

# **INTRODUCTION TO KOREAN HISTORY**

**2016 SPRING SEMESTER**

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**E-MAIL:**

**CLASS SCHEDULE and ROOM: M, W 15:00-16:15 / 다105**

**OFFICE HOURS: T 15:00-17:00 (다409) (or by appointment)**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course aims to provide the overview of Korea's long and rich History, especially from ancient era to early 19<sup>th</sup> century, for the freshman whose major is History and for the exchange students from all around the world who don't have any basic knowledge of the Korean History. The students will learn and study various historical facts, cultures, and perspectives on the Korean History; the brief history of Korean Kingdoms and Dynasties such as Old Joseon, the Three Kingdoms, Unified Silla, Goryeo, Joseon. Based on such historical facts, students will make sure how Korean people have developed their civilization and uniqueness.

No special knowledge of Korean history is required.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

After taking this course, you should be able to:

- Clearly understand and explain the basic historical facts Korean people have

experienced

- Describe the uniqueness of Korean History comparing with the other East Asian countries
- Critically debate the problems the contemporary Korean Society faces from historical perspective
- Perform a team research with a topic in pre-industrial Korean History
- Clearly present the outline of a team research to the audience

## REFERENCE BOOKS

### Diachronic Korean History

Ki-baek Lee (Translated by Edward W. Wagner), *A New History of Korea*, Harvard University Press, 1984  
(LEE, *New History*)

Carter J. Eckert and Ki-baek Lee, eds, *Old and New, Korea*, Harvard University Press, 1990  
(Eckert & Lee, *Old and New*)

Patricia B. EBREY, Anne WALTHALLEAST, and James B. PALAIS, *East Asia – A Cultural, Social, and Political History*, Houghton Mifflin Company, 2006 (E.W.P. *East Asia*)

Youngwoo Han(translated by Chaibong Hahm), *A Review of Korean History*, Kyongsaewon Press, 2010

### Specific Topics or Dynasty in Korean History

Edward J. Shultz, *Generals and Scholars: Military Rule in Medieval Korea*, University of Hawai'i Press, 2000  
(Shultz *G & S*)

John B. Duncan, *The Origins of the Chosôn Dynasty*, University of Washington Press, 2000  
(Duncan *The Origins*)

Martina Deuchler, *The Confucian Transformation of Korea: A Study of Society and Ideology*, Harvard University Press, 1992  
(Deuchler *The Confucian Transformation*)

James B. Palais, *Confucian Statecraft and Korean Institutions: Yu Hyôngwôn and the Late Chosôn Dynasty*, University of Washington Press, 2002(Second Printing)  
(Palais *Confucian Statecraft*)

Peter H. Lee and Wm. Theodore De Bary, *Sources of Korean Tradition* vol. 1, Columbia University Press, 1997  
(Lee & Bary *Sources*)

## **REQUIREMENTS**

### 1. Attendance (10 %)

In case that you are absent in class for some unavoidable reasons, you **MUST** notify the reason to the Professor.

### 2. Individual Assignment (10 %)

"My Life History"

The deadline of Submission; May 4<sup>th</sup>

Late paper submission will be penalized

A length of approximately 8 pages with double spaced and typed with 10-point font (Microsoft Word)

### 3. Exams (40 %)

### 4. Team presentation of analytical essay outline and Participation in Discussion (20 %)

Several students in a team

A topic each team can choose freely in ONLY pre-modern Korean History

### 5. Team Assignment: Analytical Essay by advancing a team presentation (20 %)

A length of approximately 7-10 pages with double spaced and typed with 10-point font on a developed topic from team presentation

The deadline of Submission; June 8<sup>th</sup>

# You must fulfill above requirements to get a grade for this course.

# This course will not allow any kind of plagiarism in papers. In case of plagiarism, I will give a grade F no matter what the reason may have been.)

## **Notice on ROMANIZATION and English Writing Clinic Program**

When we Romanize Korean, we follow the rule of Romanization promulgated by Korean government in 2009. FYI, refer to following website; <http://www.aks.ac.kr/glossary/default.asp>

University College at Ajou University provides English Writing Service by native speaker professor if you apply at following website; <http://portal.ajou.ac.kr/portal/goToMyPage.action>

# LECTURE SCHEDULE

## WEEK 1

**Introduction of This Course: Landscape of Korea**

**What is the Korean History?**

### Reading

F.R.C. *East Asia*: 1-16pp

## WEEK 2

**The Dawn of Civilization in Korean Peninsula and in Manchuria**

### Reading

Lee, *New History*: 1–35pp

Lee & De Bary, eds.: *Sources of Korean Tradition*, 1-33pp

## WEEK 3

**The Birth of the Three Kingdoms**

**Battle for Unification among the Three Kingdoms**

### Reading

LEE, *New History*: 36–109pp

E.W.P. *East Asia*: 116-136pp

## WEEK 4

**The Issues in the Contemporary East Asian Countries related to Ancient Korean History**

### Reading

LEE, *New History*: 36–109pp

E.W.P. *East Asia*: 116-136pp

## WEEK 5

### **Dynamic 'Corea': the Goryeo Dynasty**

#### Reading

Deuchler, *The Confucian Transformation*: 3-28pp

**E.W.P. *East Asia*: 176-191pp**

## WEEK 6

### **Presentation of Term paper outline I**

## WEEK 7

### **The Period of Military Rule (1170-1270)**

#### Reading

LEE, *New History*: 139–154pp

Shultz, *G & S*; 9-27pp

## WEEK 8

### **The Joseon between the Idea and the Real**

#### Reading

Duncan, *The Origin*: 11–51pp

Deuchler, *The Confucian Transformation*: 3-28pp

E.W.P. *East Asia*: 290-306pp

## WEEK 9

### **Review and Discussion**

## WEEK 10

### **Presentation of Term paper outline II**

## WEEK 11

### **In the Aftermath of the 16<sup>th</sup> century War in East Asia**

#### Reading

Yi Tae-jin, "Economic Transformation and Socio-Political Trends in Sixteenth-century East Asia," *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* 4, 1991

E.W.P. *East Asia*: 348-364pp

## WEEK 12

### **The *Yangban* and Genealogies**

#### Reading

Deuchler, *The Confucian Transformation*: 128-178pp

Miyajima Hiroshi, On the Construction Process of the Surname/Ancestral Seat Descent Groups in Korea as seen through Genealogies, *Sungkyun Journal of East Asian Studies* 10-1, 2010

Sangkuk Lee and Hyunjoon Park, "Marriage, Social Statue, and Family Succession in the medieval Korea (13c-15c)," *Journal of Family History* 33-2, 2008

## WEEK 13, 14

### **The Challenges for a Modern Nation**

Reading

E.W.P. *East Asia*: 376-392pp; 431-446pp; 447-464pp

WEEK 15

**Presentation of Term paper outline**

WEEK 16

**Course Review and Discussion; Korean People before and after Modern Period**

-----Collision of Tradition and Modern