

CSH 3823 Topics in World Culture: 2026 Summer Study Abroad in Korea

(3 credit hours, Program Dates: May 24 - June 12, 2026)

Course Description

This is a Korean cultural course, which will be held in South Korea during the summer of 2026. Immersing in Korean culture in Korea will help students maintain their understanding of the Korean language and culture. Throughout this course, students will participate in cultural activities, research on various topics, and create individual portfolios. The course allows students to maximize their cultural experiences as they visit new places, interact with new surroundings, and immerse themselves in Korean culture and environments. Students will be evaluated by weekly cultural group assignments, quizzes, portfolio, and their participation.

Instructor Information

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Course Goals

The goals of this course are:

- To improve students' knowledge and experiences of Korean culture.
- To understand how students' decisions and behaviors could be perceived by Korean people.
- To help students appreciate its cultural values alongside their own culture.
- To broaden students' worldviews through comparisons as global citizens.
- To improve their collaboration and cooperation with other students through weekly cultural group assignments.
- To enhance students' confidence in interacting with Korean people using what they have learned from UTSA or what they are learning at Hanyang University.
- To develop their critical thinking skills by participating in various activities and problem-solving in unexpected or culturally different situations that may arise in Korea.
- To reflect on how their experience in Korea can broaden their ways of thinking about other people, places, and things in other countries.

Grading Distribution

- Participation 20% (200 pts)
- 1st week assignment: Due by Sunday, May 31, 11:59 pm, 10% (100 pts)
- 1st Week portfolio Due by Sunday, May 31, 11:59 pm, 15% (150 pts)
- 2nd Week portfolio Due by Sunday, June 7, 11:59 pm, 15% (150 pts)
- 3rd Week portfolio Due by Sunday, June 14, 11:59 pm, 15% (150 pts)
- Final video Due by Sunday, June 21, 11:59 pm, 10% (100 pts)
- Quiz 15% (for Korean Daily Expressions) (150 pts)

<Grading scheme>

100-93	92-90%	89-86%	85-83%	82-80%	79-76%	75-73%	72-70%	69-66%	65-63%	62-60%	<59%
A(4.0)	A-(3.7)	B+(3.3)	B(3)	B-(2.7)	C+(2.3)	C(2)	C-(1.7)	D+(1.3)	D(1)	D-(0.7)	F

Excursions

- Campus Tour
- Seoul City Bus Tour
- Hongdae Busking Tours
- Nanta show
- The War Memorial of Korea Museum
- Gyeong-bok-gung Palace
- Dong-dae-mun Design Plaza (DDP)
- Han River Cruise Tour
- National Museum of Korea
- The Story of King Sejong Museum
- N Seoul Tower/Namsan Gol Hanok village
- Lotte World
- Korean dessert Making
- The War Memorial of Korea Museum
- Hyundai Motorstudio Goyang
- and more

* Subject to change

Code of Conduct

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[2026 Study Abroad Korea Regulations](#)

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- CDC Travel Website: www.cdc.gov/travel
- U.S. State Department Website: <http://www.state.gov>
- Consulate Website: <http://travel.state.gov/content/studentabroad>
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC): <https://www.osac.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>
- On Call: +1-978-651-9722, Email: trips@oncallinternational.com
<https://global.utsa.edu/international-travel/On%20Call%20International%20Information.html>
- UTSA Study Abroad, International Services / Rhonda Waller: +1 512-605-8668
- UTSA Police Department: +1 210-458-4242
- UTSA Counseling Services: +1 210-458-4140 (24-hour line)
- <https://www.utsa.edu/students/wellbeing/services/counseling.html>
- College Dean's office: 210-458-4350 (colfastudents@utsa.edu)
- Department's office (Department of Modern Languages and Literatures): 210-458-4377 (Chair: Whitney Chappell <Whitney.Chappell@utsa.edu>)

Note: The syllabus is subject to change at the instructor's discretion. Any changes/corrections to the course materials, assignment dates, or other updates will be communicated to the students ahead of time. You are responsible for checking Canvas for corrections or updates to the syllabus.