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Seoul National University
Language Education Institute
Korean Language Education Center



The Korean Language Program



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Seoul National University (SNU) is an incorporated national university that aims to foster a world-leading, creative knowledge community. Seoul National University was established in 1946 as South Korea's first national university. Since its foundation, faculty members and students at SNU have devoted themselves to education and research for over 70 years, supported by the large campus equipped with various education and research facilities. Ranked 29th internationally and 17th throughout Asia in the 2023 QS World University Rankings, SNU has earned its reputation beyond South Korea as a leading university in Asia and as a prestigious institution of higher education in the world.

Greetings from the Director of the Seoul National University Language Education Institute

I cordially welcome everyone interested in the Korean Language Education Center (KLEC) at Seoul National University's Language Education Institute (LEI).

Since its establishment in 1969, the KLEC at the SNU LEI has provided education in Korean language and culture to foreigners, Koreans from abroad, and immigrants living in South Korea for nearly half a century.

Each faculty member at the KLEC is a specialist majoring in Korean language education and related theories with a master's degree or higher degree. Our faculty members, who are South Korea's foremost experts in language education, endeavor to provide the best programs tailored to the diverse needs of foreign learners based on years of teaching experience and outstanding accomplishments in research on Korean language education.

The KLEC provides the best learning environment, from its modern educational facilities to convenient amenities. Surrounding a central garden featuring a unique Korean aesthetic, the two buildings house lecture halls with cutting-edge technology for multimedia classes, as well as libraries, after-class study rooms, common areas, and other amenities such as a coffee shop and a cafeteria.

I kindly invite you to the KLEC at the SNU LEI. I also strongly encourage you to learn Korean through our outstanding Korean language programs and understand Korean culture through various cultural programs. Furthermore, I hope you will have a wonderful time immersed in Korea and the world of the Korean language as you build friendships with students from around the globe.

Thank you,

Director,
Seoul National University Language Education Institute



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REGULAR PROGRAMS

The regular programs are regular year-long programs developed for learners who aim to learn communicative Korean language skills in an integrated course. The programs are tailored for foreigners, Koreans from abroad, and immigrants living in South Korea who intend to enroll in universities or graduate schools, engage in business, or find employment in South Korea through intensive study in Korean. The programs consist of six levels, ranging from Level 1 to Level 6. Students in each level will enhance their ability to communicate in Korean and participate in diverse cultural experiences for 200 hours over a total of 10 weeks. Each class size is small, consisting of approximately 12 to 16 students. Scholarships are also awarded to outstanding students. Students registered in the regular programs may apply for the on-campus dormitories and a General Training Visa (D-4).

In addition, advanced academic classes, which are for learners who have received Korean language education equal to Level 6 or above in terms of the regular programs or have an equivalent level of proficiency, allow students to acquire diverse language skills necessary for undergraduate and graduate courses while developing cultural awareness and professional language skills needed for work life.

Regular Programs	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	Advanced Academic Classes
	Levels 1, 2	Levels 3, 4	Levels 5, 6	

Sessions Class Schedule

Four sessions per year (spring, summer, fall, and winter); 10 weeks per session
 [Morning Classes] 09:00-13:00, Mon.-Fri. (200 hours/session)
 [Afternoon Classes] 13:30-17:20, Mon.-Fri. (200 hours/session)
 [Advanced Academic Classes (Morning)] 09:00-13:00, Mon.-Thurs. (160 hours/session)
 [Advanced Academic Classes (Afternoon)] 13:30-17:20, Mon.-Thurs. (160 hours/session)

Tuition Fees

[Morning Classes] 1,800,000 won [Afternoon Classes] 1,650,000 won
 [Advanced Academic Classes (Morning)] 1,450,000 won
 [Advanced Academic Classes (Afternoon)] 1,320,000 won

※ Please check the website, as the tuition fee for every class is subject to change without notice throughout the year.

✓ Korean Language Education Center Cultural Experience Programs

Students can learn Korean language and culture through various cultural experiences related to their Korean language classes.

