

## **The following courses are offered in South Korea:**

### **General Biology: BIOL 1110**

*Prerequisites:* Students enrolled in lecture must be registered for the co-requisite laboratory during the same semester. Entry-Level Standards: The student must have reading and writing skills at the college-entry level.

Studying in South Korea can provide students a once in a lifetime opportunity to not only explore a beautiful and vibrant country, but also to push academic frontiers, and embrace the value of hands-on, real world education and experience. South Korea is known for its beautiful, diverse terrain and range of wildlife. The country's humid continental and subtropical climate, with four distinct seasons, has made it to become a haven for migrating birds, and is considered home to red-crowned cranes, black bears, musk deer, spotted seals, lynx as well as nearly 100 species of fish. Whether exploring South Korea's large and bustling capital city, Seoul, with its rich and dynamic culture, or exploring the country's lush countryside of mostly mountains, coastal plains, rolling hills, river basins, and valleys, students are sure to enjoy a variety of interesting biological organisms and abundant gorgeous views. In addition to the natural resources, by traveling to South Korea, students will be offered the exceptional opportunity to experience firsthand the South Korea's multifaceted cultural identity and social history.

For more information about this course please [see the course syllabus](#).

### **English Composition II: ENGL 1020**

*Prerequisites:* ENGL 1010

The literature covered in the course - the fiction, poetry, and drama - will be English translations of modern and contemporary Korean texts. While reading modern Korean drama in Seoul, students may will visit the Korean National Theater, which lies within walking distance of our residence. Trips to Namsangol Hanok Village and the DMZ will bring to life classic plays such as Ch'a's Burning Mountain. Even more than its drama and fiction, modern Korean poetry engages with Korea's ancient literary traditions, so it is fitting that students will be reading and writing about it while exploring Jeonju, the city in South Korea that most successfully balances traditional and modern Korea. To understand modern Korean fiction, students will read and write about Han Kang's recent International Man Booker Prize-winning novel, *The Vegetarian*. Visiting one of South Korea's oldest Buddhist temples in Gyeongju and some of the most famous food markets in the country in Busan will give students insight into a few of the novel's most important themes. Overall, students will be able to form a deep connection to and understanding of the literature and culture of South Korea.

For more information about this course please [see the course syllabus](#).

### **Introduction to Film Studies: ENGL 2810**

*Prerequisites:* ENGL 1010

Introduction to Film Studies in South Korea offers students a broad knowledge of one-hundred years of world film history, as well as an understanding of the aesthetics and techniques of the unique art form of cinema through a line-up of feature films and shorts. Exploring film's connections to other arts such as literature, painting, and music in one of the most up and coming artistic cities in the

world, students will emerge from the course with an understanding of cinema as a dynamic part of our world cultural heritage.

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### **Introduction to Philosophy: PHIL 1030 (*No Prerequisites*)**

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an introductory survey of various philosophical issues. We will study problems that have been pondered by some of the major thinkers in the West, and then turn our attention to the history of Asian philosophy. While we will emphasize some basic principles of philosophy, it is also assumed that aspects of the philosophy that we will study may contribute to a deeper self-understanding.

Students will have an opportunity to experience South Korean culture by living in South Korea for a period of three weeks. Students will visit many of the historical, cultural, philosophical and religious locations. We will spend the week in three very unique destinations that represent unique elements of the South Korean culture. Our adventure will begin in Seoul, the capital of the country. During our time in Seoul, we will have the opportunity to visit religious temples, shrines, palaces, museums, and other points of interest. The next destination is the city of Jeonju, an area of South Korea that will provide students with an opportunity to learn more about the country's historical foundation. While in Jeonju, we will visit the ancient city to learn about the political, social, cultural and philosophical thought of the Joseon Dynasty. Jeju-do, a volcanic island will be our final destination. This island will provide an opportunity for philosophical reflection as we explore the local history and nature beauty associated with the lava tunnels, mountains and beaches.

The uniqueness of South Korea provides an optimal environment to study philosophy since so many philosophical schools and religious traditions have contributed to the region. Although the focus will be on many on philosophies unique to Asia, the course will also focus on contributions of thought from other area of the world. All students will be required to participate in a faculty directed field trips during the South Korea program.

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