

Syllabus [2025Year 1 Term]

Course Information

Course Title	Understanding Korean Society	Credits	3
Course Code	554920-1	Required/Elective (For Undergraduate Courses)	basic Major
Department or Major	Department of Korea Studies	Language	English
Methods of Teaching		Lecture Room	화12,13,14,15,16,17(국제402)
Time Allotment	Lecture(3) Experiments(0) Trainging & Practice(0) Performance(0) Designing & Planning(0)	Cyber Lectures	
Course Type	offline		

Lecturer

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	Field of Interest					

Course Summary

Course Description	<p>This course offers an introduction to the development of and current issues in South Korean society. South Korea has undergone incredible social change over the past 150 years. Primarily an agrarian and feudal society ruled by a monarch in the late nineteenth century, Korea rapidly transformed into a technologically and economically advanced democracy which has recently received attention as a cultural powerhouse. This course begins with the Joseon Dynasty period, and works its way through the Japanese colonial era, the emergence of the two Koreas, and then focuses on the transformation of South Korea from one of the poorest countries in the world to one of the most advanced. Although political and economic developments are noted, the focus will primarily be on how Korean society and culture have developed from its traditional roots throughout the twentieth century. Moreover, this class will challenge students to question how current social issues in Korea are the result of the rapid changes of the past century and to think of solutions for those issues.</p>
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Description Related Courses	
Course Goals	The goal of the course is to provide students with a basic understanding of South Korea's economic development and its impact, both positive and negative, on Korean society.
Projected Results	Students will have a basic understanding of numerous contemporary social issues in Korea and their historical origins. Students will also have experience working in groups to develop solutions to social problems.
Percentage of the original language classes(%)	

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Times	Lecture Topic	Lecture Goals	Lecture Methods	Assignments
1	Class Introduction		강의,	
2	Economic Development I: Imagining and Building the Korean Dream		강의,	
3	Economic Development II: Living the Korean Dream		강의,	
4	Economic Development III: The Korean Dream Coming Undone?		강의,	
5	Immigration and Multiculturalism		강의,	
6	Christianity and Confucianism		강의,	
7	Climate Change		강의,	
8	Education Fever		강의,	
9	Aging Society		강의,	
10	Family Life		강의,	
11	Gender Inequality and Feminism		강의,	
12	Political Polarization		강의,	
13	The Division of Korea and Korean Society		강의,	
14	Viewing South Korea through Cinema		강의,	
15	Group Social Issues Presentation		강의,	

Methods of Grading

sequence	Description	Percentage	Details
1	Mid-term Exam	30%	중간그룹발표
All		100%	

sequence	Description	Percentage	Details
2	Final-exam	30%	기말그룹발표
3	Pop Quizzes	0%	
4	Assignments	20%	Critical Review Essay 두편 있고 각각 과제는 10%임
5	Reports	0%	
6	Presentations & Discussions	10%	
7	Attendance	10%	
8		0%	
9	Others	0%	
All		100%	

Core of Value

핵심가치	전공역량	역량정의	역량구분	값(%)
혁신 (Discovery)	창의적문제해결 (Creative problem-solving)	주어진 상황과 문제를 창의적으로 해결할 수 있는 능력		0%
혁신 (Discovery)	도전 (Challenging)	전공 지식을 새로운 분야와 융합하고 아우를 수 있는 능력		0%
혁신 (Discovery)	지식융합 (Knowledge convergence)	새로운 분야를 개척하거나 도전적으로 임할 수 있는 능력	부역량	0%
헌신 (Dedication)	세계시민 (Universal value)	세계 공동체 구성원으로 전공자로서 국제적 이슈에 대응할 수 있는 능력	부역량	0%
헌신 (Dedication)	상호협력 (Cooperation)	공동의 목적 달성을 위해 타인과 상호협력할 수 있는 능력		0%
헌신 (Dedication)	공동체 (Sense of community)	공동체의 구성원으로서 필요한 태도와 윤리의식을 가질 수 있는 능력		0%
능동 (self-Determination)	자기주도 (Self-Managing)	주어진 상황과 문제를 주도적이고 능동적으로 해결할 수 있는 능력		0%
능동 (self-Determination)	지식활용 (Knowledge application)	주어진 상황과 문제에 대해 논리적으로 파악하고 분석할 수 있는 능력	주역량	0%
능동 (self-Determination)	논리적사고 (Logical thinking)	전공관련 지식을 필요에 따라 다양하게		0%

핵심가치	전공역량	역량정의	역량구분	값(%)
		적용하고 활용할 수 있는 능력		
능동 (self-Determination)	의사소통 (Articulation)	대화를 통해 다양한 의견을 조율하고 합의를 이끌어 낼 수 있는 능력		0%

Textbook(s) & References

Descrip tion	Title	Author	Publisher
Requi red T extbo ok	Korean Society: An Introduction	Andrew Eungi Ki m	Korea University Press
Requi red T extbo ok	From Miracle to Mirage: The Making and Unmaking of the Korean Middle Class	Myungji Yang	Cornell University Press

Memo

This course is in English