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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 aiming to foster a world-leading, creative knowledge community that 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 spacious and comfortable campus equipped with various educational and research facilities. Ranked 31st internationally and 18th throughout Asia in the 2025 QS World University Rankings, SNU has earned its reputation beyond Korea as a leading university in Asia and as a prestigious institution of higher education worldwide.

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

Hello.

Thank you for your interest 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 the 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 in Korean language education and related theories, holding a master's degree or higher. Our faculty members, who are South Korea's foremost experts in Korean language education, endeavor to provide the best teaching and programs tailored to the diverse needs of foreign learners, drawing on years of teaching experience and outstanding research in 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 equipped 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 cordially 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 have a wonderful time being 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 year-long programs designed for learners seeking to develop communicative Korean language skills through integrated courses. 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 Korean-language study. The programs consist of six levels, ranging from Level 1 to Level 6, and at each level, students will spend 200 hours across 10 weeks enhancing their ability to communicate in Korean and participating in diverse cultural experiences. Each class is small, with approximately 12 to 16 students. Scholarships are also awarded to outstanding students. Students enrolled in regular programs may apply for on-campus housing 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.

	Regular Programs	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	Advanced Academic Classes
		Levels 1, 2	Levels 3, 4	Levels 5, 6	Level 6 or Above
Sessions	Four sessions per year (spring, summer, fall, and winter); 10 weeks per session				
Class	[Morning Classes] 09:00-13:00, Mon.-Fri. (200 hours/session)				
Schedule	[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] 1,450,000 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 the Korean language and culture through a variety of experiences in their Korean classes.

- Visits to tourist attractions, including art galleries, museums, and the War Memorial of Korea
- Experiencing traditional culture by learning Taekwondo, Samuel Nori, cooking Korean food, stamp making, and calligraphy
- Experiencing modern culture through plays and performances

✓ Buddy Program

The center runs a Korean buddy program that matches SNU students or students currently enrolled in the Korean Language Teachers Training Program with international students on a one-to-one basis. Each buddy will regularly meet with KLEC students to help them study Korean and adjust to life in Korea.

✓ Elective Courses

The center offers separate elective courses in addition to the regular program to meet the diverse needs of each student, at an additional fee.

- TOPIK Preparation Course

※ Elective courses with low enrollment may be canceled.



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 who are seeking jobs or business opportunities in Korea. The course structure and content are identical to those of the Regular Programs offered at the Gwanak Campus.

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 (Language Education Center > Korean Language Education Center > Siheung Campus) because the academic calendar at Siheung Campus may differ from that of Gwanak Campus.
- ※ The levels offered at Siheung Campus may vary by session. If you have been admitted to the Smart Korean Course at Siheung Campus but your level has been canceled, you can transfer to Gwanak Campus after paying the difference in tuition.

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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, thereby contributing to the globalization of the Korean language and enhancing the quality of Korean language education in Korea and globally. It offers theoretical education in Korean linguistics, general linguistics, and teaching Korean as a foreign language, which meets the requirements for Korean language teachers under the Framework Act on Korean Language, as well as systematic practical training, such as classroom observations and mock classes. Those who completed the program are currently working not only in Korean-language education institutions in Korea, including the SNU LEI, but also abroad.

Program Overview

Spring/Fall Regular Programs	15 weeks (130 hours in total); 18:30 - 22:00, Mon. / Wed. / Fri.
Summer/Winter Special Programs	6 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 (four-year) from a Korean or international university, or should 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 their bachelor's degree from a (four-year) university in Korea

Application Documents

- Online Application: Go to the "Online Application" menu 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

The Special Programs target adult learners seeking 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

Mon., Thu. 18:30-21:20 (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 following SNU's regular academic calendar. Classes provide a moderate amount of study load to help students fully understand and practice the course materials.

Sessions

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

Class Schedule

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

Tuition Fee

1,150,000 won

✓ Online 3-Week Program

This three-week program provides real-time online Korean classes.

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
- Short-Term Program at Rice University (USA)
- Short-Term Program at the University of Tokyo (Japan)
- Short-Term Program at Senshu University (Japan)
- Short-Term Program at Leiden University (The Netherlands)
- Korean Language Study Support Program for the SNU Undergraduate Program
- Sport Administrator Program
- Korean Program for Teachers at the Japanese School in Seoul
- The Richard U. Light Fellowship Program at Yale University (USA)



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 Applicant)	Photocopy of Insurance Certificate	Application Fee (Non-refundable)
Regular Programs (Morning and Afternoon Classes)	o	o	o	Both the transcript and the certificate of graduation are required.	o	o Please refer to the guidelines below.		100,000 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 (Siheung Campus)	o	o	o	Both the transcript and the certificate of graduation are required.	o	o		100,000 won

※ Applications submitted by post or in person will not be accepted.

