

# COURSE DETAIL

## UNDERSTANDING KOREAN SIGN LANGUAGE

**Country**

Korea, South

**Host Institution**

Seoul National University

**Program(s)**

Seoul National University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Linguistics

**UCEAP Course Number**

21

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

UNDERSTANDING KOREAN SIGN LANGUAGE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

KOREAN SIGN LANG

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

3.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.00

## Course Description

Korean sign language is completely different in structure and grammar from the Korean language per se. Korean society is noticeable for linguistic and racial homogeneity, which has led to a low tolerance for the users of foreign languages. Also widespread in Korean society is the pathological approach that recognizes hearing impairment as an abnormal condition requiring medical rehabilitation and normalization. These add to the numerous handicaps and exclusions that the hearing-impaired have to live through in all stages of their life. Learning and sharing sign language is a step towards eliminating the causes of the discrimination and alienation to which the hearing-impaired are exposed. In other words, it helps us better understand the language, lifestyle, and cultures of the specific minority group whose presence in society is otherwise not easily visible. By learning a manual-visual language, students familiar with oral-aural languages obtain a new understanding of human communication systems. They also have an opportunity to appreciate the values and possibilities of Korean sign language by exploring its historical development and methods of word formation, along with diverse subcultures of hearing-impaired communities.

## Language(s) of Instruction

Korean

## Host Institution Course Number

L0654.000100

## Host Institution Course Title

UNDERSTANDING KOREAN SIGN LANGUAGE

## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Liberal Education

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