



Korea University International Summer Campus (KU ISC) 2024

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June 26, 2024 ~ August 4, 2024

ISC117 – [Online only] Introduction to Korean Studies

I . Instructor

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II . Textbook

Required Textbook	:	All materials uploaded to Blackboard
Recommended Additional Readings	:	

III . Course Description and Objectives

The goal of this course is to familiarize students with Korean culture, literature, film, music, and society. Classes will consist of lecture, readings, and films and will be structured around small group and class discussions. Through this course, we will examine larger issues such as the legacy of colonialism, gender and social status, the Korean War and its aftermath, economic development and modernization, nationalism, etc. Through this examination we hope to consider broader and more inclusive approaches to understanding Korean culture and society.

IV . Grading

Midterm Exam	:	30%
Final Exam	:	30%
Assignments	:	
Participation	:	40%

V . Class Outline

Date	Topic	Chapter	Remarks
June 26 (Wed)	Orientation Day		
June 27 (Thu)	Foundation Myths and Korea		

June 28 (Fri)	Discussion: Korea as a “homogeneous” society—historical fact or modern construction?		
July 1 (Mon)	Confucianism and Confucian Ideology in Korea: The implications of labelling Korea as Confucian		DRAMA: Sky Castle
July 2 (Tue)	Discussion: Modern Korean Confucianism		
July 3 (Wed)	Colonial Modernity and Modernization: The origins of Korean modernization and the problem of colonial modernity		FILM: Assassination
July 4 (Thu)	Discussion: Where does modernity come from?		
July 5 (Fri)	The Division of Korea and the Korean War		FILM: The Brotherhood of War & Ode to my Father
July 8 (Mon)	Discussion of South Korea and North Korea		
July 9 (Tue)	South Korean Democracy and North Korean Communism		FILM: Taxi Driver
July 10 (Wed)	Discussion: Polar opposites?		
July 11 (Thu)	Midterm Exam		
July 15 (Mon)	The Miracle on the Han		DRAMA: Squid Games
July 16 (Tue)	Discussion: Economic “development”		
July 17 (Wed)	Korean Nationalism & Christianity		FILM: YMCA Baseball team
July 18 (Thu)	Discussion: The growth of Christianity in Korea		
July 22 (Mon)	Korean Food		TV program: Tasty Guys
July 23 (Tue)	Discussion: Food as a national symbol		
July 24 (Wed)	Gender in Korean Society		FILM: 1987
July 25 (Thu)	Discussion: gender roles and inequality in South Korean society		
July 29 (Mon)	Korea Film & KPop		
July 30 (Tue)	Discussion: The Korean Wave		
July 31 (Wed)	Final Exam		
Aug 1 (Thu)	/ Graduation Day (Available both Online / Offline)		