

KOREAN, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

The major in Korean provides students with an opportunity to concentrate on acquiring expertise in an important modern language and culture and strengthens students' overall skills in internationalism and global perspectives. The Korean major is designed for students who want to develop proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in Korean, and acquire profound knowledge of Korean culture, history, tradition, and civilization in the context of the Asian region.

The Korean major encourages students to study abroad in order to deepen their understanding of the language, culture and contemporary society, and to develop intercultural and comparative perspectives.

The major can also help students prepare for graduate study in Korea-related fields, for work in contexts where the language and culture are pertinent, or to live and work in Korea.

Students planning to teach in public schools should schedule the appropriate courses leading to certification in consultation with an adviser in the College of Education.

What is Korean?

The Korean program provides students with an opportunity to concentrate on acquiring expertise in an important modern language and its culture. Giving students a strong working knowledge of the Korean language and understanding of Korean culture, the program can help prepare students for work in contexts where the language and culture are pertinent, to live and work in Korea as informed and capable individuals equipped with appropriate intercultural skills and awareness, or for graduate study in Korea-related fields. Graduates may work in government service, domestic and foreign offices, or international agencies. Many go on to teach English in Korea or to do translation work. Employment may also be available with trade organizations, international banking houses, or U.S. companies abroad. Domestic and multinational companies are increasingly seeking employees with backgrounds in multicultural studies as a way of dealing with the global market.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are interested in Korean language, culture, history, or society.
- You want to live or work in Korea.
- You are aiming for a career involving travel to Korea and interaction with native speakers of Korean.