※ Application documents will not be returned to applicants.

※ 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 the reasons you applied to 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, and must be 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 either in Korean, English, Chinese, or Japanese. Documents in other languages should be submitted with the scanned version of a notarized translation certificate, along with 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, along with 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 issue apostilles.

* 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 the certificate through the China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC) websites (www.chsi.com.cn, www.cdgdc.edu.cn) (High school graduate certificates can only be verified via www.chsi.com.cn) or submit an Apostille.

4) Verification of Academic Transcript:

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

Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC) websites (www.chsi.com.cn, www.cdgdc.edu.cn) or submit an Apostille.

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

(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 parents' 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:

Submit either a 1) bank statement with the funds held for at least three months or a 2) Confirmation of Depositing Study Expenses.

* For Uzbekistan applicants: Submit a 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 either Korean, English, Chinese, or Japanese. Documents in other languages should be submitted with the scanned version of a notarized translation certificate, along with the original document

Application Procedure

Submission of Online Application ▶ 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

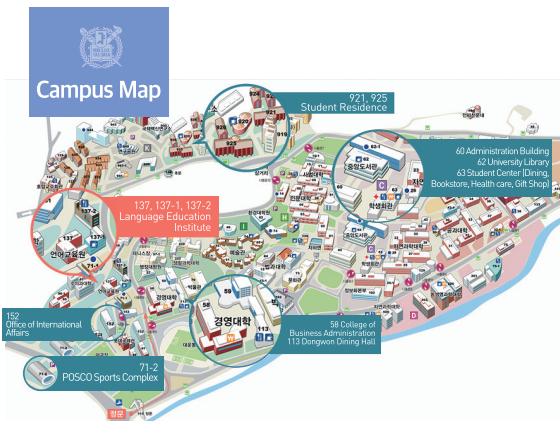
Online Payments Using Credit Cards or Virtual Accounts Payments can be made via the KLEC website (lei.snu.ac.kr/klec).

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

2026 Academic Calendar

Regular Programs	Session	Duration	Document Submission Period	Notification of Admissions Results (e-mail)	Placement Test
	Spring	Mar. 2 - May 8	Nov. 3 (Mon) - Dec. 18 (Thu)	Jan. 5 (Mon.) 17:00	February
	Summer	Jun. 1 - Aug. 7	Feb. 2 (Mon) - Mar. 23 (Mon)	Apr. 6 (Mon.) 17:00	May
	Fall	Sep. 7 - Nov. 13	May 4 (Mon) - Jun. 22 (Mon)	Jul. 6 (Mon.) 17:00	August
	Winter	Dec. 7 - Feb. 12, 2027	Aug. 3 (Mon) - Sep. 22 (Tue)	Oct. 12 (Mon.) 17:00	November
Special Programs	Evening Classes		Limited to Visa Holders		
	Session	Duration	Document Submission Deadline	Notification of Admissions Results (e-mail)	Placement Test
	Spring	Mar. 2 - May 7	Jan. 30 (Fri.)	Feb. 6 (Fri.)	February
	Summer	Jun. 1 - Aug. 6	May 1 (Fri.)	May 8 (Fri.)	May
	Fall	Sep. 7 - Nov. 12	Aug. 7 (Fri.)	Aug. 14 (Fri.)	August
	Winter	Dec. 7 - Feb. 11, 2027	Nov. 6 (Fri.)	Nov. 13 (Fri.)	November
	Online 3-Week Program		Limited to Visa Holders		
	Session	Duration	Document Submission Deadline	Notification of Admissions Results (e-mail)	Placement Test
	Spring	Feb. 9 - Feb. 27	Jan. 2 (Fri.)	Jan. 6 (Tue.)	January
	Summer	May 11 - May 29	Apr. 3 (Fri.)	Apr. 7 (Tue.)	April
	Fall	Aug. 10 - Aug. 28	Jun. 26 (Fri.)	Jun. 30 (Tue.)	July
	Winter	Nov. 16 - Dec. 4	Oct. 9 (Fri.)	Oct. 13 (Tue.)	October
	13-Week Korean Language Program		Limited to Visa Holders		
	Session	Duration	Document Submission Deadline	Notification of Admissions Results (e-mail)	Placement Test
	Spring	Mar. 2 - May 29	Jan. 23 (Fri.)	Jan. 30 (Fri.)	February
Fall	Sep. 7 - Dec. 4	Jul. 31 (Fri.)	Aug. 7 (Fri.)	August	
Korean Language Teacher Training Program	Spring	Mar. 4 - Jun. 12 (15 Weeks)	Jan. 30 (Fri.) 13:00	Feb. 2 (Mon.)	
	Summer	Jun. 29 - Aug. 5 (6 Weeks)	May 29 (Fri.) 13:00	Jun. 1 (Mon.)	
	Fall	Sep. 2 - Dec. 11 (15 Weeks)	Jul. 31 (Fri.) 13:00	Aug. 3 (Mon.)	
	Winter	Jan. 4, 2027 - Feb. 12 (6 Weeks)	Dec. 4 (Fri.) 13:00	Dec. 7 (Mon.)	

