Korean Students Work to Master English

Students from the University of Ulsan in Korea have attended a six-week, extensive English as a Second Language program. The program is held at Auburn University Montgomery and gives Korean students the opportunity to attend classes which focus on reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills for 20 hours a week. The students who attend the program “plan to seek jobs with corporations that have ties to the United States, while others want to attend graduate school in the U.S. after they complete their studies at the University of Ulsan” (1). People have gained many benefits from taking part in the activities. For example, one student claims the ESL program has helped him become a more proficient speaker, a skill that will help him when he starts working in the international business community. The program also provides social activities, such as a movie night once a week. A common theme discussed in each article is that our economy is now global and overcoming language barriers is pertinent to the future success of businesses, as well as, people in the business world. Both “Speaking in Tongue” and this article give specific examples of how companies and future employees are being prepared to communicate more effectively in the workplace.