



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2024/25

Course title: Introduction to Korean – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of this course is to bring together a wide variety of people who are interested in gaining a first insight into the Korean language and culture.

An eager learner will be able to engage in short conversations by the end of the course. Through interactive activities and practical exercises, participants will:

- Learn to read and write Hangeul, the Korean alphabet.
- Master basic greetings and introductions.
- Use essential expressions for everyday situations, such as ordering food or asking for directions.
- Understand and practice simple sentence structures.
- Gain cultural insights that enhance communication and understanding.

This course is designed to be engaging and beginner-friendly, providing a solid foundation for further Korean language study.

Participants will develop some basic reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours.

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate

this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

Language-specific information:

Korean is spoken by around 80,000,000 people globally, and it is the native language of North and South Korea. The modern Korean alphabet (Hangeul) was created in the 1400s under King Sejong as, prior to this, the written language made use of Chinese characters which could not entirely represent Korean speech. It is very distinct from other Asian languages and its direct origin is disputed.

Today its influence is global with many fans of Korean media taking up learning the language and spreading its influence both culturally and politically.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing 10-hour course is intended for complete beginners who wish to explore Korean for the first time.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Teams

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session.

You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Coursebook and/or Learning

Resources:

Worksheets, materials and resources will be provided by the teacher in class.