

Korean Minor

The Korean minor offers students a dynamic gateway to Korea's language, culture, and global influence—past and present. Students build practical communication skills in Korean language classes while taking courses taught in English that explore Korean history, contemporary society, media, literature, and linguistics in real-world contexts. The courses emphasize communication, cultural competence, and critical analysis that translate beyond the classroom. Designed to complement a wide range of majors, the Korean minor supports study abroad experiences, internships, and professional opportunities connected to Korea and the Asia Pacific region. Students gain globally relevant skills for careers in international business, technology, education, government, media, cultural industries, and graduate study. Housed in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, the program fosters a supportive learning environment that prepares students to navigate an interconnected world with linguistic confidence and cross-cultural insight.

Korean Minor Requirements

The Korean minor requires a minimum of six upper-division courses (24 graded credits), which must consist of at least three language courses, two courses in literature, linguistics, and/or culture, and a sixth course with a KRN or EALL subject code. At least three of the six courses must be taken in residence on the University of Oregon campus from the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures.

Code	Title	Credits
Korean language—a minimum of three courses, at third-year level or higher, chosen from the following:		
KRN 301	Third-Year Korean I	4
KRN 302	Third-Year Korean II	4
KRN 303	Third-Year Korean III	4
Culture, literature, film, linguistics—a minimum of two courses chosen from the following:		
KRN 309	Languages and Cultural Formation in Korea	4
KRN 315	Introduction to Korean Linguistics	4
KRN 361	Korean Popular Culture and Transnationalism	4
KRN 362M	Contemporary Korean Film	4
Electives		
Upper-division KRN courses		
Upper-division EALL courses		

Upper-division language courses must be taken at the University of Oregon or through an Oregon University System program in Korea. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of C- or better.