Korean Language Placement Test, 2025-2026

Korean Program Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures Smith College

Thank you for your interest in learning Korean! The Korean Language Program at Smith College offers courses for four different levels from beginners to advanced learners of Korean. While some of you may have not had a chance to learn Korean yet and will take KOR101 (Elementary Korean) in the fall semester, some come to Smith with experience and proficiency in Korean. If you have previous experience with the language, you should take the Placement Test before registering for a Korean course in order to determine the appropriate level for your learning.

The Placement Test is in an online format and consists of four parts:

Part I. Placement questionnaire

Part II. Grammar and reading test

Part III. Hand-written essay

Part IV. Interview with Korean instructors via Zoom

The test will be accessible after Monday, August 4 by the link below. Please complete by Friday, August 15, 2025 11:59 EDT.

Korean Placement Tests: https://forms.gle/a8b8BfDZjGvLRjSw7

Your oral interview will be held August 18-21, 2025. Your course placement will be determined by the assessment of all four parts of the test.

Please keep in mind that the placement test is for diagnostic purposes only and must represent your own work. When taking it, you must not use dictionaries or textbooks for reference.

If you have any questions about your placement test, please contact us at koreanprogram@smith.edu.