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Korean Language Education Program

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1st The first member of Universitas 21 in Korea

61st 61st QS World University Ranking 2026

1,139 Number of KU partner universities

8,000 Number of KLC graduates each year

125,000 Total number of KLC graduates since its foundation in 1986

About the Korean Language Center (KLC)

The world's best place to learn Korean language and culture

The Korean Language Center (KLC) was established on March 1, 1986, as an affiliate institution of Korea University, with the goal of promoting the Korean language and Korean culture around the world.

History of KLC

1986
- 03 Korean Language Center established
- 04 'Korean Regular Course' First Established
- 07 'Youth Summer School for Overseas Koreans' First Established
- 09 Textbook <Korean> published

1998
- 02 'Korean Language Teacher Training Program' First Established

2004
- 04 'KOICA Korean Language Training Program' First Established

2008
- 01 Textbook <Fun! Fun! Korean> published

2016
- 07 30th anniversary of the Korea University Korean Language Center celebrated

2020
- 06 'Online Short-term Korean' First Established

2018
- 06 Korean Education Building constructed

2022
- 11 Commercial agreement for TOPIK IBT certification centers signed
- 12 Open Library for the Korean Education Building built

  1st Korean Language Education Day held

2023
- 03 Selected as an 'Excellent Accredited University' in IEQAS (International Education Quality Assurance System)
- 09 Korean Language Program launched for GKS graduate students

2025
- 02 <KU Korean Language 5> published

  3,200 Korean language students enrolled
- 12 Newly certified under the 2025 International Education Quality Assurance System (Korean Language Programs)

  Signed an MOU for education with Ktown4u, a global K-POP platform company

2026~
- 02 Revised edition of <KU Korean Language 6> published

  Celebrated 40th anniversary as the "Year of Korean Language Learning"

Students and Partner Institutions Spanning the Globe

Students from various regions of the world come to KLC to learn the Korean language, society, and culture.

Europe

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Belarus

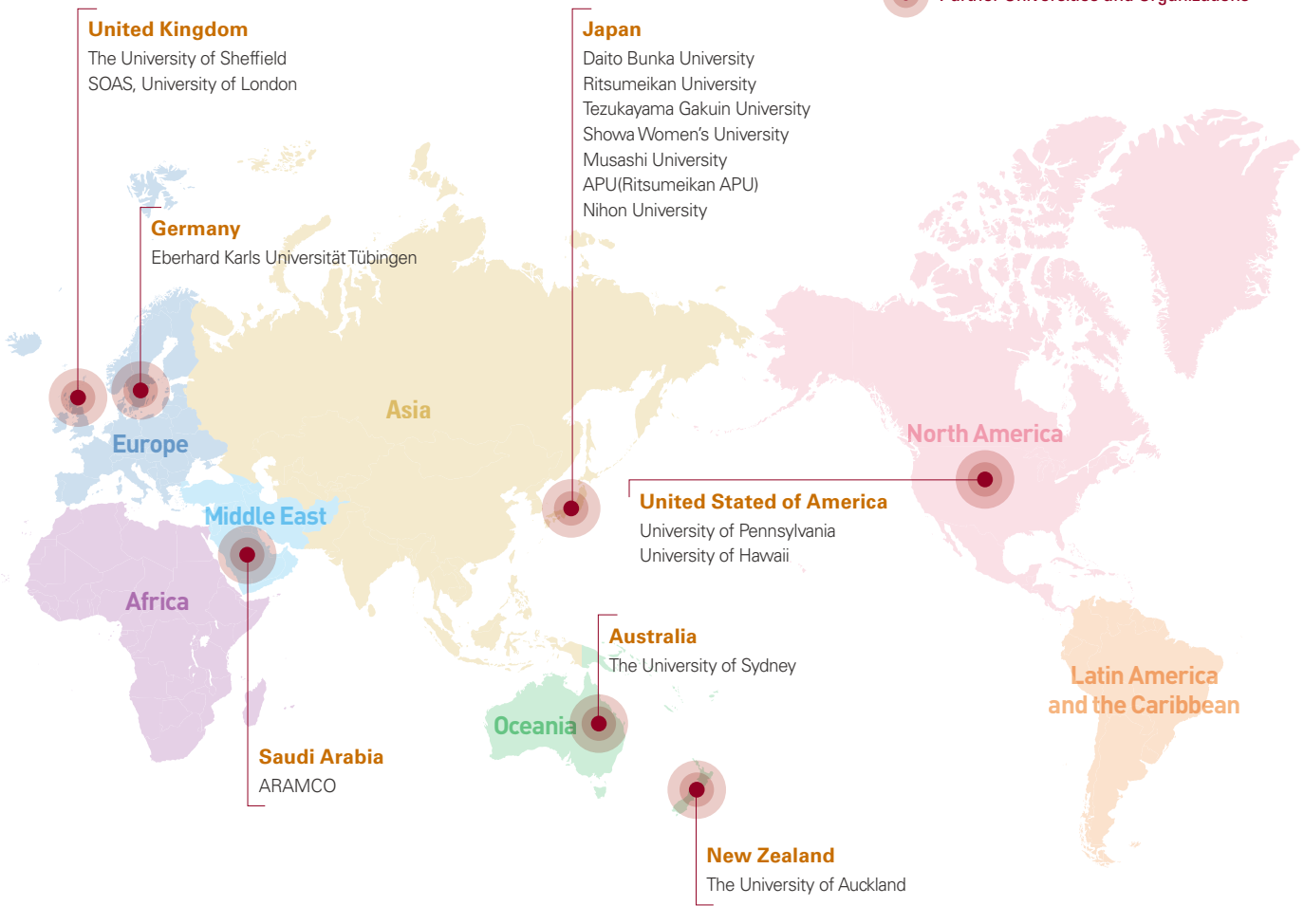
Asia

Cambodia, China, Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

North America

United States, Canada

Partner Universities and Organizations



Africa

Algeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda

Middle East

Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Oceania

Australia, Fiji, New Zealand

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru

Korean Language Center

"Korean Village-ification" Program

From a place of learning to a campus for life's horizons

KLC Special Zone

A ZONE
B1: Our Space

A space that reflects KLC's identity, featuring student creations and the unique characteristics of the Korean language and culture

