

Communication 3 Introduction to the Korean News Media

In this course, you will learn the nature and structure of the Korean news industry from a broad perspective. You will learn how to compare different types of news media to understand the unique features of each by taking field trips and preparing a final project.

Sociology 1 Korean Society

This introductory course is designed to provide an overview of broad issues related to Korean history, society, and culture with an emphasis on changes and continuities in Korea. This course will begin with an overview of the cultural traits and historical background of Korea. We will then explore themes relevant to understanding Korea such as Confucianism, modernization and industrialization, transition to democracy, US-Korea relations, and popular culture in contemporary Korea. Following, we will discuss social issues in modern Korean society. Specifically, we will focus on noticeable social changes and problems following the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis. Finally, the North Korean regime and its nuclear threat will be briefly discussed. This course will focus on important historical junctures of Korea and its impact.

Sociology 2 Gender and Society

This class aims to introduce basic concepts and theories regarding gender and sexuality, and to encourage students to see the many ways in which sexuality is connected to politics, culture, science, and the economy. It explores topics relevant to gender and Korean society such as family, education fever, multiculturalism and immigration, discrimination, misogyny and hallyu from the beginning of the modern era to current times. Through these themes, this course aims to expand the student's understanding of Korean society and build their own perspectives.

Political Science History of Korean Politics

The 'Korean way' of politics has perplexed and intrigued scholars and policy-makers for many years. The Republic of Korea (South Korea) has attained a rare but exemplary success as it has achieved both spectacular economic growth and political liberalization. In contrast, North Korea has come to represent a grave threat to international security, a challenge to human rights regime, and a failed economy. Recently, there have been an increasing number of intellectual and political debates both inside and outside Korea on whether it can cope with the consequences of further political and economic "maturation." Since South Korea has, in recent history, toppled authoritarian military regimes and built one of the most affluent economies, this course will examine what Korean citizens themselves believe democracy and governance mean and how their country needs to identify itself as a global power. As we explore democratization theories and the Korean experience, we will discuss the following topics: civil society vs. authoritarian state, the rise and fall of the minjung ideology and student movement, the legacy of Japanese colonial occupation and the Korean War, ethnic nationalism and Korea's response to globalizations. The second part of the course will examine North Korea—the leadership, the system, military threats and inter-Korean relations.

Korean Language Beginner and Intermediate Level

Korean Language courses are provided by the Sogang Korean Language Education Center, which is renowned for its task-based language instruction that teaches students to communicate in Korean efficiently. The program employs a student-centric curriculum that requires students to combine thinking and performing in Korean in order to develop communicative competence. Students will take a placement test and be assigned according to their proficiency.

- * Courses are subject to change.
- * Students are required to take 6 credits (3 credits per course).
- * We advise students to consult with an academic counselor at their home university regarding the transfer of credits before applying to the program.

Field Trips

Students will have a chance to explore Korea by visiting dynamic cultural sites around the Peninsula. Destinations include places in Seoul and surrounding areas where you may experience aspects of both modern and traditional life in Korea first-hand. These weekly excursions will give students a chance to get to know each other and even develop life-long friendships.

- **Week 1 - Seoul City Tour**
Royal Palaces, Namsan Seoul Tower, National Museum of Korea, etc.
- **Week 2 - DMZ**
Panmunjeom, 3rd Tunnel, Dora Observatory, and meeting with North Korean Defectors
- **Week 3 - Jeonju Hanok Village and Muju Taekwondo-won**
Traditional cultural activities, Taekwondo practice, Cooking class, etc.
- * Field trip fees are included in the tuition and the schedule is subject to change.

Tuition and Fees

- **Mandatory (Application Fee and Tuition): KRW 2,800,000**
* Application Fee of KRW 100,000 is non-refundable.
- **Dormitory Fee (optional): KRW 700,000**
* Dormitory Check-in: June 24 (Sun.)/Check-out: July 21 (Sat.)

