



Syllabus (2021–Summer)

Course Title	Everyday Life in Modern Korea	Course No.	37562
Department/ Major	Global Korean Studies	Credit/Hours	3 credits / 45 Hours
Class Time/ Classroom	Mon to Thurs		
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I . Course Overview

1. Course Description

This is a course for juniors and seniors who major or minor in Korean Studies, East Asian Studies or related fields. Students will explore the cultural and social structure of Korean daily life from a historical perspective. As an interdisciplinary course of combining humanity and social studies, we will attempt to assess how contemporary South Koreans have recognized their ‘normal’ lifestyle. Especially, this course is intended to investigate the formation and transformation of South Korean middle-class people before and after Seoul Olympic Games in 1988. In the second half, students will discuss the rapid growth of new daily politics coming out of neo-liberalism, welfare state models, polarization, and globalization in South Korea and East Asia at large. Students must participate in weekly online activities.

2. Prerequisites



3. Course Format

Lecture	Discussion/Presentation	Experiment/Practicum	Field Study	Other
50 %	50 %	%		%

(Instructor can change to match the actual format of the class.)

Explanation of course format:

Video lectures per day & Zoom online discussion session

4. Course Objectives

5. Evaluation System

Relative evaluation Absolute evaluation (for Ewha International Summer College students only) Others :

- Explanation of evaluation system:

Attendance 20%, quiz 10%, group presentation 20%, mid-term exam 25%, final exam 25%

Midterm Exam	Final Exam	Quizzes	Presentation	Projects	Assignments	Participation	Other
25%	25%	10%	20%	%	%	20%	%

* Evaluation of group projects may include peer evaluations.

II . Course Materials and Additional Readings

1. Required Materials

Excerpts of required materials will be distributed at Ewha Cyber Campus.

Laura Nelson, *Measured Excess: Status, Gender, and Consumer Nationalism in South Korea.*

Seungsook Moon, *Militarized Modernity and Gendered Citizenship in South Korea.*

Jin-kyung Lee, *Service Economies: Militarism, Sex Work, and Migrant Labor in South Korea.*

And others.



2. Supplementary Materials

3. Optional Additional Readings

III. Course Policies

* For laboratory courses, all students are required to complete lab safety training.

IV. Course Schedule (3 hours each class)

Day	Date	Topics & Class Materials, Assignments
Day 1	(6/29)	1. Orientation 2. Modern Korea before 1945 Reading: Gi-wook Shin and Michael Robinson, "Rethinking Colonial Korea", Colonized Modernity in Korea.
Day 2	(6/30)	3. South Korea in Cold War 4. The Formation of South Korean Middle Class Reading: Seungsook Moon, Militarized Modernity and Gendered Citizenship in South Korea.
Day 3	(7/1)	5. Developmental State, Anti-Communism, and Dictatorship in Post-WWII Asia 6. Police State and Violence Reading: Pong Chun-ho, film Memories of Murder
Day 4	(7/5)	7. Masculinity, Housewife, and Military Service 8. Marriage and Family Reading: Laura Nelson, Measured Excess: Status, Gender, and Consumer Nationalism in South Korea.
Day 5	(7/6)	9. The Fifth Republic of Korea 10. After 1987 Reading: Hong Sang-su, film The Day when a Pig Fell into a Well.
Day 6	(7/7)	11. Generation X 12. Polarization and the MZ Generation Reading: John Cho, "Contract Marriages" between Korean Gays and Lesbians, Anthropological Quarterly 82:2 (2009).
Day 7	(7/8)	13. South Korean Posu (the Conservative) 14. South Korean Minju (the Liberal) No reading
Day 8	(7/12)	15. Review Session 16. Mid-term Exam
Day 9	(7/13)	17. Summer Break 18. Summer Break



Day	Date	Topics & Class Materials, Assignments
Day 10	(7/14)	19. Poverty in the 21 st Century 20. Gendered Labor and Inequality Reading: Jin-kyung Lee, Service Economies: Militarism, Sex Work, and Migrant Labor in South Korea.
Day 11	(7/15)	21. ROK-US Alliance seen from a Korean Daily Life 22. Neo-liberalism and Neo-conservatism in Korean Contexts Reading: Katherine Moon, Sex Among Allies: Military, Prostitution in US-Korea Relations.
Day 12	(7/19)	23. "Angry" South Koreans and Disobedient Society 24. State-and-Society Relations after the IMF Crisis Reading: Pu Ji-yong, film Cart.
Day 13	(7/20)	25. The End of the Middle-class Society 26. New Political Imaginations Reading: Hang Kang, The Vegetarian.
Day 14	(7/21)	27. Group Presentations 28. Group Presentations
Day 15	(7/22)	29. Review Session 30. Final Exam
Makeup Classes 1	(mm/dd)	
Makeup Classes 2	(mm/dd)	

V. Special Accommodations

* According to the University regulation section #57-3, students with disabilities can request for special accommodations related to attendance, lectures, assignments, or tests by contacting the course professor at the beginning of semester. Based on the nature of the students' request, students can receive support for such accommodations from the course professor or from the Support Center for Students with Disabilities (SCSD). Please refer to the below examples of the types of support available in the lectures, assignments, and evaluations.

Lecture	Assignments	Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Visual impairment : braille, enlarged reading materials . Hearing impairment : note-taking assistant . Physical impairment: access to classroom, note-taking assistant 	Extra days for submission, alternative assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Visual impairment : braille examination paper, examination with voice support, longer examination hours, note-taking assistant . Hearing impairment : written examination instead of oral . Physical impairment : longer examination hours, note-taking assistant

- Actual support may vary depending on the course.

* The contents of this syllabus are not final—they may be updated.