

Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at Sungkyunkwan University

2016 Academic Year for Advanced Academic Korean

The Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at SKKU is now accepting applications from students for the 2016 academic year for advanced academic Korean language training. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

The Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at SKKU

* The Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at SKKU (IUC) is an advanced Korean language training institution for academic researchers, graduate students, and prospective researchers in Korean Studies as well as related professionals.

* The campus for the Center is located within the SKKU humanities and social sciences campus (Seoul), and is jointly operated by SKKU and the Committee on Korean Studies (affiliated under the Association for Asian Studies). A core group of North American, Latin American and European universities major program participate as member universities of the IUC at SKKU, with current co-chairs from UCLA and the University of British Columbia. Universities currently committed to or in the process of negotiating membership include UCLA, UBC, Harvard, U of Hawaii, USC, Georgetown, Columbia, U of Michigan, Chicago, OSU, University of Nuevo Leon and U Penn.

* The mission of the Center is to provide the intensive high-level Korean language training (including instructions in Sino-Korean and *hanmun*) needed for excellent academic performance in Korean Studies, and to promote the learners' ability in presenting research papers, accessing primary sources, and translating between Korean and their own languages. The Center also aims to contribute to active communication among Korean Studies professionals and institutions at home and abroad.

Guidelines for Applicants

1) Dates, Tuition, Housing

Program Dates

- Spring: March 2 – June 17, 2016 (16 weeks)
- Summer: July 4 – August 12, 2016 (6 weeks)
- Fall: September 1 – December 16, 2016 (16 weeks)

*The IUC academic year program consists of 4 eight-week Module Periods, two per semester.

* An intensive six-week program is provided during the summer break

Semester	Module Period	Structure	Duration
1 st Semester (Spring)	MP1	-Instruction aimed to build up basic academic Korean vocabulary and improve basic expressive ability	8 weeks
	MP2	- Training aimed at enhancing academic writing and presentation ability	8 weeks
2 nd Semester (Fall)	MP3	-Intensive course aimed at writing a short research essay for formal presentation	8 weeks
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Tuition

\$ 5,000 per semester for students from IUC member universities

\$ 7,500 per semester for students from non-member universities

For the Summer program, \$2,500 for students from IUC member universities

\$4,000 for students from non-member universities

Scholarship will be offered to a few applicants on competitive basis and economic conditions.

Dormitory Accommodation

If the applicant wants, IUC will secure a SKKU international student dorm room(double-occupancy, meal is not presented, communal kitchen) for a monthly fee of \$400.

Dormitory	Address
e-House (male)	<i>Yulgok-ro 257, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea, 03099</i>
I-House (female)	<i>Sunkyunkwan-ro 5 gil 67, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea, 03073</i>
*Dormitories are provided only for students (Family housing not provided).	

2) Eligibility and Requirements

Eligibility

- Applicants must have a certificate of level four or higher in their Korean language proficiency (TOPIK), or present evidence of equivalent Korean language proficiency (equivalent to completion of 4 years of Korean language instruction at the university level).
- College students who satisfy the above conditions can also apply

Admission Process

- Applicants will be given a simple translation test or writing tasks in Korean (provided and submitted via email).

- Applicants will be interviewed via Skype in Korean once their application has been submitted.
- Admission decision will be based on result of the Korean translation or writing tasks, TOPIK score and/or applicant's track record in Korean language training. Applicants who apply for IUC scholarship are required to submit their CV with application form.

3) Application process and Admissions

- Deadlines of Application:

- Spring: January 31, 2016

- Summer: May 31, 2016

- Fall: July 31, 2016

- Application requirements:

Submit the completed application (attached document) and the certificate of Korean language proficiency and/or transcript of Korean language course to both iuckorea@skku.edu & iucskku@gmail.com.

- Admissions Decisions:

Successful applicants will be notified individually.

* If, after admittance, a student demonstrates a lack of ability to finish the program or lags seriously in language performance, the Center will require the student to take extra courses (ex. General SKKU language courses, tutoring, etc.)

Program Guide of IUC Program

1) Target Group:

We welcome graduate students, researchers, and professionals with high proficiency in English, and whose Korean language proficiency is TOPIK level four or higher, or who have completed four years of post-secondary Korean language courses overseas.

2) Purpose:

- To improve academic Korean language ability of a small number of students (less than 8)
- To improve reading comprehension of original sources and research works related to each learner's areas of study.
- To raise communication ability for academic exchange with Korean scholars
- To advance translating skills between academic Korean and English

3) Areas of Emphasis

- Improving reading comprehension

- Improve grammar understanding through systematic learning of advanced Korean grammar
- Improve vocabulary through: intensive learning of high-frequency vocabulary according to specialization area, learning of academic journal structure and vocabulary in selected specialty journals (in areas such as literature, linguistics, history, Asian philosophy, sociology, politics and economics); and learning of Chinese characters (option).
 - Improving speaking and listening ability
- Training through oral presentation on field-specific themes through CBI (Content-Based Instruction).
- Buddy program with SKKU Humanities graduate students and students of SKKU's Academy of East Asian Studies.
- Special lectures on current trends in Korean Studies
 - Improving writing ability
- Improve writing ability through weekly writing assignments to be presented in class
- Presentaion of a short research essay in the 7th week develop a short research essay to be presented in the final week of class
- Time Table

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	Advanced Korean	Advanced Korean	Advanced Korean	Advanced Korean	
10:00-11:00	Humanities Korean *	Social Sciences Korean **	Social Issues	CBI Presentation**	
11:00-12:00	Humanities Korean	Social Sciences Korean	Social Issues	CBI Presentation	
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13:00-14:00	CBI Auditing ***	Classical Chinese (Hanmun) Or Social Science Korean	Classical Chinese (Hanmun) Or Humanities Korean	Aided Individual Reading (on themes of interest)	Friday Special Lecture *****
14:00-15:00	CBI Auditing	Chinese characters	Classical Chinese (Hanmun) Or Terminology	Aided Individual Reading	Or Korean Studies Research
15:00-	Auditing of regular graduate course in SKKU				

* Humanities Korean: Read journals in Literature/History/(Pre-)Modern Thought to learn specialized vocabulary and understand Korean writing practice in the fields of humanities.

** Social Sciences Korean: Read journals in Sociology /Economics/Politics to learn relevant vocabulary and understand Korean writing practice in the field of Social Sciences.

*** CBI Auditing: Speaking and discussion on themes of interest. Depending on the students, combined use of Korean and English is allowed in the initial stage.

**** CBI Presentation: Presentation in Korean

***** Friday Special Lecture: Lectures in Contemporary Korean Studies or Korean Studies Research. Invited lectures by distinguished experts on key themes in contemporary Korean Studies (3 times or less) and lectures on field work or surveys in Korea (1 or 2 times).

- Schedule is subject to change.

4) Student Support Plan

- Dormitories will be provided free of charge during sessions: SKKU International student dormitories are located in Jongno-gu and Seongbuk-gu in the heart of Seoul (equivalent to \$450-500 per a month). Students who wish to stay in the dormitories during breaks between sessions will need to make arrangements with SKKU and pay approximately \$450-500 per month.
- Students in regular sessions who wish to continue into the summer session can do so at reduced rates.
- Buddy Program will be offered to help with the students' local adjustment and to foster networking with researchers in Korea.
- Academic advisors will be matched to each student to support their learning process. An SKKU professor whose field is closest to the student's interest will take charge of supervision.

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