# ISM4515 History of Korea-US Relations

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## COURSE INFORMATION

**COURSE DESCRIPTION & GOALS**

This course examines Korea-US relations from the late 19th century to the present. The course begins with the first encounters of the US and the Joseon Dynasty in the late 19th century and then discusses the evolution of the bilateral relations focusing on key developments and events. Finally, it examines the current relations between the US and the two Koreas. The topics to be covered include, but not limited to: America as an imperial power, US-Joseon relations, the division of the Korean peninsula, the Korean War, Carter’s human rights diplomacy, US-ROK military alliance, North Korea’s nuclear crises, Obama’s “strategic patience” toward North Korea, and Korean immigrants in the US. Upon completing the course, students should be able to acquire essential knowledge, broad perspectives, and analytical skills on Korea-US relations.

Each session consists of a lecture and discussion. Select video clips will be shown throughout the term.

**PREREQUISITE**

- There is no prerequisite for the course.
- This course is intended for any student who is interested in Korea-US relations regardless of their major or background.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Grades for this class will be based on the following components.

- **Mid-term**
  The mid-term exam will consist of essay and short-answer questions. One week before the exam, the instructor will pass out review questions and pick questions for the exam from the list of review questions.

- **Final exam**
  The same format as the mid-term.

- **Oral presentation**
  Students will give a Power Point presentation of an assigned reading (journal article or book chapter) or a political leader.

- **Discussion & Attendance**
  Active discussion and regular attendance is expected.

**GRADING POLICY**

The final grade will be calculated as follows:

- Midterm exam 30%
- Final exam 35%
- Power Point presentation 15%
- Discussion 10%
- Class Attendance 10%

**TEXTS & REFERENCES**

**Required Textbook**

**ISBN:** 978-0801883316

*NOTE: Purchase this textbook from online vendors such as amazon.com. It will NOT be available at the Yonsei bookstore.*
**Course Syllabus**

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*Supplementary readings* in PDF or Word will be made available in the course website.

**INSTRUCTOR’S PROFILE**

Dr. Seung-Ho Joo  
Professor of Political Science  
The University of Minnesota-Morris

**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.

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| 1    | 1. U.S. Entanglement in Northeast Asia  
a. Sino-centric World Order  
b. US as an imperial power  
2. The First Encounters with Joseon  
a. Gun Boat Diplomacy  
b. US-Joseon Treaty (1882) | Required Readings:  
4. The Division of Korea (1945)  
5. US Military Government (1945-48)  
| 3    | 7. Syngman Rhee (1948-60)  
a. US-ROK Defense Treaty  
8. Park Chung-Hee (1961-79)  
a. The Pueblo Incident  
b. The Axe Murder Incident  
c. The Vietnam War  
d. Human Rights | 7. Lee, pp. 54-64.  
8. Lee, pp. 64-112. | Mid-term exam |
| 4    | 9. Chun Doo-Hwan & Roh Tae-Woo  
a. Democratization  
10. Kim Young-Sam  
| 5    | 11. Kim Dae-Jung  
a. The Sunshine Policy  
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