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Program Overview

The Sogang International Summer Program (SISP) is a 4-week program for students who wish to broaden their academic experience. It is also a great opportunity to explore Korea and engage in cultural exchanges with students and faculty members from around the world. By joining our program, students may combine intensive classwork with exciting field trips and various extracurricular activities alongside Sogang University students. Students can also take advantage of their stay in Sinchon where Sogang University is located, the lively college town in the center of Seoul!

SISP Benefits

Intensive Academic Courses and Korean Language Courses

The SISP offers an opportunity for students from all over the world to broaden their perspectives. This program covers various aspects of contemporary Korean society and culture to supplement students' diverse academic interests. Along with academic courses, Sogang Korean Language Education Center provides top-notch Korean language courses which are renowned worldwide for their excellence.

Field Trips and Extracurricular Activities

Students are invited to participate in field trips each Friday. Visits will include heritage sites and landmarks like the royal palaces and Hanok Village, Namsan Tower in Seoul, the demilitarized zone (DMZ), and the historic city of Jeonju. Students will experience Korean society and culture through various hands-on activities with Sogang buddies. They will experience a Nanta Performance (Korea's best nonverbal musical), Calligraphy, making kimchi, Taekwondo, and K-Pop dance, and much more to come.

Personal Care and the Warmest Hospitality

Sogang offers personal care and support to our international students in order to make their stay in Korea as pleasant and memorable as possible. The buddy program in particular helps students adapt to a new culture and surroundings.

Sinchon, Korea's Cultural Epicenter for Young Adults

The Sinchon area, where Sogang University is located, is well acknowledged as a "College Town". This is because some of the most renowned universities in Korea, namely Sogang, Yonsei, Ewha, and Hongik are all located nearby. Naturally, the streets of Sinchon are a cultural hub for the young and vibrant from all around Seoul to get together.

Academic Calendar

- **Period** - June 25 (Mon.) ~ July 20 (Fri.), 2018 (4 weeks)
- **Opening Ceremony** - June 25 (Mon.)
- **Classes & Extracurricular Activities** - June 26 (Tue.) ~ July 19 (Thu.)
 - * Three field trips on each Fridays except last Friday
- **Closing Ceremony** - July 20 (Fri.)

Academic Courses

- **Course Dates**
Monday through Thursday, no classes on Fridays
- **Course Time**
Morning Class, 9:00am ~ 12:00pm/Afternoon Class, 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm
- **Course Hours**
3 hours/day x 15 days = 45 hours/course

• Course List

Field of Major	Course Title	Credits
Communication	K-pop and Cultural Studies	3credits
	Understanding Contemporary Korean Cinema	3credits
	Introduction to the Korean News Media	3credits
Sociology	Korean Society	3credits
	Gender and Society	3credits
Political Science	History of Korean Politics	3credits
Korean Language	Beginner	3credits
	Intermediate	3credits

Communication 1 K-pop and Cultural Studies

This course is designed to help students understand South Korea (hereafter referred to as Korea) through K-pop and Korean popular music, and enjoy Korean culture better by knowing more about Korean history. Modern forms of Korean popular music, which fascinate people around the globe, did not merely spring into existence from nowhere. Instead, they emerged and have constantly co-evolved within political, economic, and technological spheres in historical contexts. This course explores how Korean popular music has adapted its current forms, corresponding with the national and international contexts. In doing so, this course focuses on Korean modern history and cultural studies theories for a deep understanding of Korean popular music and culture.

Communication 2 Understanding Contemporary Korean Cinema

This class is designed to introduce students to contemporary Korean culture and history through cinema. By watching and discussing two films per week, it will provide a broad purview of Korea at its most historical, helping you better grasp how South Korea has arrived at the present. Rather than offering a mere compilation of factual knowledge, it seeks to challenge common assumptions about Korean Culture being 'Totally Unique' or 'Absolutely Other.' To that end, it will engage key aspects of modern Korean history such as the Korean War, the Gwangju Massacre, Confucianism, comfort women, crisis of masculinity and the rise of feminism, and last but not least, globalization, focusing on heated debates and recent controversies. Set against this backdrop, your understanding of contemporary Korea and Korean Cinema, I hope, will never be the same. Class is conducted in English. No prior knowledge of Korea or the Korean language is expected.

