Korean Proficiency & Placement

See also general information on Proficiency Exams and Placement Interviews.

**Proficiency Exams** measure your ability in a language and are used to satisfy or waive language requirements.

**Placement Interviews** determine which language class is appropriate for your background and ability, and are only *necessary* if you intend to take the course. The interview results cannot be substituted for a proficiency exam.

The department does not offer either Proficiency or Placement to those outside the University.

**Proficiency Exam**

To show proficiency in Korean language through the first year, or to waive the language requirement, you must take the **Korean Proficiency Exam (KR100A)** administered in the Office of Educational Assessment in 440 Schmitz Hall, (206) 543-1171. Contact the OEA to set up a date and time for you to take this Proficiency Exam.

The **KR100A** consists of a listening section followed by a written section (vocabulary, grammar, and reading). If you receive a score of 66 to 90, you are exempted from the general language requirement for graduation. There is no re-test policy or waiting period. You may retake **KR100A** at any time.

If you want to prove that you are proficient at the second-year level, take **KR200A**. Taking **KR200A** may not exempt you from the language requirement of your major, if what is required is the in-class time rather than the proficiency at that level. Confirm the requirement with the advisor in your department. There is no re-test policy or waiting period. You may retake **KR200A** at any time.

**Placement Interview**

If you **have** taken Korean at the University of Washington, then you can simply register for the next class in the sequence.

If you have taken college-level Korean at an institution **other than the University of Washington**, (or have received Advance Placement credit), then please take one of the following surveys:

- Take this survey if you think you are at a first-year-level.
- Take this survey if you think you are at a second-year-level.
- Take this survey if you think you are at a third-year-level.

If you have questions about placement, if you're not sure of what level you might be, or if you desire to major or minor in Korean, contact the following Professors:

**100 Level** (K101, 102, 103): EunYoung Won
If you feel that your placement is inappropriate or have concerns about a particular placement, you should make an appointment with the instructor in charge of the course. If you are already taking a course and discover that your placement is not appropriate, he or she should talk to the instructor within the first two weeks of the course for assistance.

Do **NOT** take any written tests at UW until you are told to do so.

**The University of Washington is committed to providing access, equal opportunity and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. If you are a student with a documented disability and need to request disability accommodation(s) for your interview, please contact the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance of your scheduled interview date at: 206.543.6450/V, 206.543.6452/TTY, 206.685.7264 (FAX), or e-mail at dso@u.washington.edu.**

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