

<b>The following information will be published on the Courses page of the <a href="#">Summer Sessions Website</a>:</b>			
<b>Course Title:</b>	DISCOVER KOREA		
<b>Course Number:</b>	ASIA 1480	<b>Credit Hours:</b>	3
<b>First Instructor:</b>	Seok Bae Jang	<b>First Instructor Email:</b>	seok.jang@vanderbilt.edu
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<b>Program start date:</b>	May 6th, 2026	<b>Program end date:</b>	May 29th, 2025
<b>Program destination(s):</b> <i>(Each city, country - start/end date)</i>	Seoul, South Korea		
<b>Does this course fulfill any AXLE credit? If so, what?</b>	INT		
<b>What are the academic pre-requisites (if any) for enrolling in this course?</b>	No pre-requisite		
<b>What are some are some conditions or challenges that students will face?</b> <i>(Ex. Hiking long distances, extreme temperatures, rocky terrain, etc.)</i>	Hiking about a half-day in a small mountain inside of Seoul and Seorak Mountain in Sokcho		
<b>What is covered in the student budget:</b>	Detailed answers below.		
Lodging (Total nights + included amenities):	24 nights stay in a hotel + included amenities		
Meals:	Total breakfasts: 4 Total lunches: 15 Total dinners: 5		
Transportation (Airfare, public transit, etc.):	Airport transportation, public transportation in Seoul, express trains and charter buses for day trips and overnight excursions.		
Supplies (Textbooks, gear, etc.):	Textbooks, supplies for activities		
Excursions (Tour fees, admission fees, etc.):	Tour fees, admission fees, etc.		
<b>What is <u>not</u> covered in the student budget:</b>	Detailed answers below.		
Lodging (Total nights):	Individual accommodation outside of the program period.		
Meals:	Total breakfasts: 19 Total lunches: 10 Total dinners: 19		
Transportation (international airfare, public transit, etc.):	Transportation for personal activities		
Supplies (Textbooks, gear, personal items, etc.):	Personal care items		
Excursions (Optional activities, tour fees, admission fees, etc.):	Personal activities		
<b>Visa needed for US passport holders?</b>	No		
<b>Is the cost of the visa included in the student fee?</b>	No		

<b>Does the course have a service-learning component:</b>	No
<b>Please provide the course description below:</b>	
<p>Discover South Korea: the home of BTS, BLACKPINK, TWICE and New Jeans; the country behind 'Squid Game', 'Parasite', 'K-pop Demon Hunters'; and the origin of Samsung Electronics, LG Electronics, Hyundai Motors, etc.</p> <p>A dynamic and innovative country, South Korea has captured the hearts of countless enthusiasts around the world with its popular culture. Superstars such as BTS, BLACKPINK, TWICE and New Jeans are at the forefront of the K-Pop sensation, while works such as 'Squid Game', 'Parasite' and 'K-pop Demon Hunters' have brought K-Drama and K-Movie into the international spotlight more than ever before. Moreover, South Korea has undergone remarkable economic transformation over the past few decades, turning into one of the world's largest and fastest-growing economies. Today, South Korea is one of the US's largest trading partners and is a global leader in Information technology. Additionally, South Korea boasts a storied history and navigates one of the most complex geopolitical situations in the world. The enduring security alliance between the US and South Korea plays a crucial role on the Korean peninsula.</p> <p>This program offers one day of basic Korean language instruction, along with meetings with Korean college students and several guest lectures by experts on Korean culture, politics, history, and economy. Participants will enjoy various cultural and business excursions, including a K-pop dance class, a cooking class, visits to famous cultural and business sites, and opportunities for a four-day overnight trip, a two-day overnight excursion, and day trips. Through this uniquely immersive experience, students will develop a new perspective and appreciation for South Korea and its rich culture, history, and economy.</p> <p>For more information about the excursions, please visit <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/discover-korea">https://sites.google.com/view/discover-korea</a> or contact Dr. Seok Bae Jang at <a href="mailto:seok.jang@vanderbilt.edu">seok.jang@vanderbilt.edu</a>.</p>	