* The schedule may be adjusted due to circumstances at the KLEC.



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2027 Academic Calendar

Regular Programs	Session	Duration	Document Submission Period	Notification of Admissions Results(e-mail)	Placement Test
	Spring	Mar. 8 - May 14	Nov. 2 (Mon) - Dec. 24 (Thu)	Jan. 11 (Mon) 17:00	February
	Summer	Jun. 7 - Aug. 13	Feb. 1 (Mon) - Mar. 29 (Mon)	Apr. 12 (Mon) 17:00	May
	Fall	Sep. 6 - Nov. 12	May 3 (Mon) - Jun. 28 (Mon)	Jul. 12 (Mon) 17:00	August
	Winter	Dec. 6 - Feb. 11, 2028	Aug. 2 (Mon) - Sep. 24 (Fri)	Oct. 12 (Tue) 17:00	November
Special Programs	Evening Classes		Limited to Visa Holders		
	Session	Duration	Document Submission Deadline	Notification of Admissions Results(e-mail)	Placement Test
	Spring	Mar. 8 - May 17	Feb. 5 (Fri)	Feb. 12 (Fri)	February
	Summer	Jun. 7 - Aug. 12	May 7 (Fri)	May 14 (Fri)	May
	Fall	Sep. 6 - Nov. 11	Aug. 6 (Fri)	Aug. 13 (Fri)	August
	Winter	Dec. 6 - Feb. 10, 2028	Nov. 5 (Fri)	Nov. 12 (Fri)	November
	Online 3-Week Program				
	Session	Duration	Document Submission Deadline	Notification of Admissions Results(e-mail)	Placement Test
	Spring	Feb. 15 - Mar. 5	Jan. 8 (Fri)	Jan. 12 (Tue.)	January
	Summer	May 17 - Jun. 4	Apr. 9 (Fri)	Apr. 13 (Tue.)	April
	Fall	Aug. 16 - Sep. 3	Jul. 2 (Fri)	Jul. 6 (Tue.)	July
	Winter	Nov. 15 - Dec. 3	Oct. 8 (Fri)	Oct. 12 (Tue.)	October
	13-Week Korean Language Program		Limited to Visa Holders		
	Session	Duration	Document Submission Deadline	Notification of Admissions Results(e-mail)	Placement Test
	Spring	Mar. 8 - Jun. 4	Jan. 29 (Fri)	Feb. 5 (Fri)	February
Fall	Sep. 6 - Dec. 3	Jul. 30 (Fri)	Aug. 6 (Fri)	August	
Korean Language Teacher Training Program	Spring	Mar. 3 - Jun. 11 (15 Weeks)	Jan. 29 (Fri) 13:00	Feb. 1 (Mon.)	
	Summer	Jun. 28 - Aug. 4 (6 Weeks)	May 28 (Fri) 13:00	May 31 (Mon.)	
	Fall	Sep. 1 - Dec. 10 (15 Weeks)	Jul. 30 (Fri) 13:00	Aug. 2 (Mon.)	
	Winter	Jan. 3, 2028 - Feb. 11 (6 Weeks)	Dec. 3 (Fri) 13:00	Dec. 6 (Mon.)	

※ The schedule may be adjusted due to circumstances at the KLEEC.

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