B ZONE
1F: Open Library

A place to explore books on Korean language, culture, history, hobbies, arts, and travel, while enjoying natural conversation and relaxation

C ZONE
2F: Ari Café

A communication venue where alumni, current students, and visitors can share insights on further education, career paths, and aspirations

D ZONE
3F: History Zone

A space dedicated to KU KLC's 40-year history—following its path from the past to the present, and looking forward to the future

E ZONE
Entryway: The World of Korean

An inviting path to the heart of the Korean language and culture within the Korea University Korean Language Center

Before











After







The Korean Language Center's 40th Anniversary in 2026

"Year of Korean Language Learning"

Beyond Korean language education—a center designing the future together

KU KLC's Distinctive Educational System

2016~
Phase 4: Advancement & Innovation
- Constructed the Korean Education Building, expanding learning spaces
- Expanded tailored education for online platforms and EdTech

2006~2015
Phase 3: Expansion & Diversification
- Diversified courses for academic and special purposes
- Achieved exponential growth, reaching 10,000 students annually
- Strengthened expertise through expanded external teacher training

1996~2005
Phase 2: Growth & Systematization
- Transferred to the Foreign Language center and refined the curriculum
- Featured a global community of learners and enriched cultural programs
- Established the Korean Language Teacher Training Program

1986~1995
Phase 1: Pioneering & Foundation
- Founded under with the Research Institute of Korean Studies
- Focused on Asian learners and field-based teaching methodologies



40th KOREAN LANGUAGE CENTER ANNIVERSARY

Cumulative Enrollment
Over **123,000** students from **80** countries

On-Campus Programs **56**
18 Off-Campus Programs



Shall we have a cup of coffee at the teahouse?

1986, Research Institute of Korean Studies



Let's meet at the coffee shop in front of the school this afternoon.

2008-2011, Kyobo Book Centre





I spend my time at the café.

2019-2026, Korea University Press

Advantages of the KLC

01 Distinguished Faculty Comprising Experts in Korean Language Education

KLC has more than 150 professional Korean language instructors.

02 Curriculum Tailored to Individual Needs

The KLC conducts one-to-one placement interviews with every new student to assign them to classes that are appropriate to their Korean proficiency level. The KLC's tailoring of the curriculum to learner proficiency levels allows students to learn the Korean language and Korean culture more enjoyably and effectively.

03 Cultural Experience Programs and Events

Field Trips

Field trips are off-campus activities for students. Every semester, the center organizes various activities such as attending performances and participating in Korean culture programs, which give them the opportunity to broaden and deepen their experience of Korea and life.

Selective Cultural Activities

Selective or voluntary cultural experience activities are offered to KLC students every semester. Activities like kimchi making, temple stays, and museum visits are great opportunities to enjoy Korean culture more intimately and enjoyably.

04 Student Support Services

Student Helpers (Doumi)

The KLC offers the Doumi (Buddy) Program which students can get help from those who are currently enrolled in Korea University in relation to living in Korea and learning the Korean language.

Multilingual Couseling Service

KLC aims to create a supportive and inclusive environment for all students by providing counseling services in English, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Russian, and Mongolian.

Visa Agency Services

For the convenience of its currently enrolled students, the KLC offers an immigration consultation service which helps them take care of practicalities such as alien registration and visa extensions without visiting the Immigration Office in person.

Psychological Counseling

The KLC offers a psychological counseling service which assists students with their adaptation to campus life and helps them with stress management.



05 Student Clubs

Student clubs offer activities such as Samulnori, Taekwondo, singing, and dancing, in this way helping students explore their interests and enjoy a more enriching life in Korea.

06 Facilities

Korean Education Building

The KLC's facilities include the Open Library, the Study Room, the Auditorium and the Club Room, as well as an outdoor terrace and a data archive.

Korea University Campus

Anyone who is enrolled as a KLC student can also use various facilities at Korea University such as the three libraries, Centennial Memorial Hall which offers multimedia facilities, and Central Plaza which has numerous convenient facilities for students.









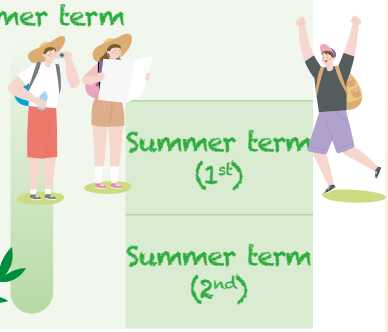




Program Roadmap

	Regular Program	Short-term Intensive Program	Online Short-term Korean	Youth Summer School	Tutor Training Course	Korea University Events
MAR	Spring term	Spring term	Conducted All Year-Round (Weekend)			
APR						
MAY						Great Granite Tower Festival, Ipselenti
JUN	Summer term			Youth Summer School		
JUL		Summer term (1st)			Summer term (daytime)	
AUG		Summer term (2nd)				Ko-Yon-Jeon (Korea-Yonsei Games)
SEP	Fall term					
OCT						
NOV						
DEC	Winter term					
JAN		Winter term				
FEB		Spring term				











Facility Highlights

The KLC Space: Korean Village-ification

At our dedicated Korean Education Building, students driven by a passion for Korean culture can study the language, experience the culture, and enjoy K-content all in one place. As a member of the KU community, you can explore creative works by your peers, photos, and messages and transition from a learner to an active creator of Korean culture.



