



HANYANG UNIVERSITY

Hanyang International Summer School

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Course Information	Class No.	18082	Course Code	PER2021	Credits	3
	Course Name	Korean Society and Culture				
	Lecture Schedule	Monday-Saturday / 09:00-12:00				
	Course Description	Korea is a country of deep history and striking transformation. Today, it commands attention on the world stage, economically, culturally, and politically. While its past has been captured in countless books, films, and lectures, the Korea of the 21st century, its people, its struggles, its cultural creativity, remains less understood. Contemporary issues are now more relevant than ever. From chart-topping music and internationally acclaimed films to the social, political, and technological forces shaping daily life, modern Korea offers a window into a society that is at once dynamic, complex, and profoundly human. This course invites you to move beyond stereotypes and headlines, cultivating a sophisticated and nuanced understanding of Korea today.				
	Course Objective	While the course will focus on deepening students' understanding of Korea, its culture, and its history, they will also be encouraged to consider this knowledge in a broader, international context. This perspective will help them engage effectively with diverse ideas, perspectives, and practices in their future studies and careers.				
	Prerequisite	- None				
	Materials/Textbooks	All material provided				
Evaluation	Attendance	%	Quiz	%		
	Assignment	15%	Mid-term Exam	30%		
	Presentation	%	Final Exam	40%		
	Group Project	%	Participation	15%		
	Etc.	Evaluation Item			Ratio	
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Daily Lecture Plan	Day 1	What is Korea?	
	Day 2	The Foundations of Korea: Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism	
	Day 3	Korean Modernity and Development	
	Day 4	North Korea, Communism, and Kim Jong Un	
	Day 5	Movie One: Ode to My Father	
	Day 6	Korean Democracy	
	Day 7	Midterm Exam	
	Day 8	Gender: Feminism and Masculinity in Korea	
	Day 9	Mental Health: Han Byung Chul and Burnout Society	
	Day 10	Movie Two: Burning	
	Day 11	K-pop: Success, Fandom, and Culture	
	Day 12	Post Modern Korea: Beauty and Fertility	
	Day 13	Class Consciousness and Morality	
	Day 14	Final Exam	
	Day 15	Review and Goodbyes	