

# The Master of Arts Degree in East Asian Languages and Literatures at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa

## KOREAN LANGUAGE/LINGUISTICS

### Program Scope and Objectives

The M.A. degree is offered in the fields of Korean Language and Linguistics, Korean Literature, and Korean for Professionals. The program is designed to provide students with advanced professional training in the three tracks. The track of Korean Language and Linguistics provides students with training in the history of the language, structure, sociolinguistics, language acquisition, and language pedagogy.

### Admission Requirements

In addition to approval of admission by the Graduate Division, students must have satisfactory GRE scores (TOEFL scores, minimum of 560, are required of foreign students) and letters of recommendation, and meet the department's standards of competence in Korean. Advancement to candidacy also assumes knowledge of the structure of the language equivalent to KOR 451 and 452.

### Course Requirements

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the M.A., as follows:

1. EALL 601 (or KOR 635) and EALL 603K, a total of 6 credits, which all M.A. students must take in their first year of residence.
2. Courses required for the candidate's concentration, totalling 18 credits.
3. Electives totalling at least 6 credits.

At least 18 credits (12 credits for Plan A) of concentration and elective courses must be in courses numbered 600 or higher, including a 700-level seminar, and excluding 699V. However, 699V may be applied in individual cases when it has been approved in advance as a substitute for a course numbered 600 or higher.

### Diagnostic Evaluation.

During the first semester, the student will take a diagnostic evaluation to determine the quality of preparation for graduate work at the master's level in the chosen concentration. Only after passing this evaluation and clearing any other deficiencies may the student be advanced to candidacy.

The student may select either Plan A (thesis) or Plan B (non-thesis).

Plan A. Students choosing Plan A must take the same courses as those choosing Plan B, except that 6 credits of EALL 700V will be substituted for other courses in consultation with the advisor. There will be a final oral examination on the thesis.

Plan B. Students choosing Plan B will select courses for the required 30 credits from those listed for their area of concentration. In the final semester of residency, students in Plan B are required to write a capstone paper synthesizing their ideas and clarifying their thinking about important issues in their field. This paper will be defended before a committee consisting of three faculty members.

The M.A. in Korean is a recognized WICHE regional graduate program. Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California (starting with Fall 2010 admission), Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming are eligible, upon admission, to enroll at resident tuition rates.

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**Course Requirements**  
**Korean Language/Linguistics**

**Required:** (12 credits)

- EALL 601 Method of Teaching East Asian Languages (3) [Pre: 451]
- OR** KOR 635 Pedagogy of Teaching Korean as a Second Language (3) [Pre: 451 & 452]
- EALL 603K Bibliography and Research Methodology: Korea (3) [Pre: 402]
- KOR 452 Structure of Korean (3) (Pre: 302]
- KOR 730 Research Seminar in Korean Language (3)

**9 credits from:**

- KOR 470 Language and Culture of Korea (3) [Pre: 402]
- KOR 631 History & Dialects of the Korean Language (3) [Pre: 451 & 452]
- KOR 632 Korean Phonology & Morphology (3) [Pre: 451]
- KOR 633 Korean Syntax & Semantics (3) [Pre: 452]
- KOR 634 Korean Sociolinguistics (3) [Pre: 470]
- KOR 636 Korean Conversation Analysis (3) [Pre: 451 & 452]
- KOR 645 Research in Korean Language Acquisition (3) [Pre: 635]
- KOR 655 Practicum: Teaching Korean as a Second Language (3) [Pre: 635]

**3 credits from:**

- KOR 493 Introduction to Traditional Korean Literature (3) [Pre: 402]
- OR** KOR 494 Introduction to Modern Korean Literature (3) [Pre: 402]
- KOR 613(Alpha) Korean Verse (3) [Pre: 493 for T; 494 for M]
- KOR 614(Alpha) Korean Narrative (3) [Pre: 493 for T; 494 for M]
- KOR 615(Alpha) Korean Drama (3) [Pre: 493 for T; 494 for M]
- KOR 640 Literary Translation of Korean (3) [Pre: 493 & 494]

**6 credits from approved courses: (Plan B)**

**Thesis (6 credits) (Plan A only)**

- EALL 700V Thesis research

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