

## COURSE DETAILS

<b>Title</b>	Understanding Korea Culture (2020)
<b>Field of Study</b>	Communication, Humanities Korean language, Korean studies, Media, Social science
<b>Type</b>	Academic course
<b>Credits/ECTS value</b>	3/6
<b>Contact hours</b>	45 ~ 48
<b>Schedule</b>	Monday ~ Thursday 09:30 – 12:30 Field Trips 15 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Course level</b>	Bachelor
<b>Teachers Information</b>	To be updated
<b>Course Description</b>	The Understanding Korean Culture course is designed to enhance academic and practical knowledge about the customs, beliefs, and practices of the South Korean people from the perspective of a visitor or immigrant living there. Topics include history, folklore, art, Confucianism, family, values, films, music, business, politics, and society.
<b>Learning Objective</b>	The course's objective is to allow students to explore the history and culture of South Korea while developing a firmer understanding of how society has developed and what life is like for the people of the nation. Through the study of key issues, students will better grasp how culture and society is viewed through a South Korean lens and become more familiar with life in the country.
<b>Additional Information</b>	If course enrollment is less than 15 students, this course will be cancelled

<p><b>Prerequisites</b></p>	<p>There are no prior courses required, as this class was designed to be an introduction to these concepts and practices for people with only some knowledge of Korean society. A laptop or tablet computer is highly recommended, as the reading assignments will be distributed as PDFs.</p>
<p><b>Course Topics</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions and Syllabus reading</li> <li>2. <b>Identity:</b> From “Han,” to Military Conscription, and Love</li> <li>3. <b>Tradition:</b> Religion, Folk Culture, and Education</li> <li>4. <b>A brief History:</b> From Gocheoson to the First Republic of Korea</li> <li>5. <b>Politics:</b> Why There are so Many Parties, but No One is Celebrating</li> <li>6. <b>Modern Korea:</b> Pretty Girls, Pretty Boys, and Cafes &amp; Internet <b>Culture:</b> A Modern IT Powerhouse and the Rise of Pro Gamers</li> <li>7. <b>Society:</b> Food, Crime, Social Pressures, and Kimchi as a Life Style</li> <li>8. <b>Music:</b> K-pop, New Genre Fusions, and the Love of Music/Audition Shows</li> <li>9. <b>Movies and TV:</b> Dramas, Comedies and the Korean Wave</li> </ol>
<p><b>Evaluation Pass/ Non-pass</b></p>	<p>Participation/field trip/workshops attendance 80% Final exam or paper reports 20%</p>
<p><b>Last Updated</b></p>	<p>January 29, 2020</p>