

## COURSE DETAIL

### KOREAN HISTORY, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY

**Country**

United Kingdom - Scotland

**Host Institution**

University of Edinburgh

**Program(s)**

University of Edinburgh

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

History Asian Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

124

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

KOREAN HISTORY, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

KOREAN HIST & CULTR

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## Course Description

The 19th century saw a dramatic reversal of fortunes for Korea. From the longest-ruling dynasty in East Asia (518 years), the demise of the Choson dynasty (1392-1910) precipitated the loss of national sovereignty as Korea was colonized by Japan. Subsequent events - including colonial industrialization, the struggle for independence, and the division of the peninsula into North and South - have only added to the challenge of evaluating the legacies of the Choson dynasty. How did Confucianism influence Korean society? Why did Korea fail to maintain its sovereignty in the nineteenth century? What are the roots of capitalism in Korea? What set North Korea on a different trajectory than the South? This course answers these questions through a survey of the major historical issues that have shaped Korean society and culture from the early modern period through to the present. As well as covering developments in Choson society and Korea's turbulent experience of imperialism, capitalism, nationalism, conflict, and political change, this course also introduces students to the major historical debates that have shaped our knowledge of Korea today.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

ASST10154

### Host Institution Course Title

KOREAN HISTORY, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY

### Host Institution Campus

University of Edinburgh

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures

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