- Learning Taekwondo, Samul nori, cooking Korean food, and traditional Korean paper crafts
- Field trips to performances, Panmunjom, newspaper companies, and the Blue House
- Visiting Seoul's attractions, including ancient palaces, museums, Cheonggyecheon, and the Hanok Village

✓ Buddy Program

The center runs a Korean buddy program that matches SNU students or students currently enrolled in the Korean language teacher program with KLEC students at the center on a one-on-one basis. Each buddy will regularly meet a KLEC student to offer help not only with the Korean language but also with how to adjust to life in South Korea.

✓ Elective Courses

To meet the diverse needs of each student, the center also offers separate elective courses in addition to the regular courses for an additional fee.

- Chinese Characters Course, TOPIK Preparation Course

※ Elective courses may be canceled due to low enrollment.



Siheung Campus Branch

✓ Smart Korean Course

This intensive language course is offered year-round to students who aim to enroll in undergraduate or graduate programs or are in search of jobs or business opportunities in Korea.

Smart Korean Course	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
	Levels 1, 2	Levels 3, 4	Levels 5, 6

Sessions	Four sessions per year; 10 weeks per session
Class Schedule	9:00-12:50, Mon-Fri, (200 hours/session)
Tuition Fee	1,600,000 won

※ Please refer to the website to check the academic calendar at Siheung Campus.

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KOREAN LANGUAGE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

This program aims to foster experts who will provide Korean language education in Korea and abroad, thus contributing to the internationalization of Korean and the enhancement of the quality of Korean language education in Korea and globally. It offers systematic and practical training, including class observation and mock classes, in addition to theoretical education, including Korean linguistics, general linguistics, and teaching Korean as a foreign language, which satisfies the requirements for Korean language teachers in accordance with the Framework Act on the Korean Language. Those who completed the program are currently working not only in Korea, including the SNU LEI but also in Korean language education institutions abroad.

Program Overview

Spring/fall regular program	15 weeks (130 hours in total); 18:30-22:00, Mon./Wed./Fri.
Summer/winter special program	5 weeks (130 hours in total); 9:30-17:20, Mon./Wed./Fri. 13:30-17:20, Tue./Thu.

Areas of Study

Korean linguistics, general linguistics, applied linguistics, teaching Korean as a foreign language, Korean culture, and Korean language teaching practice

Instructors

SNU professors, full-time LEI lecturers, and experts in Korean language education.

Instruction Methods

Classroom lectures, teaching practices, classroom observations, mock classes, student guidance, and hands-on activities.

Eligibility

- A person with a high school diploma or equivalent
- ※ In the case of international applicants, applicants should hold a bachelor's degree or higher from a (four-year) Korean or international university or be expected to graduate from the university and meet at least one of the following four criteria:
 - TOPIK Level 6
 - Completed Level 6 regular course from a Korean language education institution in Korea
 - Graduated from a major related to Korean education in their home country
 - Earned bachelor's degree from a (four-year) university in Korea.

Application Documents

- Online Applications: Go to "Online Application" on the KLEC website (le.snu.ac.kr/klec)
- ※ Applications submitted by post or in person are not accepted.
- Study Plan
- Official academic transcript or a certificate of graduation from the most recently attended institution
- Application Fee: 30,000 won (non-refundable)
- ※ Application documents will not be returned to applicants.

Tuition Fee

1,500,000 won

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Special Programs

✓ Evening Classes

This program targets adult learners who wish to develop basic Korean communication skills for everyday life.

Sessions

Four sessions per year (spring, summer, fall, and winter); 10 weeks per session

Class Schedule

18:30-21:20, Mon. and Thu. (60 hours/session)

Tuition Fee

660,000 won

※ The program may be canceled due to low enrollment.

✓ 13-Week Korean Language Program

Tailored to the needs of exchange students and general learners with a visa, this program is offered for 13 weeks based on SNU's regular academic calendar. Classes provide a moderate amount of study load to help students fully understand and practice the class materials.

