



## Korea University International Summer Campus (KU ISC) 2023

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June 27, 2023 ~ August 3, 2023

### SPGE176 – [Online only] Introduction to Korean History and Culture

#### I . Instructor

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#### II . Textbook

Required Textbook	:	Readings will be uploaded to Blackboard
Recommended Additional Readings	:	

#### III. Course Description and Objectives

Course Description: A general survey of the historical development of various aspects of Korean civilization, including politics, society and economy, thought and religion, and the arts. This course will cover the main themes in Korean history and their historical interpretations, from prehistoric times to the modern period. It will also pay special attention to social systems, religion, and culture, as well as the changing geopolitics of the region. Through this course, students will have a better understanding of the challenges Korea faced in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Course Requirements: Students are expected to attend lectures regularly, to actively participate in discussions, and to keep up with reading assignments. There will be a mid-term and a final examination.

#### IV. Grading

Midterm Exam	:	30%
Final Exam	:	30%
Assignments	:	

Participation	:	40%
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## V. Class Outline

Date	Topic	Chapter	Remarks
June 27 (Tues)	Orientation Day (No Classes)		
June 28 (Wed)	<b>Introduction to Course: Early History</b> 1. Old Chosôn 2. Three Kingdoms 3. Later Silla & Parhae		<b>Part I. Political History</b>
June 29 (Thur)	<b>Discussion:</b> Early Asia		
June 30 (Fri)	<b>Koryo Period</b> 1. Later Three Kingdoms 2. Early Koryo 3. Late Koryo		
July 3 (Mon)	<b>Choson Dynasty</b> 1. Early Chosôn 2. Mid-dynasty Invasions 3. Late Chosôn		
July 4 (Tue)	<b>The Opening of Korea &amp; Colonial Rule</b> 1. The Opening 2. The Loss of Independence 3. The Structure of Colonial Rule 4. Collaboration and Resistance		
July 5 (Wed)	<b>Discussion:</b> The Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century and Imperialism		
July 6 (Thu)	<b>History from 1945</b> 1. Liberation and Division 2. War 3. South Korea: Autocrats and Soldiers 4. North Korea: Kim Il Sung		
July 10 (Mon)	<b>Discussion:</b> Modern China and Japan		
July 11 (Tue)	<b>Midterm Exam</b>		
July 12 (Wed)	<b>Social Structure</b> 1. Bone Rank Society of Silla 2. From Local Warlords to Central Aristocrats in Koryo 3. Yangban Society 4. From Landlords to Chaebol in Modern Korea 5. Slaves 6. Mean People 7. Women 8. Regional Discrimination		<b>Part II: Society and Economy</b>
July 13 (Thu)	<b>Discussion:</b> The Social Structure of China and Japan		
July 17 (Mon)	<b>The Pre-modern and Modern Economy</b> 1. Agriculture and Trade in Silla and Koryo 2. Agricultural Economy of the Early Chosôn 3. Rise of Commerce in the Late Chosôn		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Economic Development in the Colonial Era</li> <li>5. "The Miracle on the Han"</li> <li>6. Centralized Command Economy in North Korea</li> </ul>		
July 18 (Tue)	<b>Discussion:</b> Trade and the Economy in China and Japan		
July 19 (Wed)	<b>Shamanism and Buddhism in Korea</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Earliest Traditions: Totemism and Shamanism</li> <li>2. Introduction of Buddhism</li> <li>3. Buddhism at Its Peak in Silla and Koryo</li> <li>4. Buddhism after 1392</li> </ul>		<b>Part III: Religion, Philosophy, Ideology, and Culture</b>
July 20 (Thu)	<b>Discussion:</b> Buddhism and Local Beliefs in China and Japan		
July 24 (Mon)	<b>Confucianism in Korea</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confucianism in Silla and Koryo</li> <li>2. Neo-Confucianism and Korean Society</li> <li>3. Korean Neo-Confucian Philosophers</li> <li>4. Practical Learning</li> </ul>		
July 25 (Tue)	<b>Discussion:</b> Confucianism in China and Japan		
July 26 (Wed)	<b>Korean Christianity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New Religions</li> <li>2. Catholicism</li> <li>3. Protestant Christianity</li> </ul>		
July 27 (Thu)	<b>Discussion:</b> Christianity in East Asia		
July 31 (Mon)	<b>Nationalism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Historical Formation of the Korean Nation</li> <li>2. Modern Nationalism</li> </ul>		
Aug 1 (Tue)	<b>Discussion:</b> Nationalism in China and Japan		
Aug 2 (Wed)	<b>Final Exam</b>		
Aug 3 (Thu)	<b>Graduation Day (Available both Online/Offline)</b>		