SOFIA UNIVERSITY ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI

FACULTY: FACULTY OF CLASSICAL AND MODERN PHILOLOGY

CURRICULUM

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Professional Field: 2.1. Philology

Educational and Qualification Degree: „Master"

Area of Study: Korean Studies

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Master's Degree Program: Korean Society and Culture – for Non-Korean Studies Majors

Form of Study: Full-time
Length of Study (number of semesters): Four semesters

Professional Qualification: MA in Korean Society and Culture

Qualification Description

Subject Area: Korean Studies
Master's Programme: Korean Society and Culture – for Non-Korean Studies Majors

1. Aims and Educational Objectives

The master's program *Korean Society and Culture* is designed for applicants who hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree in fields other than Korean Studies. It aims to provide expert and interdisciplinary knowledge of both traditional and contemporary aspects of the Korean Peninsula. The program also fosters intercultural dialogue skills and includes an intensive Korean language course for complete beginners.
Students with prior knowledge of Korean can further develop their language skills through elective courses. The program offers in-depth academic training and practical competencies related to Korean culture, history, philosophy, religion, politics, and more.
The curriculum builds on the longstanding tradition of Korean Studies at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski and is regularly updated to reflect global academic standards and developments in the field.

2. Description of the educational content (knowledge and skills required for successful professional realization, general and theoretical background, specific areas of study, etc.)

The *Korean Society and Culture* Master's program is a four-semester course of study designed for students who have not previously completed a Bachelor's or master's degree in Korean studies. The core academic disciplines are concentrated in the first three semesters, while the fourth semester is primarily devoted to the intensive Korean language course and the preparation of the master's thesis. Additionally, one compulsory lecture-based course is included during the final semester.
The mandatory *Practical Korean Language* course is intensive and aims to develop student's reading comprehension, writing, listening skills, and basic spoken communication in Korean.
The curriculum also incorporates various forms of extracurricular and independent student work, which complement in-class academic activities throughout the program.

3. Professional and general competences, specific competences

The master's program prepares competent specialists with knowledge and skills not only in the specific features of traditional and contemporary Korean culture, but also in the broader East Asian context. Students develop professional competencies that are applicable across a wide range of fields, meeting the growing demands of the labor market.
At the same time, the program offers opportunities for a focused specialization based on students' individual interests and career goals. The qualifications and academic skills acquired also provide a solid foundation for further study at the doctoral level.

4. **Professional realization (according to the National Classification of Occupations in the Republic of Bulgaria / International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) / and according to the position of the future specialists in the National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education and the European Qualifications Framework for Higher Education)**

The Master's program offers broad professional opportunities in government institutions, the public and private sectors, as well as in intergovernmental, international, and non-governmental organizations. Graduates of the program may pursue careers as diplomats, researchers and lecturers, civil servants, or consultants and experts in intergovernmental and regional relations with East Asian countries. They are also well-prepared for roles in educational and cultural institutions, or as translators, journalists, political analysts, and public commentators.

According to the National Classification of Occupations in the Republic of Bulgaria (ISCO) the graduates of the Master's Program Society and Culture of Korea may pursue careers in the following occupational categories:

231 College, university and higher education teaching professionals
235 Other teaching professionals
2422 Professionals of politics management
6005 Manager, international cooperation
2432 Public relations managers
264 Authors, journalists and similar professionals
    2641 Authors and similar professionals
    2642 Journalists
    2656 Radio, television and other announcers
3339 Business services agents and trade brokers
334 Administrative technical professionals
335 Public administration technical professionals
3359 Other public administration technical professionals
411 General administration professionals

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Program code

Area of Study Korean Studies / Master's Degree Programme Korean Society and Culture – for Non-Korean Studies Majors

