

Korean Studies (KS)

Minor requirements in Korean Studies

Required semester hours

21 sh, minimum

Required core courses

KS 1010, 1020, 2610, 3410, 3610, 4910

Notes and Restrictions

- Students must complete a form listing the courses they have taken to complete the minor, to be obtained from the department and on the department website.
- Students must turn in a simple portfolio to the chair of the department containing the following:
 1. A statement of their specific goals upon entering the program
 2. A self-assessment of the achievement of those goals-including what educational experiences most enhanced their learning, curricular and extracurricular.
 3. Two samples of student work from each course: completed: projects, essays or exams.

GE Designates a course that fulfills all or part of a General Education (G.E.) requirement; see the General Education Program section of the catalog for more information.

1010 **Basic Korean I (4 sh)** GE

Introduction to contemporary Korean language through materials relating to culture and civilization, with equal emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Coordinated laboratory work and field work.

1020 **Basic Korean II (4 sh)** GE

Introduction to contemporary Korean language through materials relating to culture and civilization, with equal emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Coordinated laboratory work and field work. Prerequisite: KS 1010.

2410 **Introduction to North Korea Studies (4 sh)**

North Korea remains the world's most closed communist society. The dilemmatic situation of North Korea is to open the country to introduce industrial development or to close firmly to maintain current power structure. Interactions with South Korea, the United States, Japan, Russia, and China are important factors on determining North Korea's future. Topics of this course will include history of the nation's division, dynamics of socio-demographic change, political structure, economic, and international relations. Thematic topics are hunger, health, human rights, and psychology of the defectors.

2610 **Korean History and Culture (4 sh)**

Intensive exploration of Korean culture and history. Topics include the myth, its cultural relevance, political developments, power elites, cultural identity, religion, arts, the enlightenment movement, the independence movement from Japanese colonization, development of democracy, labor and gender issues, the Korean War, foreign relations, and the impacts of cold war regime and reunification issues. Taught in English.

3410 **Korean Immigrant Sociology (4 sh)**

Study of the dynamics of Korean culture and Korean immigrants. Topics include adaptation, intercultural acculturation, education of next generations, family life, interracial marriage, ethnic conflict

with business, religion, economic and political functions. Taught in English.

3610 **Modern Korea (4 sh)**

Study of the dynamics of Korean modernization; processes of social, economic, and political phenomena. Topics include demographic transition, social change and its effect on family and organizations, economic development, trade, and the political system, including the unification process. Cross-listed with SOC 3610

4910 **Independent Study in Korean Studies (1-4 sh)**

Advanced independent research.