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

**2015-16 Academic Year for Advanced Academic Korean**

The Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at SKKU is now accepting applications from students for the 2015-16 academic year for advanced academic Korean language training.

**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:
  + Fall: September 1 - December 18, 2015 (16 weeks)
  + Spring: March 2 - June 17, 2016 (16 weeks)

\*The IUC academic year program consists of 4 eight-week Module Periods, two per semester..

\* Admissions to the Spring Semester will be limited to students whose level of proficiency will allow them to take classes with students who have completed the Fall Semester.

\* An intensive six-week program is provided during the summer recess

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| Semester | Module Period | Structure | Duration |
| 1st  Semester  (Fall) | MP1 | -Instruction aimed to build up basic academic Korean vocabulary and improve basic expressive ability  - Training aimed at enhancing academic writing and presentation ability | 2months  (8 weeks) |
| MP2 | 2months  (8 weeks) |
| 2nd  Semester  (Spring) | MP3 | -Intensive course aimed at writing a short research essay(presentation) | 2months  (8 weeks) |
| MP4 | 2months  (8 weeks) |

* Tuition: $ 8,000 per semester for students from IUC member universities

$ 12,000per semester for students from non-member universities

\*Scholarship can be offered to a few applicants.

* Dormitory accommodation will be provided free of charge from IUC at SKKU (double-occupancy, meal is not presented, communal kitchen).

Students can opt for a residence outside SKKU dormitories.. However, the Center cannot provide financial support and information for the outside lodging.

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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 individuals (Family housing is not available at this moment). | |

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 the results of the translation and Korean composition, TOPIK score and/or applicant’s track record in Korean language training.

1. Application process and Admissions

* Application dates:
  + Fall: July 15 – July 31, 2015
  + Spring: January 4-January 22, 2016
* 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 Decisions: 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 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
* Time Table

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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- | Auditing of regular graduate course in SKKU | | | |

\* 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).

- Schedule is subject to change.

1. Student Support Plan

* Dormitories will be provided free of charge during sessions: SKKU International student dormitories are located in Jongno-gu and Seongbuk-gu in the heart of Seoul (equivalent to $450-500 for a month). Students wishing to continue to stay in the dormitories during breaks between sessions will need to make arrangements with SKKU and pay approximately $450-500 per month.
* Students in regular sessions who wish to continue into the summer session can do so at reduced rates ($1,500 for students from consortium member universities and $2,000 for students from non-member universities).
* 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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