

AP/KOR 3600 Contemporary Korean Culture

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Course description:

This course introduces students to contemporary Korean culture, identity, and society and to help students develop a dynamic understanding of contemporary Korean culture by taking an interdisciplinary approach to cultural and socio-political issues of Korean society. Over the last five decades, Korea has undergone a rapid societal and cultural change. This new development and many other social changes will be explored in terms of Korean society, gender, family, and identity issues. This course combines online lectures and virtual discussions of readings.

Organization of the course:

Students will study the lecture videos prior to the Zoom meetings and will participate in virtual presentations as well as discussions. The Zoom meetings will occur bi-weekly for about 90 minutes on the dates assigned on the course schedule. All the course materials will be provided on Moodle.

Class meetings:

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Tuesdays (EST).

Please note that this is an **online course**. The submission of assignments, participation/discussion and test-taking will take place on the course's Moodle, while discussion and group presentation will be held on Zoom synchronously. Students will have to sign up on Moodle for one time slot to meet with the instructor on Zoom.

Class readings:

Reading materials will be provided on Moodle.

Evaluation:

Assessment	Value (% of final grade)	Note
Participation on Zoom	10%	Every two weeks about 90 minutes
Reading response	20% (4 sets x 5% each)	On Moodle forum
Mid-term exam (take-home)	25%	Short essay questions
Group presentation	20%	3-4 people for 15 minutes
Essay on Korean culture on Media	25%	4-5 pages, double-spaced