South Korean Flag Description

The flag, called "T’ae Kukki," symbolizes the thought, philosophy, and mysticism of the Far East.

The circle in the center, red upper half and blue lower half, represents absolute, or the essential unity of all being. The Yang (positive) and the Yin (negative) divisions within the circle represent duality. Examples of duality are heaven and hell, fire and water, life and death, good and evil, or night and day.

The four trigrams also indicate the duality of opposites and balances. In the upper left trigram, three unbroken lines symbolize Heaven; opposite them in the lower right, three broken lines represent Earth. In the upper right trigram, two broken lines separated by an unbroken line is the symbol of Fire; opposite them is water, symbolized by two unbroken lines separated by a broken line.

Symbolic of the nation is the white background (the land), the circle (people), and the four trigrams (the government). All three make up the essential elements of the nation.
Thank you for your interest in the Korean studies program at the LACC Department of Foreign Language and Humanities!

We are proud to offer an extensive array of Korean courses on our campus, located at the heart of Koreatown. We hope to make AA-degree in Korean studies a reality in 2005!

Korean 1: Elementary Korean I is for students who have no prior knowledge of Korean language. You will be able to read "hangül," the Korean alphabet and engage in a simple conversation at the successful completion of this course.


Korean Civilization (Humanities 45) is a lecture course in English. No knowledge of Korean language is required. This course is to expose students to the culture and history of Korea from prehistoric times to the 1980s.

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The course descriptions are as follows:
Korean 1: Elementary Korean I (5 units) (UC:CSU)
Korean 2: Elementary Korean II (5 units) (UC:CSU)
Korean 3: Intermediate Korean I (5 units) (UC:CSU)
Korean 4: Intermediate Korean II (5 units) (UC:CSU)
Korean 8: Conversational Korean (3 units) (UC:CSU)

Humanities 45: Korean Civilization 10 (3 units) (UC:CSU)

Seriously consider taking Korean courses if you live or work in Koreatown, or among those who speak Korean. It would open career opportunities as well as making friends with your neighbors, co-workers, customers, and clients.

안녕하세요!
(Annyŏng haseyo)

How are you?