in a project unit of study.

BA/BAS (Multilingual Translation)
Students who are studying two language majors can undertake the fourth-year multilingual translation coursework to gain professional skills in translation across three languages and high cross-cultural competency.

Dalyell Scholars program
Exclusive to students enrolled in the prestigious Dalyell Scholars stream of the BA/BAS degree, the Languages program will allow you to focus your studies on language acquisition and experiences.

Diploma of Language Studies
Study a language alongside any recognised degree. An accelerated mode is available for completion of study within 15 months.

Prizes and scholarships
We award students for outstanding performance across all learning and year levels with financial prizes:
- Korean Consulate Prize
- Korean Consulate Prize (Sponsored by Top Media)
- Jae My Postgraduate Scholarship

For more information, visit:
- sydney.edu.au/arts/korean/scholarships
Study abroad

Exchange program
Embark on a valuable life-changing experience in Korea. Exercise and improve your Korean language skills and understand cultural intricacies and societal nuances at first hand.

Short-term programs
You can go on a two to six-week program during the summer or winter break at select institutions.

Partner institutions
Our partners include:
- Korea University, Seoul
- Seoul National University
- Yonsei University, Seoul

For more information, visit:
- sydney.edu.au/study/study-abroad-and-student-exchange.html
“Studying Korean at the University of Sydney gives me a good foundation for my academic and career goals, as it teaches basic communication skills which prepare me for advanced studies in translation and interpretation.

I chose to do Korean Studies as I am interested in Korean popular culture and have a background in Japanese and Chinese which complements my learning of the Korean language. The teachers in the Department have a personal approach in teaching, which I greatly appreciate and find to be very reflective of the warmth in Korean culture.”

Cuiying Xu
Bachelor of Arts (Languages), now the Dalyell Languages program
Korean Consulate Prize recipient
### Sample pathways

The tables below are indicative. They show possible pathways for a major and fourth year advanced studies in Korean Studies. They do not represent the overall degree structure and the units are examples that may change. Please see the current handbook when planning your degree pathway.

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Korean, lots of fun!

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