

COURSE DETAIL

KOREANNESS ACROSS TIME AND SPACE

Country

Korea, South

Host Institution

Yonsei University

Program(s)

Yonsei University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

131

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

KOREANNESS ACROSS TIME AND SPACE

UCEAP Transcript Title

KOREANNESS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course explores the notions of ethnicity, cultural identity and its components through the examination of "Koreanness" or the Korean character across time and space. On the theoretical side, we review contrasting definitions and understandings of ethnicity and cultural identity, and explore their connection to related notions such as race, family, place and national citizenship. We then consider the multiple dimensions making up cultural identity and their context-dependency by examining characteristic Korean traits in the realm of politics, social organization, economic activity, social psychology and life cycle configuration in different historical periods, and by considering the changing narratives, motifs and meanings that sustain them. In order to better comprehend the scope and limit of context-dependency, we look into ongoing processes of hybridity, differentiation or identification taking place among members of Korean communities abroad. Special attention is paid to the influence of the economic and cultural expansion of the country of origin on the ethnic identification of these communities.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

CLC2111

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Comparative Literature & Culture

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