admission winter semester of 2025/2026 academic year

№	Course Code	Course Title	Type- C, E, O	Semester	ECTS credits	Classes - total number					Classes per week	Assessment* - e, ca, ce, cont.
						Total	Lectures	Seminars	Practical Classes/ Observation	Self study		
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*	*10*	*11*	*12*	*13*
Compulsatory Courses												
1	C 0 1 0	Practical Korean Language, Part I	C	1	12	360	60		90	210	4+6	ce
2	C 0 2 0	Korean Civilization and Society	C	1	6	180	45	15		120	3+1	ce
3	C 0 3 0	History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present	C	1	6	180	45	15		120	3+1	ce
4	C 0 4 0	Practical Korean Language, Part II	C	2	12	360	60		90	210	4+6	ce
5	C 0 5 0	Philosophy and Religious Teachings in Korea	C	2	6	180	45	15		120	3+1	ce
6	C 0 6 0	The Korean Wave in Contemporary Literature and Art	C	2	6	180	45	15		120	3+1	ce
7	C 0 7 0	Practical Korean Language, Part III	C	3	12	360	60		90	210	4+6	ce
8	C 0 8 0	Political Relations in East Asia in the 20th–21st Century	C	3	6	180	45	15		120	3+1	ce
9	C 0 9 0	Government and Political System of the Republic of Korea	C	3	6	180	45	15		120	3+1	ce

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10	C	1	0	0	Practical Korean Language, Part IV	C	4	12	360	60		90	210	4+6	ce
11	C	1	1	0	Socio-Political and Cultural Trends in the DPRK	C	4	3	90	30	15		45	2+1	ce
Elective Courses – the chosen electives have to contribute to minimum 18 Credits																	
1	E	0	1	0	Academic Writing	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
2	E	0	2	0	History of the Korean Script and Sino-Korean Characters	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
3	E	0	3	0	Sino-Korean Characters, Part I	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
4	E	0	4	0	Sino-Korean Characters, Part II	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
5	E	0	5	0	Practical Korean Language, Part V	E	1,2,3	5	150	30		90	30	1+3	ce
6	E	0	6	0	Practical Korean Language, Part VI	E	1,2,3	5	150	30		90	30	1+3	ce
7	E	0	7	0	Practical Korean Language, Part VII	E	1,2,3	5	150	30		90	30	1+3	ce
8	E	0	8	0	Practical Korean Language, Part VIII	E	1,2,3	5	150	30		90	30	1+3	ce
9	E	0	9	0	Spoken Korean and Speech Situations	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
10	E	1	0	0	Historical and Cultural Development of Nomadic Peoples in Central Asia	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
11	E	1	1	0	Korean Muism and Altaic Shamanism	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
12	E	1	2	0	Calligraphic Art	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
13	E	1	3	0	Korean Mythology and Folklore	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
14	E	1	4	0	Traditional Korean Cuisine – History and Contemporary Interpretations	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce

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15	E	1	5	0	Folk Customs and Rituals: Between Tradition and Modernity	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
16	E	1	6	0	Religions in Korea and East Asia	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
17	E	1	7	0	Contemporary History of South and North Korea through the Lens of Bulgarian Archives from the Cold War	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
18	E	1	8	0	Cultural and Historical Relations between East and Central Asia	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
19	E	1	9	0	The Republic of Korea as a Global Economic Actor	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
20	E	2	0	0	Bulgaria and East Asian Countries after World War II	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
21	E	2	1	0	Bulgaria and Korea (DPRK and Republic of Korea) through the Lens of Bulgarian Archives	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce
22	E	2	2	0	The Korean Peninsula between Past and Present	E	1,2,3	3	90	30			60	2+0	ce

Degree Completion

Form of degree completion	ECTS credits	First State Exam Session/thesis defense session	Second State Exam Session/thesis defense session
Defence of a Master's thesis	15	JULY	OCTOBER

The curriculum has been approved by the Faculty Council, Record of Proceedings № 10 from 10/06/2025

DEAN:.....
prof. Gergana Petkova, PhD

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Curriculum Reference Statement

Area of Study "Korean Studies" / Master's Degree Programme "Korean Society and Culture – for Non-Korean Studies Majors"
form of study Full-time, length of study Four Semesters

Course hours, ECTS credits and number of grades per semester																																		
Type of courses	I			II			III			IV			V			VI			VII			VIII			IX			X			Общо		
	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades
compulsory courses	270	24	3	270	24	3	270	24	3	195	15	2																	1005	87	11
min. elective courses	60	6	2	60	6	2	60	6	2	0	0	0																	180	18	6
optional courses																																		
internships																																		
Total:	330	30	5	330	30	5	330	30	5	195	15	2																	1185	105	17

Form of degree completion	ECTS credits	Study Hours	First State Exam session/thesis defense session	Second State Exam Session/thesis defense session
Defence of an Master's thesis	15	450	July	October

Professional Qualification: MA in Korean Society and Culture

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Dean:
prof. Gergana Petkova