Evening language programme 2024/25

Course title: Korean Beginners Part I – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to offer an introduction to Korean language for a range of basic communication purposes. Therefore, by the end of the course (part I and II) participants will be able to:

- understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete typ.
- introduce themselves and others.
- ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have.
- interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

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. The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the *A1.1* level of the **Common European Framework**.

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 (Hangul) was derived in the 1400s under King Sejong as, prior to this, the written language made use of Chinese characters which could not entirely replicate 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 weekly course is intended for complete beginners who wish to explore the Korean language 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 provided by the teacher.