

Proficiency Goals for KU Korean Language Courses

KOR 104/108 (Novice Md -Novice High level) The goal is to enable students to acquire basic communicative skills in Korean. By the end of the semester, students who have completed the course successfully should be able to:

- communicate and exchange information about familiar topics using phrases and simple sentences.
- handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions.
- write short messages and notes on familiar topics related to everyday life.
- recognize pieces of information and sometimes understand the main topic of what is being said.
- understand familiar words, phrases, and sentences within short and simple texts related to everyday life.
- understand various aspects of Korean culture.

KOR204/208 (Intermediate Low - Intermediate Mid level) The goal is to expand students' communicative skills in modern Korean to an intermediate level by introducing further grammar points and useful expressions. By the end of the course, students who have completed the course successfully should be able to:

- participate in conversations on a number of familiar topics using simple sentences.
- write briefly about most familiar topics and present information using a series of simple sentences.
- understand the main idea in short, simple messages and presentations on familiar topics.
- understand the main idea of simple conversations that they overhear.
- learn useful facts about Korean culture and contemporary lifestyle
- develop a solid foundation for further and independent study in Korean.

KOR 504/508 (Intermediate Mid - Intermediate High level) The goal is to equip students with proficiency in all four language skills, speaking, listening, reading, and writing, beyond the intermediate level. By the end of the course, students who have completed the course successfully should be able to:

- participate in conversations on familiar topics using sentences and series of sentences.
- handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering a variety of questions.
- make presentations on a wide variety of familiar topics using connected sentences.
- write on a wide variety of familiar topics using connected sentences.
- understand the main idea of texts related to everyday life and personal interests or studies.
- understand the main idea in conversations that they overhear.

- gain the cultural knowledge necessary for communicating across a variety of situations.

KOR 562/564 (Intermediate High - Advanced Low level) The goal is to help students acquire their advanced communicative skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Korean. By the end of the course, students who have completed the course successfully should be able to:

- talk about events and experiences in various time frames.
- handle social interactions in everyday situations, sometimes even when there is an unexpected complication.
- make presentations in a generally organized way on school, work, and community topics, and on topics that they researched.
- write some simple paragraphs about events and experiences in various time frames.
- understand the main idea of texts related to everyday life, personal interests, and studies.
- understand a few details of what they overhear in conversations, even when something unexpected is expressed.
- demonstrate awareness of subtle differences among cultural behaviors and adjust their behavior accordingly in familiar and some unfamiliar situations.