Sessions

Two sessions per year (spring and fall); 13 weeks per session

Class Schedule

09:00-12:00, Mon./Wed./Fri. (117 hours in total)

Tuition Fee

1,150,000 won

✓ Online 3-Week Program

This program provides real-time online Korean classes for three weeks.

Class Schedule

09:00-11:50, Mon.-Fri. (45 hours in total)

Tuition Fee

470,000 won

※ Please refer to the website, as the class schedule and tuition fee for the Online 3-Week Program are subject to change.

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Tailored Programs

- Malaysian Government Scholarship Program
- DLI (Defence Language Institute) Korean Immersion Program
- Keio University Short-Term Program
- Tokyo University Short-Term Program
- Korean Language Program for Teachers at the Japanese School in Seoul
- Sports Administrator Program
- Cultural Partnership Initiative Korean Language Program
- Yale University Light Fellowship Program
- ITPP Korean Language Program (Siheung Campus)



Application and Registration

Eligibility

A person with a high school diploma or equivalent .

Application Documents

Online Application: Go to "Online Application" on the KLEC website (lei.snu.ac.kr/klec).

	Online Application Form	Study Plan	Résumé (Curriculum Vitae) or Personal Statement	Official Academic Transcript or Certificate of Graduation from the Most Recently Attended Institution	Photocopy of Passport	Bank Statement (of the Student)	Photocopy of Insurance Certificate	Application Fee (Non-refundable)
Regular Programs (Morning and Afternoon Classes)	o	o	o	Both transcript and certification of graduation are required.	o	o Please refer to the guidelines below.		60,000 won
Evening Classes	o			o	o		o	30,000 won
13-Week Korean Language Program	o			o	o		o	60,000 won
Online 3-Week Program	o			o	o			30,000 won
Smart Korean Course (Sheung Campus)	o	o	o	Both transcript and certification of graduation are required	o	o		60,000 won

- ※ Applications submitted by post or in person are not accepted.
- ※ Application documents will not be returned to applicants in any case.
- ※ The LEI does not process visa (D-4) applications on behalf of the applicant.

※ Guidelines for Regular Program Applicants

(1) Study Plan

Your study plan should include why you applied for the Korean language program and your plans after completing the course in detail. The study plan must be written in either Korean, English, Chinese, or Japanese within one A4 page in free format.

(2) Résumé (Curriculum Vitae) or Personal Statement

It should briefly state your academic background since high school and other achievements. Your résumé (curriculum vitae) or personal statement must be written in either Korean, English, Chinese, or Japanese within one A4 page in free format.

(3) ① Scanned Version of the Official Certificate of Graduation from the Most Recently Attended Institution (Submit in either Korean, English, Chinese, or Japanese. Documents in other languages should be submitted with the scanned version of a notarized translation certificate and the original certificate of graduation.)

② Scanned Version of the Official Academic Transcript from the Most Recently Attended Institution (Submit in either Korean, English, Chinese, or Japanese. Documents in other languages should be submitted with the scanned version of a notarized translation certificate and the original certificate of graduation.)

③ Apostille of the Graduation Certificate and Academic Transcript: The documents must be verified by the Korean Consulate if the applicant's country does not provide an apostille.

* Documents Required for Chinese Students (This does not apply to students from Taiwan or Hong Kong.)

1) Scanned Version of the Official Certificate of Graduation from the Most Recently Attended Institution

2) Scanned Version of the Official Academic Transcript from the Most Recently Attended Institution

3) Verification of Graduation Certificate: Download and attach the original Ministry of Education Verification Report.

Verify through the China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC) website (www.chsi.com.cn, www.cdgdc.edu.cn) (High school graduate certificates can only be verified through www.chsi.com.cn) or the Korean Consulate after notarizing the certificate.

4) Verification of Academic Transcript:

Download and attach the original Ministry of Education Verification Report. Verify through the China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education

Development Center (CDGDC) website (www.chsi.com.cn, www.cdgdc.edu.cn) or the Korean Consulate after notarizing the certificate.

* Please attach the verified academic transcript to the "Certificate of Graduation, Transcript Apostille or Verification from the Korean Consulate" section of the application form.