Counseling Service



All KLC students are welcome to share their concerns, from academic stress and learning difficulties to personal worries or emotional anxiety. Our professional counselors are here to provide the support you need for both your academic success and a healthy daily life.



Open Library



Located on the first floor of the Korean Education Building, the Open Library offers a wide collection of books on everything from culture, history and travel to K-food, fashion, and trends. It is the perfect space to relax, socialize, and immerse yourself in the Korean language beyond the classroom.



INMEDIC: Medical Interpretation Service



We provide remote interpretation in 12 languages for students who need assistance during hospital visits. Simply visit the administrative office to access a professional interpreter via our dedicated tablet.



Regular Program

Program Schedule

- Four terms (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter) annually
- 10 weeks per term (200 hours)

Year	Term	Application Period	Tuition Payment Deadlines	Orientation	Program Period
2026	Spring	2025.12.08.~2026.01.28.	2026.01.28.	2026.03.18.	2026.03.19.~2026.06.02.
	Summer	2026.03.09.~2026.04.29.	2026.04.29.	2026.06.16.	2026.06.17.~2026.08.27.
	Fall	2026.06.08.~2026.07.29.	2026.07.29.	2026.09.10.	2026.09.11.~2026.11.26.
	Winter	2026.09.07.~2026.10.28.	2026.10.28.	2026.12.10.	2026.12.11.~2027.02.25.
2027	Spring	2026.12.07.~2027.01.22	2027.01.22.	2027.03.17.	2027.03.18.~2027.05.31.
	Summer	2027.03.08.~2027.04.23.	2027.04.23.	2027.06.15.	2027.06.16.~2027.08.26.
	Fall	2027.06.07.~2027.07.23.	2027.07.23.	2027.09.09.	2027.09.10.~2027.11.26.
	Winter	2027.09.06.~2027.10.22.	2027.10.22.	2027.12.13.	2027.12.14.~2028.02.28.

* Academic calendar can be vary depending on the situation.

Program Introduction

Educational Goal	Teaching Korean to adult foreign students in order to help them develop Korean communication skills and to better understand Korean society and culture	
Eligibility	Overseas Koreans and foreigners qualify with a high school diploma or equivalent	
	General Korean Course	Academic Korean Course
Program Period	10 weeks/term	10 weeks/term
Class Hours	4 hours/day (morning class and afternoon class)	4 hours/day (afternoon class)
Number of Classes Opened	Morning class: Levels 1-6 Afternoon class: Levels 1-6, Top-Level Course	Levels 1-6
Field Trips and Cultural Activities	• Cultural Activities: Activities differ by class (attending shows, etc.) • Selective Cultural Activities: Kimchi making, temple stay, Samulnori experience, traditional crafts, cooking Korean food, etc. • Various Student Clubs (Samulnori, K-pop dancing and singing, and Taekwondo) * The above information is subject to change according to circumstances.	



Time Table

Period	Morning Classes	Afternoon Classes
1	09:00~09:50	13:45~14:35
2	10:00~10:50	14:45~15:35
3	11:10~12:00	15:55~16:45
4	12:10~13:00	16:55~17:45

* Please note that while we aim to place students in their preferred classes, newly registered students may be assigned to afternoon classes.

Tuition

Admission Fee	₩120,000 (Non-refundable)
Course Fee	₩1,800,000/term

* Tuition fees are adjusted annually in the spring semester. Even for pre-registered students, tuition fees will be settled once the annual tuition is determined.
* Group insurance is included in the tuition fee.

Scholarship

Types of Scholarships	Selection Criteria	Scholarship Amount
Korean Learner Scholarship	1 student enrolled in the center for more than 2 consecutive semesters, whose academic attitude is sincere, and has set an example for others	100% of tuition fee
Academic Scholarship A	1 student among all students who earned the highest score	100% of tuition fee
Academic Scholarship B	Top 0.5% of the students based on the total number of students	50% of tuition fee
Academic Scholarship C	Top 3% of the students based on the total number of students	30% of tuition fee

* When there is a tie, the selection will be made based on attendance rate and academic attitude, and only those enrolled for the next semester will be eligible.
* Immediate family members of current students, siblings or spouses who sign up for the same term, or children of Korea University employees and alumni are entitled to a 10% reduction of the tuition fee, if they submit the verifying documents.

Program Introduction

General Korean Course

The course consists of classes from Levels 1 to 6 and Top-Level Course for advanced studies. Utilizing textbooks published by the Korean Language Center of Korea University, students learn Korean speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. According to their levels, they engage in speaking tasks including giving speeches, participating in interviews, and engaging in discussions. In addition, the Top-Level Course includes special lectures on a range of topics by experts from various fields in Korean society.

Academic Korean Course

The Academic Korean Course, offering classes from Levels 1 to 6, is designed for students who intend to enroll in undergraduate or graduate schools in Korea. This is an intensive course which allows students to learn more about terminology used in the academic setting that is additional to what is taught in the General Korean Course. By increasing the precision of their language use and developing academic language skills, students can enhance the precision of their Korean and acquire the level of proficiency needed for university studies. The course also provides a university entrance and admission consulting service.

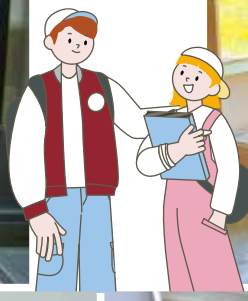
On-Campus Dormitory (Regular Program)

Year	Term	Application Period	Residence Period
2026	Spring	2026.02.05.~2026.02.06.	2026.03.16.~2026.06.05.
	Summer	2026.05.07.~2026.05.08.	2026.06.12.~2026.08.31.
	Fall	2026.08.06.~2026.08.07.	2026.09.08.~2026.11.30.
	Winter	2026.11.05.~2026.11.06.	2026.12.08.~2027.03.01.
Dormitory Fee	₩1,400,000		

* Regular program freshmen may reside in Frontier Hall for up to one semester.
* The dormitory fee is subject to change.
* Please refer to the KLC website for more information on the dormitory application method, selection standard, facility and etc.









