Hosted by BYU and Chungbuk National University (CBNU) in Cheongju, South Korea
To help meet the growing demand for Korean language programming overseas, BYU with American Councils is pleased to provide the Korean Intensive Summer Language Program (KISLP) hosted by Chungbuk National University (CBNU) in Cheongju, South Korea. Open to all BYU undergraduate and graduate students who have completed one year of Korean language study or the equivalent, the program provides approximately 140 hours of classroom instruction in Korean language and culture, housing in university dormitories on the CBNU campus, comprehensive onsite support from a U.S. Resident Director, engaging and varied cultural activities, and extensive opportunities for participants to connect with local South Korean families and peers.

This program requires two applications; one through ISP and one through KISLP. See Application Process below for details.

DATES
17 June–9 August 2024

HOUSING
Students live in university housing within walking distance of the program classrooms during their stay in South Korea. They reside in double occupancy rooms throughout the program, with internet access, telephone, and central air conditioning.
In addition to a conversation partner, each KISLP student is matched with a local host family, whom they visit for special occasions and scheduled meals throughout the program, and with whom they stay for at least one weekend during the program. These relationships offer participants unique insights into Korean daily life and ongoing language practice in a warm, supportive environment.

COURSES
Students will enroll in any of the following courses while on this program (up to 8 credits):
Korean 201, 202—Intermediate Korean 1 and 2 (4 credit hours, each)
Korean 301, 302—Advanced Korean 1 and 2 (4 credit hours, each)
Korean 311—Third Year Conversation (2 credit hours)
Korean 345—Korean Culture (3 credit hours)

COST
BYU Tuition
Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, group transportation on field trips, some meals, and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare, prep course tuition, and personal expenses. Students are responsible for paying for their own meals besides those provided during orientation and cultural excursions.

Students will spend a total of approximately $12,000 + airfare for the program.

TRAVEL
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at 280 HRCB, (801) 422-6293, or at travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION
Participants must have taken at least two semesters of university-level Korean or the equivalent before the program begins.
BYU welcomes students from any university to apply to participate on our study abroad programs. However, internships and direct enrollment programs are limited to BYU Provo students.

Accepted students are required to participate in our Study Abroad preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program and must apply online and take the preparation course.

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs.

Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships.

Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

KISLP applicants are encouraged to apply for the Judith Ehm Foundation Fellowship, which provides recipients with a minimum award of $5,000. More information may be found on the American Councils financial aid webpage.

Students in the BYU College of Humanities should apply for funding at https://humplus.forms.byu.edu/.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Students must be 18 years of age or older by the application deadline to participate and have a minimum GPA of 2.7.

Complete BYU’s online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply.

Complete the KISLP online application at https://www.studyabroad.americancouncils.org/kislp.

A nonrefundable $35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Application Deadline: 1 February 2024

FACULTY
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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Language and cultural classes are enriched and extended by the addition of weekly cultural activities and excursions, which may include gaining new insights into the cultural significance of traditional Korean foods, visiting a traditional tea house, learning to play a traditional Korean instrument, and learning about Buddhist philosophy during a stay at a Buddhist temple, among other activities. Students may also travel to Seoul and surrounding areas on an extended trip during which they visit such locations as Insadong, the city’s famous neighborhood for galleries and tea houses; the Blue House, official residence of the president of South Korea; and Gyeongbok, one of the country’s most famous and scenic palaces.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
International Study Programs | 101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686 | isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp

OTHER
While overseas, participants have access to in-country program staff that provide around-the-clock emergency support. A full-time resident director oversees the academic and cultural program; assists participants in academic, administrative, and personal matters; and coordinates activities with the host institution faculty. During the program, the AC Study Abroad team in Washington, D.C. stays in close contact via email and telephone with in-country program staff and provides updates as needed to study abroad offices, university partners, and family members.

Participants are enrolled in comprehensive overseas health, accident, and evacuation insurance through Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) for the duration of the program. CISI provides medical coverage of up to $250,000 per accident or illness. Enrollment in the CISI plan also provides full coverage for emergency medical evacuation.

U.S. citizens (U.S. passport holders) visiting South Korea for ninety (90) days or less do not need a visa, but they do need to apply for a Korea Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA) before boarding their flight. Admitted participants receive guidance from American Councils about applying for the K-ETA.

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.