5) For Prospective High School Graduates (Not Applicable for Graduates):

Submit scanned versions of the official certificate of expected graduation and the academic transcript after verifying the documents through the China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC) website (www.chsi.com.cn, www.cdgdc.edu.cn) or the Korean Consulate after notarizing the certificate.

(4) Bank Statement (This is not required for students who do not need a D-4 visa.)

① The applicant's own bank statement. If the bank statement is under the applicant's parent's name, you should also submit a family relation certificate.

② The balance should be 10,000,000 KRW or higher, and the certificate should be issued within 30 days.

* For Chinese Applicants: The funds must have been held for at least six months.

* For Vietnamese Applicants: 1) Submit either a bank statement with the funds held for at least three months or a 2) Confirmation of Depositing Study Expenses

* For Uzbekistan Applicants: Bank statement issued by a Korean financial institution in Uzbekistan, which shows that the funds have been held for at least three months.

③ The document should be submitted in Korean, English, Chinese, or Japanese. Documents in other languages should be submitted with the scanned version of a notarized translation certificate and the original document.

Application Procedure

Submission of Application Documents ▶ Screening of Documents

▶ Notification of Results and Guidance on the Registration Procedure

▶ Payment of Tuition Fee ▶ Announcement on the Beginning of Classes

▶ Placement Test ▶ Classes Begin

Registration Procedure

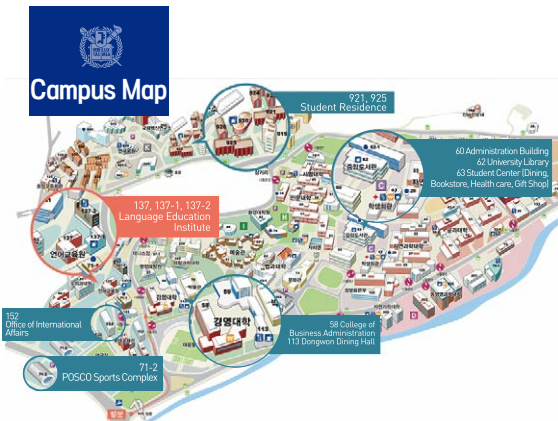
Online Payments Using Credit Cards or Virtual Accounts Payments can be made via the KLEC website (lei.snu.ac.kr/klec).

※ Please refer to the KLEC website for information on withdrawals, refunds, or deferrals.

2024 Academic Calendar

	Session	Duration	Document Submission Deadline	Notification of Admissions Results (e-mail)	Placement Test	
Regular Programs	Spring	Mar. 4 - May 10	Dec. 21 (Thu.)	Jan. 8 (Mon.) 17:00	February	
	Summer	Jun. 3 - Aug. 9	Mar. 25 (Mon.)	Apr. 8 (Mon.) 17:00	May	
	Fall	Sep. 2 - Nov. 8	Jun. 24 (Mon.)	Jul. 8 (Mon.) 17:00	August	
	Winter	Dec. 2 - Feb. 7, 2025	Sep.20 (Fri.)	Oct. 7 (Mon.) 17:00	November	
	Evening Classes		Limited to Visa Holders			
Spring	Mar. 4 - May 9	Feb. 2 (Fri.)	Feb. 8 (Thu.) 17:00	February		
Summer	Jun. 3 - Aug. 8	May. 3 (Fri.)	May 10 (Fri.) 17:00	May		
Fall	Sep. 2 - Nov. 7	Aug. 2 (Fri.)	Aug. 9 (Fri.) 17:00	August		
Winter	Dec. 2 - Feb. 6, 2025	Nov. 1 (Fri.)	Nov.8 (Fri) 17:00	November		
Special Programs	Online 3-Week Program					
	Spring	Feb. 12 - Mar. 1	Jan. 5 (Fri.)	Jan.9 (Tue.)	January	
	Summer	Aug. 12 - Aug. 30	Jun.28 (Fri.)	Jul. 2 (Tue.)	July	
	13-Week Korean Language Program		Limited to Visa Holders			
	Spring	Mar. 4 - May 31	Jan. 26 (Fri.)	Feb. 2 (Fri.) 17:00	February	
	Fall	Sep. 2 - Nov. 29	Jul. 26 (Fri.)	Aug. 2 (Fri.) 17:00	August	
Korean Language Teacher Training Program	Spring	Mar. 4 - Jun. 19 (15 Weeks)	Feb. 2 (Fri.) 13:00	Feb. 5 (Mon.)		
	Summer	Jun. 24 - Aug. 2 (6 Weeks)	May 24 (Fri.) 13:00	May 27 (Mon.)		
	Fall	Sep. 2 - Dec. 11 (15 Weeks)	Aug. 2 (Fri.) 13:00	Aug. 5 (Mon.)		
	Winter	Jan. 2, 2025 - Feb.14 (6 Weeks)	Nov. 29 (Fri.) 13:00	Dec. 2 (Mon.)		

