COURSE DETAIL

KOREAN LITERATURE AND HISTORY
Country Korea, South
Host Institution Yonsei University
Program(s) Yonsei University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History Asian Studies
UCEAP Course Number 123
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title KOREAN LITERATURE AND HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title KOREAN LIT & HIST
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course has been specifically designed for students in the Department of Korean Language and Literature AND the University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP). It surveys modern Korean history through close readings of selected major literary works. Rather than offering a mere narrative of the peninsula’s history, it focuses on particular episodes, events, influences, and historical ruptures that have shaped how Korean writers have interpreted and understood their past. The course looks at the use of a form of writing (“the novel”) as a historical source. It examines the development of the long story form, the formalistic aspects of narrative, and its cultural impact. Major themes include the country’s opening to the West, its colonial experience and subsequent fratricidal war, and the divergent post-colonial paths of the two separate Koreas. Throughout, we address the tensions of Korean nationalism, authoritarianism, and industrialization in conjunction with the politics of gender and class. The latter half of the semester will focus primarily on the diaspora and migrant workers in South Korea.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
KOR3529

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Host Institution Campus

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Korean Language & Literature

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