

2023 CAU International Summer Program Course Syllabus

Course Title	South Korea in the World		
Instructor	Dr. KIM, Young Soo, Associate Professor		
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Course Description	<p>This course examines how the Republic of Korea (South Korea) has achieved dramatic economic and political development. South Korea is recognized as a unique case in modern history in that it rose from the ash of the Korean war to one of the top ten economies in the world and that it transformed from the draconian authoritarian regime to mature liberal democracy even in the face of the threats posed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). We delve into the turbulent but remarkable historical trajectory of South Korea from the variety of theoretical perspectives of development, democratization, and international relations.</p>		
Course Goals	<p>This course seeks to contribute to the learning objectives of students who will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Understand the modern historical development of South Korea from the political, economic and international perspectives. (2) Understand how South Korea got out of adject poverty in the aftermath of the Korean war from the domestic and international viewpoints. (3) Understand how South Korea democratized the political system from draconian authoritarian rule. (4) Understand the relations between South Korea and North Korea in the context of national agenda of reunification and international relations for regional peace and stability. (5) Understand how South Korea has survived in the very competitive regional (or international) landscape surrounded by powerful actors including the US, China, Japan, and Russia. 		
Course Procedures	<p>Students are prepared to discuss given topics by reading daily (or weekly) materials in advance. In class, instructor's lectures help students trigger questions and interactions, leading toward a deeper understanding of controversial agendas. Documentary films also provide valuable insights that unveil the underlying dynamics that govern the natures of the debates. Students have an opportunity to work on specific agenda of their own interests individually or as a group.</p>		
Grading And Evaluation	<p>Attendance and participation (20%) Mid-term (40%) Final (40%)</p>		
Additional Course Information	<p>There is no substitute for class attendance The reading load for this course is not very heavy so that students are expected to complete the assigned readings prior to attending class. Students are responsible for taking notes from lectures and class discussions, which are also main sources of exams and assignments in addition to textbook (Class notes are not provided for this class). I cannot stress strongly enough that when it comes to learning the material, <i>there is no substitute for class attendance</i>. More importantly, students are also highly recommended to be informed and think critically about class topics and current events within and out of the class.</p> <p>Makeup exams will be given <u>only</u> in the case of serious illness, accident, or emergency. (accompanied by a formal medical excuse in the case of illness, or other formal documentation in the case of accident or emergency). Whenever possible, the instructor should be contacted in person, <u>in advance</u> for the scheduled exam.</p> <p>Students are NOT allowed to use your laptop during class. Also, I require that cell phones and other electronic messaging portals be turned off during class. If you have to use a laptop for taking notes due to handwriting issues, please contact to instructor. "Incivility" in the classroom and disrespectful behavior (e.g. doing unrelated work, having side conversations, sleeping, or texting, etc.) will negatively affect your final attendance grade. I expect that students often will disagree with each other. I will encourage an atmosphere in which we are free to challenge and</p>		

criticize each other's arguments, but I expect all of us to be respectful and civil in our disagreements

Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

The University's policy is that the commitment of the acts of cheating, lying, and deceit in any of their diverse forms (such as the use of ghost-written papers, the use of substitutes for taking examinations, the use of illegal cribs, plagiarism, and copying during examinations) is dishonest and must not be tolerated. Moreover, knowingly to aid and abet, directly or indirectly, other parties in committing dishonest acts is in itself dishonest. Students who partake in such behaviors **will fail this course** and be referred to the university administration for further disciplinary action.

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Text and required supplies

No textbooks required. All readings from book chapters, journal articles and newspaper articles will be provided.

Instructor's Profile

Dr. Young Soo Kim is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Loyola University New Orleans. He holds a Ph.D. degree in Political Science from Purdue University at West Lafayette. His research interests surround international relations theories, mechanism of foreign aid policy choice, politics of global HIV/AIDS and International Relations of East Asia. His work has appeared in several peer-reviewed journals such as *Comparative European Politics*, *Asian Perspective*, *International Politics*, *International Area Studies Review*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, and *Journal of International and Area Studies*.

Weekly Course Schedule			
Week	Topics	Assignments	Remarks
1	Economic Development of South Korea	TBA	Students are able to understand how South Korea got out of adjacent poverty in the aftermath of the Korean war from the domestic and international viewpoints
2	Democratization of South Korea	TBA	Students are able to understand how South Korea democratized the political system from draconian authoritarian rule.
3	Inter-Korea Relations and Reunification	TBA	Students are able to understand the relations between South Korea and North Korea in the context of national agenda of reunification and international relations for regional peace and stability.
4	International Relations of South Korea	TBA	Students are able to grasp how South Korea has survived in the very competitive regional (or international) landscape surrounded by powerful actors including the US, China, Japan, and Russia.
5	Prospect of South Korea; Final Exam		