❶ Exterior view of Frontier Hall
❷ Study Room (B1)
❸ Laundry Room
❹ Room interior
❺ Lobby (B1)
❻ Restroom

What KLC Students are Able to Say



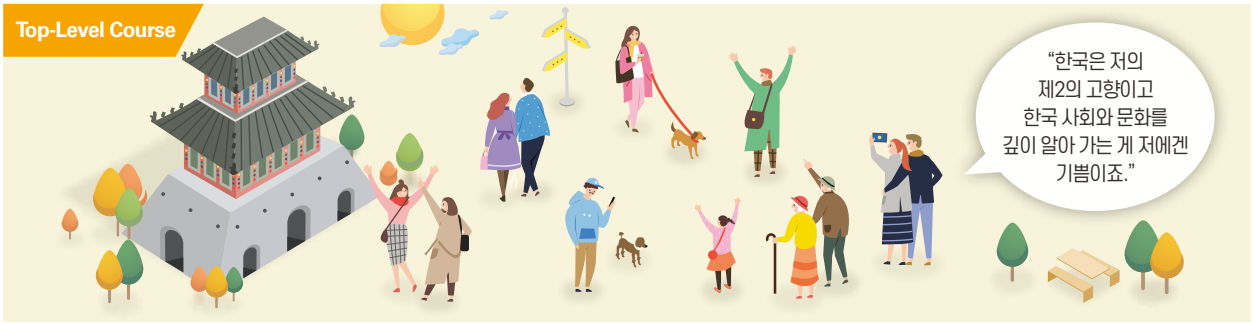












Content of Story

Level 1 Hi, my name is Elsa. I'm from the U.S.

Level 2 I want to travel around Korea.

Level 3 Korean food is a bit spicy for me, but I like it. I want to learn how to make bibimbap.

Level 4 Today, I'd like to introduce to you about my hometown. Please look at the screen.

Level 5 Studying abroad has made me reassess my daily life as a consumer. I've been trying to be thriftier and learning how to save.

Level 6 What impressed me most about Koreans is their sense of community. Koreans can get very spirited when they're together.

Top-Level Course Korea is my second home. I really enjoy learning more about Korean society and culture.

Application Materials

Application Materials (Regular Program)

For those who do not need a student visa(Basic Application Documents)

No.	Application Materials	Note	Submission
1	Application Form	Online application form (refer to the KLC website)	Upload the file as part of the online application
2	ID photo	3.5cm x 4.5cm, color	
3	Passport	Copy of applicant's passport (the page of ID photo and personal information)	
4	Academic Certification Document	Graduation certificate of the highest level of education attained (high school or above) (Refer to the KLC website)	

For those needing a student visa (apply for D-4-1 Visa)

No.	Application Materials	Note	Original	Copy
1	Application Form	Online application form (refer to the KLC website)		
2	ID photo	3.5cm x 4.5cm, color. Please upload the file when completing the online application		
3	Passport	Copy of applicant's passport (the page of ID photo and personal information)		1
4	Academic Certification Document	Original graduation certificate from the highest level of education attained (high school or above) with apostille or consular authentication (refer to the KLC website)	1	
5	Bank Statement	Original copy of applicant's bank statement indicating a minimum balance of 10,000,000 KRW (For more information, please refer to the KLC website)	1	
6	Others (if applicable)	• Proof of gap: If applicants have a gap of more than 6 months after graduation, submit documentation to prove your activities during that period. • Currently employed: submit a certificate of employment and an explanatory statement of the reason for studying abroad. • If you have experience studying abroad or taking language courses in Korea, you must submit relevant documentation.	1	
7	Proof of Financial Support (Those from conturies that notified by the Ministry of Justice, excluding China)	1) Birth certificate or family relation certificate 2) Copy of parents' passport or ID card 3) Proof of parents' employment and monthly income	1	
8	Reference by Korean guarantor	Only upon request by KLC	1	

※ The admission process and the required documents vary by nationality. For detailed information on the application requirements, please refer to the website or contact KLC.
※ The admission process and the required documents are subject to change based on circumstances.

Required Application Materials for Chinese Applicants

No.	Application Materials	Note	Original	Copy
1	Application Form	Online application form (refer to the KLC website)		
2	ID photo	3.5cm x 4.5cm, color. Please upload the file when completing the online application		
3	Passport	Copy of applicant's passport (the page of ID photo and personal information)		1
4	Academic Certification Document	1. University graduate: High school graduate Certificate, Online Verification Report of Student Record, copy of academic transcript 2. Undergraduate: High school graduation certificate, Verification Report of China Secondary Education Qualification Certificate, Online Verification Report of Student Record 3. High school graduate: High school graduation certificate, Verification Report of China Secondary Education Qualification Certificate	1	
		* Apply at www.chsi.com.cn, submit original documents. * If applicants graduated in a country besides China, their diplomas or degrees must be certified by the Korean Consul in that country or a consul of that country in Korea. * Applicants are requested to send only a copy of their diplomas. To prevent the risk of loss of the document, we do not accept original diplomas.		
5	Copy of Applicant's Family Register(Hogubu, 户口簿)			1
6	Bank Statement (Maintaining a minimum balance of 10,000,000 KRW or more)	Bank statements must be issued within one calendar month prior to application. To be valid, the minimum balance must have been maintained for at least six months. ※ If the bank statement is in the name of the applicant's parents, notarized proof of kinship or a copy of the Family Register (Hogubu) must be submitted.	1	
	Others (if applicable)	• If applicants have a gap of more than 1 year after graduation, submit any document to prove it(ex. Proof of work).	1	

Application Procedure

Apply Online, Submit Documents and Pay Application Fee → Check Document Screening Result and Pay Course Fee → Receive Letter of Admission from KLC → Prepare Visa Application Package → Submit Visa Application Package → Receive Visa

(Contact Korean Embassy or Consulate Office in your country of residence for more information on required documents.)



