**Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at Sungkyunkwan University**

**2015 Summer Pilot Program for Advanced Academic Korean**

The Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at SKKU is now accepting applications from students for a seven-week summer pilot program for advanced academic Korean language.

**The Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at SKKU**

\* The Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at SKKU (hereafter the IUC or Center) has been established as an advanced Korean language training institution for academic researchers, graduate students, and prospective researchers in Korean Studies as well as related professionals.

\* The campus for the Center is located within the SKKU humanities and social sciences campus (Seoul), and is jointly operated by SKKU and the Committee on Korean Studies (affiliated under the Association for Asian Studies). A core group of North American, Latin American and European universities with significant Korean or East Asian Studies profiles participate as member universities of the IUC at SKKU, with current co-chairs from UCLA in the USA and the University of British Columbia in Canada. Universities currently committed to or in the process of negotiating membership include UCLA, UBC, Harvard, U of Hawaii, USC, Georgetown, Columbia, U of Michigan, Chicago, OSU, University of Nuevo Leon and U Penn.

\* The mission of the Center is to provide the intensive high-level Korean language training (including instruction in Sino-Korean and *hanmun*) needed for excellent academic performance in Korean Studies, and to promote the learners’ ability in presenting research papers, accessing primary sources, and translating between Korean and their own languages. The Center also has ambitions to contribute to active communications and networking among Korean Studies professionals and institutions at home and abroad.

**Guidelines for Applicants**

1. Dates, Tuition, Housing

* Dates: July 6, 2015 – August 21, 2015 (7 weeks)
* Tuition: $1,500 for students from IUC member universities

$2,500 for students from non-member universities

* Dormitory accommodation will be provided free of charge from IUC at SKKU (double-occupancy).

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| Dormitory | Address |
| Koart Vill (male) | Dongun-dong, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul, Korea, Postal Code: 136-151 |
| I-House (female) | Myeongnyun-dong 3-ga, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea, Postal Code: 110-745 |
| \*Dormitories are provided only for personal (Family housing is not available at this moment). | |

\* Free dormitories are provided *only* in the 2015 summer pilot program, thanks to the support of the Jongha Foundation.

1. Eligibility and Requirements

Eligibility

* Applicants must have a certificate of level four or higher in their Korean language proficiency (TOPIK), or present evidence of equivalent Korean language proficiency (Korean proficiency equivalent to completion of 4 years of Korean language instruction at North American universities, European universities or other foreign universities.
* Requirements (Selection process)
* Admission decisions will be based on an evaluation of Korean composition skills, TOPIK score and/or applicant’s track record in Korean language training.

1. Application process and Admissions

* Application dates: May 26 – June 10, 2015
* Application requirements:

Submit the completed application (attached document) and the certificate of Korean language proficiency and/or transcript of Korean language course to both [iuckorea@skku.edu](mailto:iuckorea@skku.edu) & [iucskku@gmail.com](mailto:iucskku@gmail.com)

* Admissions: Successful applicants will be notified individually.

\* If, after admittance, a student demonstrates a lack of ability to finish the program or lags seriously in language performance, the Center will require the student to take extra courses (ex. General SKKU language courses, tutoring, etc.)

**Program Guide of IUC Summer Pilot Program**

1. Target Group:

We welcome graduate students, researchers, and professionals with high proficiency in English, and whose Korean language proficiency is TOPIK level four or higher, or who have completed four years of post-secondary Korean language courses overseas.

1. Purpose:

* To improve the command of academic Korean language for a small number of students (less than 8)
* To improve the textual exposition and navigation skills needed for Korean Studies research
* To develop reading comprehension of academic books and journals written in Korean
* To raise communication skills for academic exchange with Korean scholars
* To advance translating skills between academic Korean and English

1. Areas of Emphasis

□ Improving reading comprehension

* Improve grammar understanding through systematic learning of Advanced Korean grammar
* Improve vocabulary through: intensive learning of high-frequency vocabulary according to specialization area; learning of academic journal structure and vocabulary in selected specialty journals (in areas such as literature, linguistics, history, Asian philosophy, and sociology, politics, economics, etc.); and learning of Chinese characters (option).

□ Improving speaking and listening ability

* Training in oral presentation on field-specific themes through CBI (Content-Based Instruction).
* Buddy program with SKKU Humanities graduate students and students of SKKU’s Academy of East Asian Studies.
* Special lectures on current trends in Korean Studies

□Improving writing ability

* Improve writing ability through weekly writing assignments to be presented in class
* Requirement to present a short research essay in the 7th week developed through weekly writing training

1. Time Table (7-week Summer Pilot Program)

* 7 weeks of regular classes, 20 hours plus special lecture and field study per week

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|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 9:00-  10:00 | Advanced Korean | Advanced Korean | Advanced Korean | Advanced Korean |  |
| 10:00-11:00 | Humanities Korean \* | Social Sciences Korean \*\* | Humanities Korean | CBI Presentation\*\*\*\* |  |
| 11:00-12:00 | Humanities Korean | Social Sciences Korean | Social Sciences Korean | CBI Presentation |  |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |  |
| 13:00-14:00 | CBI Auditing \*\*\* | Classical  Chinese (Hanmun)  Or Social Science Korean | Classical  Chinese (Hanmun)  Or  Humanities Korean | Chinese characters | Friday  Special Lecture  \*\*\*\*\*  (2-3hours) |
| 14:00-15:00 | CBI Auditing | Chinese characters | Classical  Chinese (Hanmun)  Or  Terminology | Social Issues |
| 15:00- | Personal Research | | | |
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\* Humanities Korean: Read journals in Literature/History/(Pre-)Modern Thought to learn specialized vocabulary and understand Korean writing practice in the fields of humanities.

\*\* Social Sciences Korean: Read journals in Sociology /Economics/Politics to learn relevant vocabulary and understand Korean writing practice in the field of Social Sciences.

\*\*\* CBI Auditing: Speaking and discussion on themes of interest. Depending on the students, combined use of Korean and English is allowed in the initial stage.

\*\*\*\* CBI Presentation: Presentation in Korean

\*\*\*\*\* Friday Special Lecture: Lectures in Contemporary Korean Studies or Korean Studies Research. Invited lectures by distinguished experts on key themes in contemporary Korean Studies (3 times or less) and lectures on field work or surveys in Korea (1 or 2 times). This summer’s session will explore debates and discourses on vernacularity vs. universality in modern Korean literary writing, Colonial Modernity and High Modernism. Field excursions to a museum and library to foster the ability to conduct research.

- Schedule is subject to change.

1. Student Support Plan

* Dormitories will be provided free of charge: SKKU International student dormitories are located in Jongno-gu and Seongbuk-gu in the heart of Seoul (equivalent to $450-500).
* Buddy Program (individual or group mentoring system with Korean graduate students) will be offered to help with the students’ local adjustment and to foster networking with researchers in Korea..
* Academic advisors will be matched to each student to support their learning process according to their interests. An SKKU professor whose field of study is closest to a student’s interest of study will take charge of supervision.

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