

NWC 111
Korean Culture
Proposal to Establish New Course

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PROCEDURE FOR THE MODIFICATION* OF
THE UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE CURRICULUM

PROPOSAL NAME NWC 1xx - Korean Culture

To Revise (check one)

To establish/change (check one)

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☐ TRACK/OPTION
☐ MINOR
☐ CONCENTRATION

☒ NEW COURSE
☐ COURSE TITLE
☐ COURSE DESCRIPTION
☐ COURSE PREREQUISITE(S)
☐ COURSE LABEL

☐ COURSE LEVEL
☐ COURSE OUTLINE
☐ OTHER _____

1. DEPARTMENT APPROVAL (Chair's signature)

Abubakar M. B. Saad Date 10/8/1999

2. The following affected departments have been notified of the proposal (attach copy)

Social Sciences J. Samson Date 10/7/1999

3. SCHOOL CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (Chair's signature)

Approval Kathy Weiss Date 10/18/99

Disapproval (reasons, comments or recommendations**) _____

_____ Date _____

4. GRADUATE COUNCIL (Chair's signature - when applicable)

Approval _____ Date _____

Disapproval (reasons, comments or recommendations**) _____

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5. COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM & ACADEMIC STANDARDS (Chair's signature)

Approval _____ Date _____

Disapproval (reasons, comments or recommendations**) _____

_____ Date _____

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Approval _____ Date _____

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_____ Date _____

NOTE: Undergraduate curriculum requests are to be sent to the Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Academic Standards. **Graduate** curriculum requests are to be sent to the Graduate Council.

*CIP number exists and/or additional equipment and/or staffing is not required.

**Use additional page(s) if necessary.

Course Proposal

Course Number: NWC 1XX

Course Title: Korean Culture

Semester Hour Credit: 3

Standard Grading: Yes

Prerequisites: None

Rationale:

This interdisciplinary course introduces the history and culture of Korea, utilizing the concepts in the social sciences and the humanities. It offers students an understanding of the various aspects of Korea in world-historical and global frameworks. By looking at a particular country through both local and global perspectives, drawing upon ideas developed in world and comparative history, anthropology, sociology, and other social sciences, it is hoped that students can avoid the diverse limitations of the exceptionalist argument and may revise their understanding of the differences and similarities among groups.

Course Description:

This course adopts an historical-cultural approach to the study of Korea, illustrating how the new concepts of the various social sciences enable us to better understand an unfamiliar culture in the world-historical context and thus to reexamine the received views of Asia in general as “irrational,” “stagnant,” and unable to develop modern science and economic system. The course focuses on Korean society, culture, politics, national security, economy, and history, and places Korea in East-Asian and world history, to get a more balanced picture of the locality and the world.

Course Outline:

Part I: Society and Culture

1. Physical Environment
2. Population
3. Language
4. Social Structure and Values
5. Education
6. Religion

Part II: Politics and National Security

1. Government
2. Political Dynamics
3. Foreign Policy
4. National Security

Part III: Economy

1. Government and Economic Development
2. Foreign Economic Relations
3. Industries
4. Agriculture
5. Labor Force

6. Economic Future

Part IV: History

1. Prehistoric Times: The Paleolithic Age
2. Walled-Town States, Confederated Kingdoms, and the Three Kingdoms
3. The Silla Unification
4. The Later Three Kingdoms
5. The Koryo Unification
6. The Choson (Yi) Dynasty, 1392-1910
 - Development of a Yangban Society
 - Emergence of the Neo-Confucian Literati
 - Economic Expansion and New Movements in the Scholarship and the Arts
 - Decline of the Dynasty
 - Forces of Reform
7. Korea under Japanese Rule, 1910-1945
8. Liberation and the Division of the Korean Peninsula, 1945-1948
9. The Korean War, 1950-1953
10. The Rulers and the Protesters, 1948-1990
11. Economic Development, 1945-1990

Part V: Korea in East-Asian and World History

1. Classical Euro-American Views of East Asia in World History
2. New Views of Asia
 - Commerce
 - Trade
 - Science
 - Culture
3. Future of East Asia in World History

Time Provision:

This course is to be offered as part of the Non-Western Cultures series.

Bibliographical Materials:

The library has resources adequate to support this course.