Special Programs

Short-term Intensive Program

Eligibility	Overseas Koreans and foreigners with a high school diploma or equivalent						
Schedule	Year	Term	Program Period			Application Period	
	2026	Spring	2026.02.23.~2026.03.20.		4 weeks	2025.12.01.~2025.12.26.	
		Summer 1	2026.06.29.~2026.07.23.		4 weeks	2026.04.15.~2026.05.06.	
		Summer 2	2026.08.03.~2026.08.21.		3 weeks	2026.05.19.~2026.06.09.	
		Winter	2026.12.28.~2027.01.15.		3 weeks	2026.10.15.~2026.11.05.	
Timetable		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	09:00~13:00	Korean Language	Korean Language	Korean Language	Korean Language	Korean Language	-
	14:10~16:00	-	Afternoon Special Classes	Cultural Experiences (Optional)	Afternoon Special Classes	-	-
Program Content	• Morning Integrated Korean Language Class: Focus on speaking geared towards learning vocabulary and grammar related to the topics discussed, but with lessons covering all four skills—speaking, listening, reading, and writing • Afternoon Special Class (Advanced Learning): Based on students' level, learn everyday Korean, including vocabulary and grammar, as well as Korean used in the media • Korean Cultural Experiences (Optional): Making a Hangul stamp, crafting mother-of-pearl items, learning K-POP dance, and more						
Tuition	Year	Term	Base Tuition (Including Admission Fee)			Optional (Dormitory)	
	2026	Spring	₩1,670,000			N/A	
		Summer 1	₩1,670,000			₩670,000	
		Summer 2	₩1,260,000			₩520,000	
		Winter	₩1,260,000			₩520,000	
	• Textbook fees not included • Meals not included in dormitory fee						

* Classes may be cancelled if the minimum enrollment quota (8 students) is not met.
* Students are required to take preliminary level tests.
* The dormitory is available in Summer 1, Summer 2 and Winter term (Triple room).



Online Short-term Korean

Eligibility	Students over the age of 16 who can read and write 한글 (Hangul)							
Schedule	Year	Term	Application		Tuition Payment Deadlines	Placement Test	Class Starts	Class Ends
			Starts	Ends				
	2026	1	2025.11.20.	2025.12.04.	2025.12.08.	2025.12.13.	2026.01.03.	2026.02.21.
		2	2026.01.15.	2026.01.29.	2026.02.02.	2026.02.07.	2026.02.28.	2026.04.18.
		3	2026.03.12.	2026.03.26.	2026.03.30.	2026.04.04.	2026.04.25.	2026.06.20.
		4	2026.05.14.	2026.05.28.	2026.06.01.	2026.06.06.	2026.06.27.	2026.08.22.
		5	2026.07.16.	2026.07.30.	2026.08.03.	2026.08.08.	2026.08.29.	2026.10.31.
		6	2026.09.23.	2026.10.08.	2026.10.12.	2026.10.17.	2026.11.07.	2026.12.26.
Timetable	Class Type		Class Day		Class Hours(Based on Korean Standard Time)			
	Weekend Class		Saturday		11:00~14:00		3 hours per day * 8 times	
Program Content	• Learn vocabulary and grammar related to various topics and express thoughts verbally or in writing • Class method: Real-time Online Class							
Tuition	₩400,000 (Admission Fee: ₩60,000 / Course Fee: ₩340,000)							
	* Textbook fees not included							

* Classes may be cancelled if the minimum enrollment is not met.
* The above schedule is subject to change.

Youth Summer School

Eligibility	Teenagers between 14 and 18		
Schedule	Year	Program Period	Application Period
	2026	2026.07.06.~2026.07.31.	2026.04.24.~2026.05.15.
Timetable	Class	Mon – Fri	Sat
	Morning Session	Korean Integrated Class	Field Trip
	Afternoon Session	Korean Cultural Activity	
Program Contents	• Integrated Korean Class: A Korean course with teaching materials specifically aimed toward teenage learners • Korean Cultural Activities: Samulnori, K-pop dancing and singing, and Taekwondo, etc. • Field Trips: Cultural trips, attending shows, visiting museums, famous tourist attractions, etc.		
Tuition	Base Tuition	* Provided separately	
	Dormitory Fee (Optional)	* Provided separately	
Dormitory	• On-Campus Anam Dormitory (three people per dormitory room) - Meals are not included in the dormitory fee, but the dormitory cafeteria is available for student use. - Male and female assistants will reside in the dormitory during the program to aid students.		

* Classes may be cancelled if the minimum enrollment is not met.
* The afternoon sessions are subject to change according to circumstances.

On-campus and off-campus commissioned courses

In collaboration with related on-campus departments, the overall program provides systematic Korean language education for international learners and continues to grow in line with KU's key initiatives. Under its auspices, more than 10 on-campus commissioned programs are hosted and jointly run each year, including Korean language courses for Dr. LEE Jong-wook Fellowship Program trainees, Global MBA students, KOICA master's and doctoral students, International Summer and Winter Campus participants, international exchange students, SK Global Scholars, and staff of Korea University Anam Hospital, among others.

Japan-focused Special Programs Based on long-standing partnerships with Japanese universities such as Ritsumeikan and Nihon University, KLC offers customized Korean language programs tailored to the needs of each institution. These specialized courses continue to grow in scale, supported by continuous collaboration with Japanese partners.

