Korean Studies

ABOUT KOREAN STUDIES

The Korean Studies major is designed for those who wish to acquire Korean language skills and understand Korean culture and society. Korean language teaching at Monash incorporates interactive and multimedia resources to enhance learning and bring Korean culture to the classroom. You will be introduced to Hangeul, the Korean phonetic writing system, which will enable you to type in Korean from the beginner level.

Why choose Korean Studies?

Korea is one of Australia’s largest trading partners, and the close political and strategic relationship between the two countries is constantly developing and expanding in a number of sectors, including trade, education and tourism. Furthermore, with the growing influence of Korean popular culture globally in recent years, more students are choosing to learn Korean as a major or to further complement their other degrees. We also take pride in our innovative teaching as well as our strong commitment to research.

What are some topics Korean Studies explores?

During your first year you will be introduced to the Korean language and culture through units such as:

» Korean Introductory 1
» Korean Introductory 2

In your second and third year of study (or if you have prior experience and knowledge) there is a wider choice of units to choose from that reflect your interest, here are a few examples:

» Managing intercultural communication
» Asia’s underside: Violence, crime and protest
» Borderless media in East Asia

How Korean Studies fits into your Arts degree

Korean studies is offered as an extended major, a major, a minor or simply as elective units within your degree.

Career prospects

Their high level of linguistic and intercultural competence gives Korean Studies graduates a clear advantage when applying for jobs. Opportunities for graduates are diverse, including employment in fields such as:

» Trade
» Commerce
» International relations
» Translation/Interpretation
» Technology
» Government
» Education
» Tourism
» Community services

Overseas opportunities

All students are strongly encouraged to participate in the Language Study Abroad Program in Korea. The Korean program has exchange agreements with four prominent universities in Korea. Monash University supports study in Korea under the Monash Study Abroad program. A number of organisations also offer scholarships.

Entry levels

» Introductory
» Intermediate

To ascertain which level would be best for you, there are online language placement tests: monash.edu/arts/language-entry-level/

Keep in mind that even if you have no language experience at all, you can still enrol to learn a language. You would enter at the introductory level.

Complementary areas of study

Asian Studies, International Studies and Linguistics are a few of the areas of study that have a complementary relationship with Korean Studies. Many students who are studying business and commerce, engineering, science or law degrees also find Korean Studies helpful for their major.

For more information:

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