KOREAN, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park

Program Description
The major in Korean provides students with an opportunity to
concentrate on acquiring expertise in an important modern language
and culture and strengthens students’ overall skills in internationalism
and global perspectives. The Korean major is designed for students who
want to develop proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing
in Korean, and acquire profound knowledge of Korean culture, history,
tradition, and civilization in the context of the Asian region.

The Korean major encourages students to study abroad in order to
depth our understanding of the language, culture and contemporary
society, and to develop intercultural and comparative perspectives.

The major can also help students prepare for graduate study in Korea-
related fields, for work in contexts where the language and culture are
pertinent, or to live and work in Korea.

Students planning to teach in public schools should schedule the
appropriate courses leading to certification in consultation with an
adviser in the College of Education.

What is Korean?
The Korean program provides students with an opportunity to
concentrate on acquiring expertise in an important modern language
and its culture. Giving students a strong working knowledge of the
Korean language and understanding of Korean culture, the program
can help prepare students for work in contexts where the language
and culture are pertinent, to live and work in Korea as informed and
capable individuals equipped with appropriate intercultural skills and
awareness, or for graduate study in Korea-related fields. Graduates may
work in government service, domestic and foreign offices, or international
agencies. Many go on to teach English in Korea or to do translation work.
Employment may also be available with trade organizations, international
banking houses, or U.S. companies abroad. Domestic and multinational
companies are increasingly seeking employees with backgrounds in
multicultural studies as a way of dealing with the global market.

You Might Like This Program If...
- You are interested in Korean language, culture, history, or society.
- You want to live or work in Korea.
- You are aiming for a career involving travel to Korea and interaction
  with native speakers of Korean.