North America & Europe Partnerships Through close collaboration with universities in North America and Europe, KLC has developed advanced, customized curricula. By operating these commissioned programs, we continue to strengthen our institutional capabilities and ensure high levels of partner satisfaction.

On Campus

Off Campus



KFOP

As the only institution in Korea to host the Korean Flagship Overseas Program in partnership with the University of Hawaii for over 23 years, KLC provides a specialized program tailored to the University's requirements. The program trains American specialists to achieve Superior-level proficiency (ACTFL) in the Korean language.

GKS Program

Since Fall 2023, KLC has hosted the Global Korea Scholarship (GKS) Korean language program. Each year, selected scholars from approximately 40 countries complete a one-year intensive Korean language course at our center.

*GKS: As Korea's representative government scholarship initiative, GKS invites outstanding global talent to pursue academic degrees and cultural exchange in Korea.

Korean Language Teacher Training Program

Program Introduction

- One term per year, with 121 credit hours per term
- Daytime courses in the summer
- Certificate of completion awarded under the name of the President of Korea University.
- Eligibility granted to take the Test of Proficiency in Korean for Teachers(TOTKA) to obtain a Certificate of Korean Language Teacher Lv.3 upon completion.
- Candidates who complete the program with excellent grades may earn opportunities to become KLC guest instructors for special programs.

Curriculum

1	**Korean Linguistics**	Introduction to Korean linguistics • Korean Phonology • Korean Syntax Korean Pragmatics • Standards of Korean Language	30 hrs	Total: 121 hrs
2	**General and Applied Linguistics**	Applied Linguistics • Contrastive Linguistics • Foreign Language Acquisition	12 hrs	
3	**Teaching Korean as a Foreign Language**	Introduction to Korean Language Education • Korean Language Curriculum Korean Language Assessment • Teaching Korean Speaking Teaching Korean Writing • Teaching Korean Reading	47 hrs	
		Teaching Korean Listening • Teaching Korean Pronunciation Teaching Korean Vocabulary • Teaching Korean Grammar Teaching Korean Culture • Teaching Korean Methodology		
4	**Korean Culture**	Understanding of Korean Society • Korean Culture • Korean Literature	12 hrs	
5	**Practicum in Korean Language Classroom**	Classroom Observation • Actual Training for Teaching Korean	20 hrs	

Program Introduction

Eligibility	High school diploma or equivalent						
Required Application Materials	Completed Application Form (Check out the KLC website), free-form essay (1-2 pages on A4 size paper), certificate of graduation (or expected) of the applicant's most recent academic achievement, and application fee (₩20,000) * Non-Koreans must submit documents proving their Korean language proficiency.						
Schedule	Year	Term	Application Period	Notice of Acceptance	Registration Period	Program Period	Class Hours
	2026	Summer (Intensive Program)	2026.05.18.~ 2026.05.29.	2026.06.03.	2026.06.03.~ 2026.06.09.	2026.06.23.~ 2026.07.23.	Mon~Fri 09:00~16:00
	2027	Summer (Intensive Program)	2027.05.17.~ 2027.05.28.	2027.06.02.	2027.06.02.~ 2027.06.08.	2027.06.22.~ 2027.07.22.	Mon~Fri 09:00~16:00
Tuition	• General: ₩1,666,000 (₩60,000 admission + ₩1,606,000 course), course materials included • KU faculty: ₩863,000 (includes admission fee, 50% discount on course fee) • KU students and KU faculty's children: ₩1,184,200 (includes admission fee, 30% discount on course fee) • KU Alumni, KLC students and graduates, and other undergraduate students: ₩1,344,800 (includes admission fee, 20% discount on course fee)						

* Classes may be cancelled if there are less than 15 students enrolled.
* Tuition fees are adjusted annually in the spring semester. Even for pre-registered students, tuition fees will be settled once the year's tuition is determined.

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CHANG TING SONG

- Division of Liberal Studies (Business Administration), Korea University
- Completed 3 KLC semesters (Level 5), Mar-Nov 2022

What motivated you to start learning Korean?

I've been interested in Korean culture and music since I was young, so I always dreamed of studying in Korea. I started learning the language more seriously while preparing for my study abroad while in university.

What are the strengths of KLC, and why would you recommend it?

It's more than just classes. The buddy program with Korean students lets you practice the language naturally, which is a huge help in improving your skills.

What was your most memorable activity or experience at KLC?

Visiting Lotte World and Nami Island with my classmates was a highlight. I loved having these special field trips every semester.

What are your future plans?

I'm planning to build a career in Korea. I'll be preparing by gaining practical experience through various extracurricular activities, internships, and academic clubs.

Do you have any advice for new students starting their Korean journey?

Don't just stick to your textbooks. Talking with Korean friends is much more effective. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Speaking as much as you can is the fastest way to improve.



EAINT HMUE KHIN

- Department of Biotechnology, College of Life Sciences, Korea University
- Completed 7 KLC semesters (Level 6), Mar 2023-Nov 2024

What motivated you to start learning Korean?

I started learning Korean because I loved the culture and wanted to study in Korea.

What are the strengths of KLC, and why would you recommend it?

The great learning environment and supportive instructors helped me improve quickly. Through cultural classes and various activities, I was able to naturally adapt to life in Korea.

What was your most memorable activity or experience at KLC?

My favorite memory is giving the commencement speech as the class representative on the day of the year's first snow. I also have great memories of the graduation trip and visits to Lotte World and the National Museum.

What are your future plans?

After I graduate, I plan to go to graduate school to study biotechnology in more depth.

Do you have any advice for new students starting their Korean journey?

Don't be afraid to make mistakes. The more you speak, the more your confidence and skills will grow.



LUKINA IRINA

- Master's Program, Media Studies, Korea University
- Completed 4 KLC semesters (Level 7), Sep 2023-Aug 2024

What motivated you to start learning Korean?

