Korean (KOREAN)

KOREAN 1001: Topics in Korean - General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

KOREAN 1005: Topics in Korean - Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

KOREAN 1100: Elementary Korean I
Introductory course on Korean language. Five hours classroom instruction with one hour lab weekly.

Credit Hours: 6

KOREAN 1200: Elementary Korean II
Five hours classroom instruction with one hour lab work weekly.

Credit Hours: 6
Prerequisites: C- or better in KOREAN 1100

KOREAN 1830: Survey of East Asian History
(same as HIST 1830). Introductory survey of the history of East Asian countries (China, Korea, Vietnam, and Japan) in the past two thousand years, focusing on their cultural, economic, and political traditions as well as their transformations in the modern era. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

KOREAN 2001: Topics in Korean - General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing or instructor's consent

KOREAN 2005: Topics in Korean - Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing or instructor's consent

KOREAN 2160: Intermediate Korean Language I
Intermediate Korean I continues to build on the skills students acquired in the first-year series with increasing work in authentic materials and situations in conversation and reading that encourage students to understand the use of language in its social and cultural context.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: KOREAN 1200

KOREAN 2310: Korean Civilization I
Focuses on understanding traditional Korean people and culture through examining social, political, economic, and belief systems. Considers literature, art, folklore, and history up to the late 19th century. May be taken independently of KOREAN 2320.

Credit Hours: 3

KOREAN 2320: Korean Civilization II
Considers the situation and culture of Korea at the end of the Chosun Kingdom, and the period of modernization beginning about 1876. Investigates how modernization has changed Korea by looking at attitudes, behaviors, values, philosophies, and trends of Korea in the 20th and 21st centuries. May be taken independently of KOREAN 2310.

Credit Hours: 3

KOREAN 2810: History of Korea: Premodern to Hypermodern
(same as HIST 2810). This course examines Korea historically. The area known as Korea and the people identified as Korean are considered temporally from the ancient times to the contemporary period. This course begins with the questions of what is Korea and when it became a distinct place in world history. More time is devoted to the contemporary period than other periods, and North Korea is equally considered with South Korea. This course is not only about what happened in Korea but also about how Korea's historical events are causally connected to world events, with the greater aim of universalizing Koreas' historical questions.

Credit Hours: 3

KOREAN 3001: Topics in Korean-General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent. Prerequisites: sophomore standing and instructor's consent;

Credit Hour: 1-3

KOREAN 3005: Topics in Korean - Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing and instructor's consent

KOREAN 3160: Intermediate Korean Language II
Continues to build on the skills students acquire in the third semester of Korean language with increasing work in authentic materials and situations in conversation and reading. Encourages students to understand the use of language in its social and cultural context.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: KOREAN 2160, or instructor's consent

KOREAN 3180: Advanced Korean I
The course is designed to advance students to greater strength in oral communication competence, reading skills, and socio-cultural knowledge of Korea. Graded on A-F basis only.
KOREAN 4220: North Korean Politics  
This course is designed to help students understand the dynamics of North Korean politics. North Korea can be described as an exceptional country in many ways. First, the transition of power in the North Korea was made through the hereditary succession like a monarchy even though it claimed to be a socialist country. Second, North Korea has survived as a socialist country, while most of the communist countries including the Soviet Union and East European countries collapsed in the late 1980s and the early 1990s. Third, the North Korea, one of the poorest countries, has developed the nuclear weapons as well as other weapons of mass destruction, threatening the international security. For critical understanding of the North Korean politics I will trace the Korean communist movement, and deal with the North Korean political history since 1945. I am also planning to deal with the ideology and important governmental structure including the Korean Workers’ party, the Military Commission and the social control structures. Then I will examine the current issues including economic reforms, the nuclear challenge, and the several issues with the South Korea like unification questions and the conclusion of the peace treaty to end the Korean War.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: C- or higher in KOREAN 3160, or equivalent

KOREAN 3800: Korean Economic Development and US-Korean Free Trade Agreement  
Covers introductory theories of economic development and overviews Korean historical economic development plans. Aids with understanding how South Korean achieved high levels of economic development and what policies the South Korean Government implemented to spur growth. US-Korea Free Trade Agreement is a good example of how trade promotes the achievement of development goals.

Credit Hours: 3

KOREAN 4260: The Korean Diaspora in the U.S., Japan and China  
Interdisciplinary course related to the phenomenon of migration and settlement from Korea. Course seeks to deepen understanding of the ways in which Korean immigrants have shaped and continue to shape social thought as well as institutions in the United States, Japan and China. Draws upon literature, history and cultural studies to examine experiences of Koreans living in the U.S., Japan and China. Through reading critical literatures, students address issues such as immigration history, race/ethnicity, racism and resistance, gender and sexuality, culture and identity, labor, migration and globalization, class, education, religion.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing or instructor’s consent required

KOREAN 4690: Korean Politics - South and North Korea  
(same as POL_SC 4690). This course is designed to help students understand the dynamics of Korean politics by critically examining major political issues in Korean political history since 1945. Korea is the only country that still remained in the Cold War international structure. Since the division of Korean peninsula, the two Koreas are competing each other for the legitimacy among Koreans. For critical understanding of the Korean politics, I will first deal with the division of Korean peninsula and emergence of two Koreas, Korean war and the political implication of the two Koreas. And then I will focus on the South Korean politics of which country that is well known as a rare example that has achieved rapid economic growth as well as democratization in a short period of time in the world. I am also planning to deal with several issues that might have affected the South-North Korean politics, that is, ROK-US Alliance, North Korean nuclear challenge and unification questions, and Sino-US rivalry in the East Asia.

Credit Hours: 3

KOREAN 3890: Korean Society Through Cinema  
(same as FILMS_VS 3895). Examines the way in which Korean film reveals the cultural, political, and ideological orientation of the society in which it is created and circulated. Compares films from North and South Korea, considering modernity, gender, nation-hood, and class. Graded on A/F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

KOREAN 4867: North Korea: History, Political Economy, Culture  
(same as HIST 4867). The aim of this course is to survey North Korea’s history, especially in terms of political economy and culture. Through several themes, we will examine the historical situations of North Korea from its beginnings in the postliberation period to the present, as North Korea undergoes monumental changes. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: junior standing required