



This is an abridged sample syllabus. Information is subject to change. Full syllabus will be distributed to registered students when term begins.

KORN_V 420 - Readings in Middle and Early Modern Korean

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The main purpose of this course is to learn the basics of Middle Korean through close reading of excerpts from the biographical vignettes in the 삼강행실도三綱行實圖 (Illustrated Conduct of the Three Bonds), a 15th-century illustrated primer composed shortly after the invention of 한글. The Middle Korean forms are juxtaposed with their reflexes in modern Korean to give a diachronic overview of the history of the Korean language over the past half-millennium. We also pay attention to some of the historical background surrounding the print history of this popular text that Koreans read in various guises for more than 400 years.

Mode of Delivery: In Person

Sample Readings

The InterlineReader (KORN 420 section): <https://korninterlinereader.asia.ubc.ca/>

Assignments

Preparation of all readings and active participation in class|10

Two take-home Romanization Quizzes|10

Three take-home quizzes based on the readings (10% each)|30

In-class mid-term exam (1.5 hours) based on texts covered|20

Take-home final exam based on an unseen text|30