I started learning Korean after I found out about the GKS scholarship while studying at my university in Russia.

What are the strengths of KLC, and why would you recommend it?

I've studied at a few different universities, but KLC stands out. The focus on speaking over memorization really helped me build practical communication skills.

What was your most memorable activity or experience at KLC?

The museum field trips and our graduation trip were the highlights for me.

What are your future plans?

After graduating, I'm planning to start a business with my husband while teaching Korean journalism online at a Russian university. I'd also love to build a career in the Korean media industry.

Do you have any advice for new students starting their Korean journey?

Stick with it until Level 7 and practice speaking with friends as much as you can. It's the best way to really boost your skills.



TAO CHAOGE

- Master's Program, Economics, Korea University
- Completed 5 KLC semesters (Level 6), Sep 2018 - Feb 2020

What motivated you to start learning Korean?

I started learning Korean to prepare for my undergraduate studies here in Korea.

What are the strengths of KLC, and why would you recommend it?

Thanks to the great faculty and structured curriculum, I built a solid foundation in Korean. I also loved having access to Korea University's campus facilities. In addition, the cultural field trips each semester are a fantastic way to experience traditions and connect with students from all over the world.

What was your most memorable activity or experience at KLC?

The Level 6 graduation trip was the best. We stayed in a traditional *Hanok* and had so much fun playing folk games together.

What are your future plans?

My goal is to work for a government agency in China, and I'm currently preparing for that career path.

Do you have any advice for new students starting their Korean journey?

Try to step outside your comfort zone and talk to friends from different countries in Korean, rather than only sticking with those who speak your own language. In the end, the more you listen and speak, the more your skills will soar.

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Getting to know the daily lives of Korean Language Center Student!

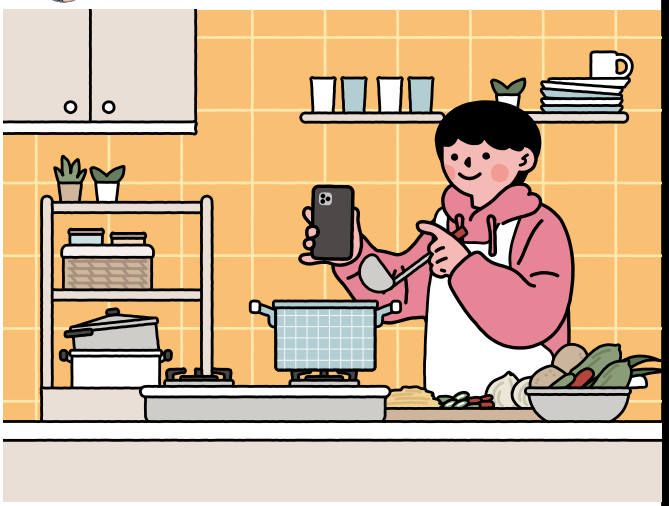
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koreauniv.official님 외 **여러 명**이 좋아합니다

jianxiaorui Hello! I'm Jian Xiaorui from China. I've been in Korea for a year, and right now I'm tackling the Level 5 course at the Korean Language Center. Let me give you a glimpse into my daily life!

jianxiaorui



ku_klc님 외 **여러 명**이 좋아합니다

jianxiaorui These days, I've been preparing and enjoying Korean dishes for breakfast by exploring recipes on YouTube. It hasn't been too long since I began appreciating Korean cuisine, but I'm gradually learning about it.

jianxiaorui



ku_klc님 외 **여러 명**이 좋아합니다

jianxiaorui Recently, I started living on my own near the school. Every morning, I hop onto the community bus and make it to KLC by 9:00 AM. It's literally right in front of the bus stop, so I feel lucky.

jianxiaorui



koreauniv.official님 외 **여러 명**이 좋아합니다

jianxiaorui The Level 5 course I'm currently enrolled in is at an advanced level, and is proving to be more challenging than I initially anticipated. Nevertheless, I concentrate during classes so that I can grasp the content.

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jianxiaorui Talking with friends from different countries during breaks brings me so much joy. Lately, we've been all about chatting about worldwide hit dramas, and just so you know, spoilers are absolutely off-limits!

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ku_klc님 외 **여러 명**이 좋아합니다

jianxiaorui For dinner, I sometimes join my classmates to have stir-fried pork. Initially, I struggled to order in Korean, but now I'm pretty good at saying things like, "Please make it less salty" or "May I have more side dishes?"

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ku_klc님 외 **여러 명**이 좋아합니다

jianxiaorui In the afternoon, I learn K-pop dance as a club activity. I'm currently learning the dance of the girl band NewJeans with my friends, and I'm looking forward to performing in front of other students soon!

