

## *KOREAN POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS*

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### [COURSE INFORMATION]

COURSE DESCRIPTION & GOALS	<p>This course explores the changes in politics, economics, society and foreign policy of South Korea. In the 1950s, South Korea was one of the poorest countries in the world with minimal foreign relations. However, South Korea rapidly developed its economy and transitioned its political system to democracy. These changes led to the demand for different foreign relations. Thus, in this course, we explore how South Korea developed its economy and achieved the transition to democracy. We also discuss South Korea's international relations including the North Korean nuclear crisis, changed relationship between the US and South Korea, issues in the Korea-Japan relationship and South Korea's changed foreign policy towards China and Russia. At the end of the class, students should have a good understanding of Korean politics and foreign policy.</p>																	
PREREQUISITE	None																	
COURSE REQUIREMENTS	<p>Two Exams (35% each): <b>No make-up exam will be given unless students have a university approved excuse.</b></p> <p>A Research Paper and Presentation (20%): 1,000-1,200 words</p> <p>Attendance and Class Participation (10%): Students are allowed two unexcused absences. Additional absence will result in losing 1 final point for each absence. Active participation in class discussion is encouraged and may be awarded extra credit.</p>																	
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TEXTS & NOTES	<p><b>Chapters of the following books will be available:</b></p> <p>Heo, Uk and Terence Roehrig. 2018. <i>The Evolution of the South Korea-United States Alliance</i>. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press</p> <p>Heo, Uk and Terence Roehrig. 2014. <i>South Korea's Rise: Economic Development, Power, and Foreign Relations</i>. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Heo, Uk and Terence Roehrig. 2010. <i>South Korea Since 1980</i>. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.</p>																	
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**[WEEKLY SCHEDULE]**

WEEK (PERIOD)	WEEKLY TOPIC & CONTENTS	COURSE MATERIAL & ASSIGNMENTS	NOTES
1	Introduction, Early History, Economic Development	Heo and Roehrig. 2010. Ch. 1, 4 Heo and Roehrig 2014. Ch. 2	
2	Transition to Democracy, Democratic Consolidation, New Political Issues after Democratization	Heo and Roehrig. 2010. Ch. 2 & 3 Heo and Roehrig 2018. Ch. 3	
3	Globalization, Financial Crisis, Economic Reform, and Free Trade Agreements  <b>Mid-term Exam</b>	Heo and Roehrig. 2010. Ch. 5 Heo and Roehrig 2018. Ch. 5	There will be a review for the exam.
4	Development Power Theory, Foreign Policy Decision Making Theories, Inter-Korean Relations and the North Korean Nuclear Crisis	Heo and Roehrig. 2010. Ch. 6 Heo and Roehrig 2014. Ch. 3 Heo and Roehrig 2018. Ch. 1	
5	The South Korea-United States Alliance and the Relationship between South Korea and Japan	Heo and Roehrig 2014. Ch. 6 Heo and Roehrig 2018. Ch. 2-4	There will be a brief lecture on how to write a research paper.

WEEK (PERIOD)	WEEKLY TOPIC & CONTENTS	COURSE MATERIAL & ASSIGNMENTS	NOTES
6	South Korea's Foreign Relations with China.  Research paper Presentation  Final Exam	Heo and Roehrig 2010. Ch. 8 Heo and Roehrig 2014. Ch. 5	There will be a review for the exam.