

[IEE3108-01] MODERN KOREAN HISTORY

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[COURSE INFORMATION]

COURSE DESCRIPTION & GOALS	This course is an introductory survey of the development of Korean society throughout the modern era from the end of the Chosŏn dynasty (1392-1910) to the present. Using primary and secondary sources, we will examine the history and processes of social transformation, focusing on the unique historical, political, social, and economic situation of Korea, but within a larger East Asian and global context. Specifically, students will examine the evolution of Korean society through internally and externally imposed changes as the rise of the modern nation-state converged with the penetration of foreign political influence and the global world economy.
PREREQUISITE	None
COURSE REQUIREMENTS	Students must attend classes, complete daily reading assignments, participate actively in class discussions, and complete three exams. There will have an exam at the end of each week that will cover the readings and lectures for that week. The exams will include multiple-choice and short answer questions. Due to the nature of the material, exam questions may refer to material covered in previous weeks. Audio-video recordings of lectures and discussions are <u>not</u> permitted. Students with documented disabilities will be granted accommodations and arrangements suitable to their situation with the appropriate confidentiality.
GRADING POLICY	Attendance and participation: 20% Midterm Exam: 40% Final Exam: 40% Attendance is mandatory. Per Yonsei policy, missing 1/3 of all classes automatically results in failure.
TEXTS & REFERENCES	Readings will be available as pdf files on the Yonsei LearnUs platform.
INSTRUCTOR'S PROFILE	Howard Kahm is an Associate Professor at the Underwood International College of Yonsei University. He received his doctoral degree in Asian Languages and Civilizations from the University of California Los Angeles. Specializing in Korean and Japanese economic history, Howard Kahm has published articles on the early Koryŏ dynasty, colonial Korean department stores, and education and economic forms during the American occupation of Korea.

[WEEKLY SCHEDULE]

* Your detailed explanation would be very helpful for prospective students to get a pre-approval for credit-transfer from their home university in advance.

WEEK	DAILY TOPIC & CONTENTS	COURSE MATERIAL & ASSIGNMENTS	REFERENCE
1	Course Introduction	Class Introduction History and historiography How to read an academic article	
	Late Chosŏn Korea	Ch'oe Ikhyŏn, "Memorial Opposing Treaty with Japan, 1876", King Kojong, "An Edict Ordering the Destruction of Steles Excluding the West" (1882)	
	Open Ports Korea (1876-1905)	Sinwoo Lee, "Blurring Boundaries: Mixed Residence, Extraterritoriality, and Citizenship in Seoul, 1876-1910," <i>Journal of Korean Studies</i> 21-2 (Spring 2016): 71-100.	
	Protectorate Korea (1905-1910)	Christine Kim, "Politics and Pageantry in Protectorate Korea (1905-10): The Imperial Progresses of Sunjong," <i>The Journal of Asian Studies</i> 68-3 (Aug. 2009): 835-859.	
	Early Colonial Korea	Todd A. Henry, "Sanitizing Empire: Japanese Articulations of Korean Otherness and the Construction of Early Colonial Seoul, 1905-1919," <i>The Journal of Asian Studies</i> 64-3 (Aug. 2005): 639-675.	
2	Colonial Korea and the Comfort Women	J. Mark Ramseyer, "Contracting for sex in the Pacific War," <i>International Review of Law and Economics</i> 65 (March 2021): online version.	
	Late Colonial Korea and Liberation	Howard Kahm, "Between Empire and Nation: A Micro-Historical Approach to Japanese Repatriation and the Korean Economy During the US Occupation of Korea, 1945-6," <i>Journal of Contemporary History</i> 51-1 (January 2016): 124-144.	
	The Korean War and North Korea	Bumsu Kim, "Are North Korean Compatriots 'Korean'?" The Trifurcation of Ethnic Nationalism in South Korea during the Syngman Rhee era (1948-1960)," <i>Journal of Korean Studies</i> 24-1 (March 2019): 149-171.	Midterm Exam
	The Era of High-Speed Growth in Korea	Nae-Young Lee, "The Automobile Industry," <i>The Park Chung Hee Era</i> , ed. Pyong-guk Kim and Ezra Vogel (Harvard Univ. Press, 2011), 295-321.	
	Militarized Industrialization in South Korea	Peter Banseok Kwon, "Building Bombs, Building a Nation: The State, Chaebŏl, and the Militarized Industrialization of South Korea, 1973-1979," <i>The Journal of Asian Studies</i> 79-1 (Feb. 2020): 51-75.	
3	Social Change and Economic Growth	Caroline Norma, "Demand from Abroad: Japanese Involvement in the 1970's Development of South Korea's Sex Industry," <i>Journal of Korean Studies</i> 19-2 (2014): 399-428.	
	Modern Korean Society	Kimberly D. McKee, "Monetary Flows and the Movements of Children: The Transnational Adoption Industrial Complex," <i>Journal of Korean Studies</i> 21-1 (Spring 2016): 137-178.	
	South Korea Pop Culture	Heekyoung Cho, "The Platformization of Culture: Webtoon Platforms and Media Ecology in Korea and Beyond," <i>The Journal of Asian Studies</i> 80-1 (Feb. 2021): 73-93.	
	Coronavirus in Korea	Jaeho Kang, "The Media Spectacle of a Techno-City: COVID-19 and the South Korean Experience of the State of Emergency," <i>The Journal of Asian Studies</i> 79-3 (Aug. 2020): 589-598.	
	Wrap-up Class		Final Exam