※ Some adjustments to the schedule may be made due to circumstances at the KLEC



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2025 Academic Calendar

	Session	Duration	Document Submission Deadline	Notification of Admissions Results(e-mail)	Placement Test
Regular Programs	Spring	Mar. 3 - May 9	Dec. 19 (Thu.)	Jan. 6 (Mon.) 17:00	February
	Summer	Jun. 2 - Aug. 8	Mar. 24 (Mon.)	Apr. 7 (Mon.) 17:00	May
	Fall	Sep. 1 - Nov. 7	Jun. 23(Mon.)	Jul. 7 (Mon.) 17:00	August
	Winter	Dec. 1 - Feb. 6, 2026	Sep.22 (Mon.)	Oct. 13 (Mon.) 17:00	November
Special Programs	Evening Classes		Limited to Visa Holders		
	Spring	Mar. 3 - May 8	Jan. 31 (Fri.)	Feb. 7 (Fri.) 17:00	February
	Summer	Jun. 2 - Aug. 7	May. 2 (Fri.)	May 9 (Fri.) 17:00	May
	Fall	Sep. 1 - Nov. 6	Aug. 1 (Fri.)	Aug. 8 (Fri.) 17:00	August
	Winter	Dec. 1 - Feb. 5, 2026	Oct. 31 (Fri.)	Nov.7 (Fri.) 17:00	November
	Online 3-Week Program				
	Spring	Feb. 10 - Feb. 28	Jan. 3 (Fri.)	Jan. 7 (Tue.)	January
	Summer	Aug. 11 - Aug. 29	Jun. 27 (Fri.)	Jul. 1 (Tue.)	July
	13-Week Korean Language Program		Limited to Visa Holders		
	Spring	Mar. 3 - May 30	Jan. 24 (Fri.)	Jan. 31(Fri.) 17:00	February
Fall	Sep. 1 - Nov. 28	Jul. 25 (Fri.)	Aug. 1 (Fri.) 17:00	August	
Korean Language Teacher Training Program	Spring	Mar. 3 - Jun. 9 (15 Weeks)	Jan. 31 (Fri.) 13:00	Feb. 3 (Mon.)	
	Summer	Jun. 30 - Aug. 6 (6 Weeks)	May.30 (Fri.) 13:00	Jun. 2 (Mon.)	
	Fall	Sep. 1 - Dec. 5 (15 Weeks)	Aug. 1 (Fri.) 13:00	Aug. 4 (Mon.)	
	Winter	Jan. 5, 2026 - Feb. 11 (6 Weeks)	Dec. 5 (Fri.) 13:00	Dec. 8 (Mon.)	

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Dormitories

On- and off-campus dormitories are available for students enrolled in the regular programs (morning and afternoon classes) offered at the Language Education Institute. First-year students are prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis, and students can live in the dormitories for up to two sessions (six months).

※ Please note that different bank accounts are used for tuition fees and residence fees.

※ Please visit the KLEC website (lei.snu.ac.kr/klec) for more detailed information about the SNU dormitories (on-campus) and LEI dormitories (off-campus), including their locations, facilities, and costs.

