

INTRODUCTION TO KOREAN CIVILIZATION

HOURS: MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
1:30 - 3:00PM (CT) | 2:30 - 4:00PM (ET)
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This course will serve as a general introduction to Korean history and culture from earliest times to the present. A broad historical overview of the various social, economic, political, and religious traditions in premodern Korea will be accompanied by an in-depth discussion of Korea's turbulent path towards modernization. Topics to be covered in this course include foundation myths, ancient literature, colonialism, civil war, authoritarianism, rapid industrialization, and democratization in Korea. In this course we will also examine the relation between state, family, gender, and class. Students will be asked to explore these and other topics by applying a context-sensitive reading and critical analysis of the material that will be covered in this course. There are no prerequisites, but some background in the study of history and culture is recommended. Readings will include both primary material in translation and secondary scholarship.

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