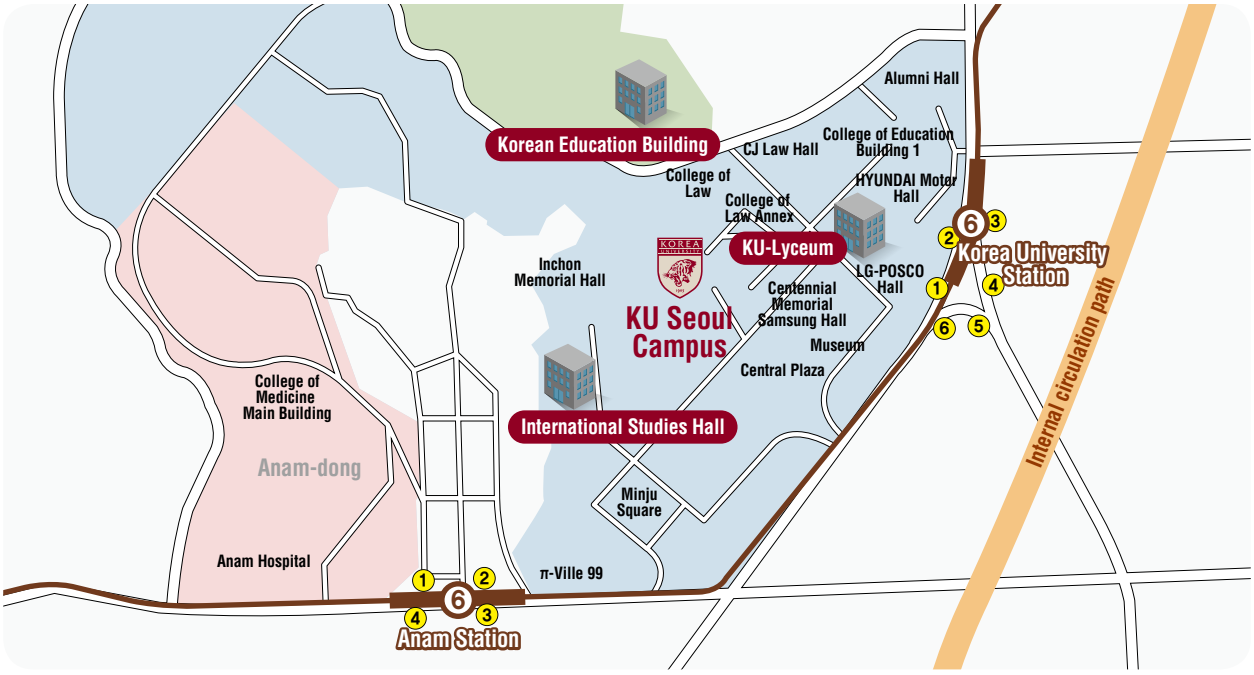
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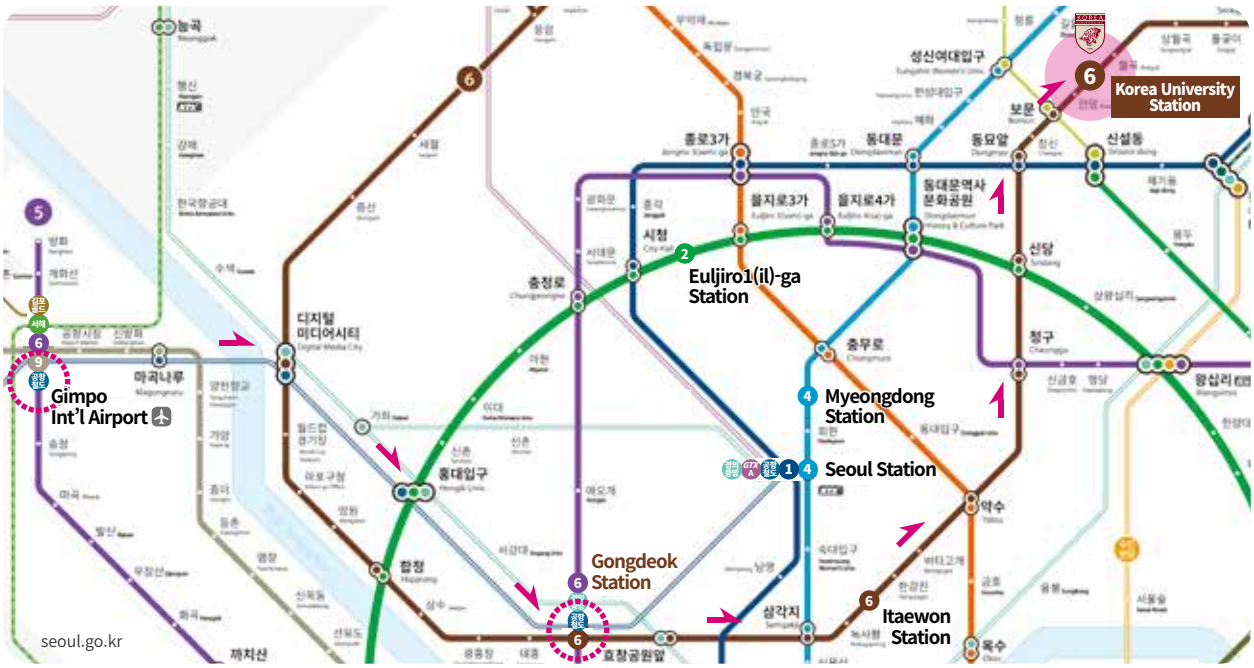
koreauniv.official님 외 **여러 명**이 좋아합니다

jianxiaorui With the Level 5 course, the workload has gone up, so I find myself doing assignments, as well as previewing and reviewing my work, at night. I hope to successfully complete this semester and pull off good results.

Campus Map



Directions to Korea University (By Subway)



Directions to Korea University

Incheon Airport Terminal 2 Station → Airport railroad → **Gongdeok Station** (transfer to Line 6) → Line 6 → **Korea University Station**

➡ Get off at Korea University Station (Approx. 1 hr 40 mins. from airport) ₩5,150

Gimpo International Airport Station → Airport railroad → **Gongdeok Station** (transfer to Line 6) → Line 6 → **Korea University Station**

➡ Get off at Korea University Station (Approx. 1 hr from airport) ₩1,800

Living in Korea

◆Cost of Living

Gimbab: ₩3,500

Campus Cafeteria Meal: ₩5,000

Bottled Water: ₩1,200

Coffee: ₩4,500

Movie Ticket: ₩15,000

Studio Apartment Rent: ₩500,000~600,000

Subway: ₩1,550

Bus: ₩1,550

Taxi: ₩4,800~

***Ttareungi* (Seoul City Rental Bike):** ₩1,000/60 min.

Tip: ₩0

Side Dish Refill: ₩0

Wi-Fi: ₩0

Public Toilet: ₩0

School Bus: ₩0

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