

Syllabus (2024-Summer)

Course Title	K-Pop in Global Contexts	Course No.	
Credit	3 credits	Hours	45 Hours
Class Time Classroom	Mon to Thr Classroom TBA		
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I. Course Overview

1. Course Description

This course examines the global popularity of Korean cultural products, which is mostly known as Hallyu, or the Korean Wave. From K-pop to drama and films, the growing global prominence of Korean popular culture has recently gained scholarly attention and begun to generate multi-disciplinary discussions. These scholarly works have investigated not only national, social, political conditions upon which Korean popular culture is produced, distributed and consumed domestically but also various transnational forces at work that helped the world-wide circulation of Korean cultural products in the global mediascape. Drawing on these, this course aims to understand the trans/national dynamics that locate Korean popular culture in global context. To this end, we will focus on various dimensions of these cultural constructions through the lens of capitalism, globalization, fandom practices and digital technologies - the advancement of social media and YouTube, in particular.

2. Prerequisites

Prior knowledge of Korean language is not necessary. All course materials are in English.

3. Course Format

Lecture	Discussion/Presentation	Experiment/Practicum	Field Study	Other
60%	40%	%	%	%

The course consists of (a) lecture and (b) student discussions. You are expected to complete readings by the start of lecture and be prepared to actively participate in class discussions.

4. Course Objectives

By the end of the term, students are expected to:

1. Gaining familiarity with the social/historical/cultural context that underpin the cultural development of South Korean entertainment industry.

2. Critically engaging with national/transnational dynamics and understanding Korean popular culture as a hybrid that intersects with various global cultural forces.
3. Achieving familiarity with recent global mediascape and the role of digital technologies in shaping them.
4. Rejecting impressionistic analysis. Connecting economic, political and cultural context with the texts, while paying attention to how cultural products make meanings.
5. Articulating your ideas and analysis in writing. Effective communication.

5. Evaluation Systems

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

Midterm Exam	Final Exam	Quizzes	Presentation	Projects	Assignments	Participation	Others
30%	25%	20%	15%	%	%	10%	%

1. Two pop quizzes
2. One class presentation on a selected reading. (10-15 minutes). You may do your presentation by yourself or with a partner. You will sign up for a reading by the end of the second week. For the presentation you will provide some summary of the content of the text, but you should focus on posing some important questions to the class and on providing your own interpretation of the reading. Also, you are expected to lead a class discussion based on the questions that you are bringing up.
3. Midterm Exam
4. Final Exam

NOTE: When romanizing Korean names or words, please use the McCune-Reischauer or Revised Romanization system. Please use the family name in your papers.

II. Course Materials and Additional Readings

1. Required Materials

Course readings will be posted on Cybercampus.

2. Supplementary Materials

Various video clips or snippets from music videos, TV shows and dramas

3. Optional Additional Readings

III. Course Schedule

Day	Date	Topics & Class Materials, Assignments
Day 1	(7/1)	Introduction to Class Screening: <i>Explained: K-pop</i>
Day 2	(7/2)	How we study Korean popular culture as a scholarly discipline? Sangjoon Lee (2015), "A Decade of Hallyu Scholarship: Toward a New Direction in Hallyu 2.0," in <i>Hallyu 2.0: The Korean Wave in the Age of Social Media</i> , University of Michigan Press.
Day 3	(7/3)	Historicizing K-pop Suk-Young Kim (2018), "Historicizing K-pop," in <i>K-Pop Live: Fans, Idols and Multimedia Performance</i> , Stanford University Press.
Day 4	(7/4)	K-pop and Korean Society Roald Maliangkay (2014), "The Popularity of Individualism: The Seo Taiji Phenomenon in the 1990s," in <i>The Korean Popular Culture Reader</i> , Duke University Press.
Day 5	(7/8)	K-pop Industry and Nationalism in Contemporary Korea Junbong Choi (2015) "Hallyu versus Hallyu-hwa: Cultural Phenomenon versus Institutional Campaign," in <i>Hallyu 2.0: The Korean Wave in the Age of Social Media</i> , University of Michigan Press. Joseph Nye and Youna Kim (2013), "Soft Power and the Korean Wave," in <i>The Korean Wave: Korean Media Go Global</i> , Routledge.
Day 6	(7/9)	K-pop and the Idol Culture Crystal S. Anderson, "That's My Man!: Overlapping Masculinities in Korean Popular Music," in <i>The Korean Wave: Korean Popular Culture in Global Context</i> , Routledge. Dong-Yeon Lee (2017), "Who's Afraid of Korean Idols?: Five Keywords for Understanding Korean Idol Pop," in <i>Made in Korea: Studies in Popular Music</i> , Routledge (Optional)
Day 7	(7/10)	Transnational Genre and Culture Hybridity Jaeyoung Yang (2017), "Korean Black Music and Its Culture: Soul, Funk, and Hip Hop," in <i>Made in Korea: Studies in Popular Music</i> , Routledge. Hye-Kyung Um (2013), "Korean Hip-hop and cultural reterritorialization," in <i>Popular Music</i> 32.no.1, pp. 51-64.
Day 8	(7/11)	K-pop in the Age of Social Media Dal Yong Jin and Kyong Yoon (2016). "The Social Mediascape of Transnational Korean Pop Culture: Hwillyu 2.0 as Spreadable Media Practice" in <i>New Media & Society</i> 18(7), pp. 1277-1292.
Day 9	(7/15)	Review Session & Midterm Exam
Day 10	(7/16)	Fandom Culture 1 John Fiske, "Cultural Economy of Fandom," Lisa Yuk-ming Leung(2017), "Managing K-pop (transnational) fandom in the age of social

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		media,"in <i>The Korean Wave: Evolution, Fandom, and Transnationality</i> .
Day 11	(7/17)	Fandom Culture 2 David Oh (2017), "K-Pop Fans React: Hybridity and the White Celebrity-Fan on YouTube" in <i>International Journal of Communication</i> 11, pp.2270-2287. Anna Lee Swan (2018), "Transnational Identities and Feeling in Fandom: Place and Embodiment in Kpop fan reaction videos," <i>Communication Culture & Critique</i> .
Day 12	(7/18)	"Liveness" in K-pop culture Suk-Yung Kim (2018) "Simulating Liveness in K-Pop Music Video" in <i>K-Pop Live: Fans, Idols and Multimedia Performance</i> , Stanford University Press.
Day 13	(7/22)	K-pop and Diasporic Youth Culture Kyong Yoon (2018), "Diasporic Youth Culture of K-Pop," in <i>Journal of Youth Studies</i> .
Day 14	(7/23)	Korean TV Drama, Webtoon and Online Game Culture Dal Yong Jin (2019), "Snack Culture's Dream of Big Screen Culture: Korean Webtoon's Transmedia Storytelling," <i>International Journal of Communication</i> 13.
Day 15	(7/24)	Final Exam
Makeup Classes 1	(mm/dd)	
Makeup Classes 2	(mm/dd)	

An additional film screening can be added to the above schedule.
 This syllabus is subject to change or revision, as needed.

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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 examination . 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.