

Course Syllabus

Winter 2021-2022

Date: 29 December~14 January

Time:12:30 – 15:00

Instructor:

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Course Description:

This course is intended to provide college-level education in Korean history from antiquity to 1900. It will locate Korea before its division to South and North Korea in world history, comparing its developments and historical evolution with East Asian neighbors, China and Japan, and the West. Students are expected to understand how time has determined Korea as one unit of a human civilization and how Korea has found its way for survival, prosperity, and self-determination in the dangerous world. Being the vortex of regional politics, economy, and military hegemony, the history of Korea can give students deeper insights on past, present, and future of East Asia.

Course Organization:

Lectures and seven afternoon excursions to historical sites in Seoul. Short writing assignments and representations after the visit. Mid-term and final exams.

Evaluation:

Attendance (20%), Short writing assignment & representations (30%), Mid-term exam (25%), Final exam (25%).

Textbooks:

Excerpts from textbooks will be distributed by the instructor. The followings are examples.

Patricia Buckley Ebrey, *East Asia: A Cultural, Social, and Political History*, 2nd Edition.

Michael J. Seth, *A History of Korea: from antiquity to the present* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2011).

1. December 29 (W): Orientation
2. December 30 (Th): Early Civilizations in the Asian Continent
 - A visit to National Museum of Korea

Reading:

Ebrey, 8-19.

3. December 31 (F): Korean Indigenous States
 - A visit to Seoul Hanseong Baekje Museum

Ebrey, 36-47.

4. January 1 (Sat): Silla kingdom
 - Video lecture

Ebrey, 74-84

5. January 3 (M): Buddhist Korea
 - A visit to Chogye Temple and Insa-dong

Seth, 42-47; 49-59.

6. January 4 (T): Korea under the Mongolian Dominance
 - A visit to Temple of Confucius (Munmyo)

Ebrey, 94-97, 167-179.

7. January 5 (W): New Korea – Chosŏn dynasty
 - Students presentations on medieval Korea
 - Review session

Ebrey, 221-233; 240-244.

8. January 6 (Th): Mid-term Exam

9. January 7 (F): Mid-term Break

10. January 8 (Sat): Korea-Japan Relations

- A visit to Kyōngbok Palace

Ebrey, 245-256.

11. January 10 (M): Qing Empire and Chosŏn Korea

- A visit to Ch'angdok Palace

Seth, 210-222.

12. January 11 (T): The Age of Empire in East Asia

- A visit to Tōksu Palace and Chōngdong

Ebrey, 353-366.

13. January 12 (W): Korea and the Japanese Empire

- Student representations on Chosŏn Korea

Seth, 265-280.

14. January 13 (Th): Colonial Korea

- Review session

Ebrey, 391-401.

15. January 14 (F): Final exam

Others:

According to the University regulation no.57, students with disabilities can request special accommodation related to attendance, lecture, assignments or tests through personal contact with a course professor at the beginning of semester. In terms of students' requests, students can receive support from the course professor or Support Center for Students with Disabilities (SCSD).