



Syllabus for:
Understanding of Korean Culture and Living

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South Korea is a country like no other in the world. BTS, the fastest internet in the world, and K-dramas are what many people may first think about but there is so much more. Korea is fast changing, dynamic, hip, cool, and confusing all at the same time, but that is what makes it a country like no other. There is a lot happening that might not be so easy to understand unless you have an experienced guide to help you navigate.

This course will examine many aspects of life in Korea and the cultural identity of Korean people taught in fun and easy to understand 50 minute modules. The course professor is from America but has been a full time resident of Korea since coming to Korea as an exchange student in 1992. In that time, the professor has seen the last 30 years of Korean history first hand and had an array of unique experiences including travel to North Korea! His understanding of the country from the perspective of a foreigner is what will make this course more meaningful and enjoyable for you. For those interested in Korea and all things Korean, this is the class you have been waiting for.



Daily Schedule

Class	Topic
1	Class introduction + send me any questions you want answers to related to Korea. I will answer <i>your</i> questions on Day 6!
2	Korea in the 1950s- Korea after 1950 and its complicated relationship with Japan and North Korea. How did Korea get to where it is now? -Introduce video project #1- All students will have to prepare a short video on some aspect of Korea / Korean society and make a 3-4-minute presentation about it. (These videos will be watched in Day 7.)
3	Understanding complex relationships in Korea: Sometimes, a friend is not a friend. Seniors and Juniors, weekend couples, goose fathers, tiger moms, collective mind vs. individual, generational differences in families / society.
4	Confucianism & its influence in Korean society. It is everywhere in society and shapes many decisions made by people and the government.
5	Korean food and drink. Did you know that Soju is the #1 liquor in the world in terms of sales? Korean food and drinking culture is unlike anywhere in the world.
6	What is it like to live in Korea as a foreigner? Learn from me as I answer the questions that <i>you</i> sent me earlier.
7	===Watch student video presentations===
8	Introduce video project #2 (due in Day 13)- All students will have to prepare a different video on some aspect of Korea and make a 3-4-minute presentation about it. (These videos will be watched in Class 14 & 15.) ===Watch student video presentations===

Class	Topic (continued)
9	Some awesome things about living in Korea- Food, internet, shopping online, PC Bang, 24 hour food delivery, living on Coupang and Karrot Market, cheap public transportation, Amazing and affordable healthcare
10	Opening a business in Korea- what are some of the benefits? How can you live the Korean dream?
11	K-Beauty and finding love for men and women- It's an obsession- Did you know that Korean men buy 25% of worlds cosmetics. Plastic Surgery and looking your best at all times.
12	History of Music in Korea —K-Pop is so much more than BTS! It started with trot, ballad, Seo Taiji & Boys, H.O.T., JYP, Wonder Girls, Black Pink, and finally BTS. Korean Dramas & Movies- Korean entertainment is so much more than Squid Games!
13	The rise of Korean sports- Golf, baseball, football, e-sports
14	===Watch student videos===
15	===Watch student videos=== Class finishes. ☹

Note: The class contents are subject to change.