

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN EVERYDAY LIFE: KOREANS AND KOREAN-AMERICANS

WINTER/SPRING 2017

HOURS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY

10:15AM - 11:30AM (CT) | 11:15AM - 12:30PM (ET)

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In this course, we will study the interrelationships between culture, language, and worldview-with a specific focus on Korea and Koreans (living in Korea and abroad). Through research, theory, videos, printed matter, and music, we will investigate:

-How language shapes, creates, and is created by behaviors, expectations, orientations, perceptions, and practices

-How language shapes ways of viewing time, space, identities, nation, belonging, exclusion, opinion, even sensory perception-focusing on such issues as:

- Family - structure, kinship, children, the elderly
- Food - taste, presentation; noodle/rice culture
- Politeness (e.g., face, directness, honorifics)
- Identity (e.g., national identity, gender identity)
- Advertising - electronics, food and beverages, fashion
- Media and Entertainment - Korean Wave, K Drama, K-Pop

No prior knowledge of Korean is required.

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