GW Institute for Korean Studies
2018 Summer Study Abroad
Program Schedule

Location: Seoul, Korea
Dates: Sunday, June 24, 2018 – Saturday, July 7, 2018

Important Notes:

1. Everyone should arrive in Seoul by **Sunday afternoon, June 24**, before the welcoming dinner at 7:00 pm
2. Hotel check-in will be available on **June 24, 2:00 pm** and check-out on **July 7, 12:00 pm**
3. Hotel Information:
   a. Name: Hotel Aventree
   b. Website: [http://www.aventreehotel.com](http://www.aventreehotel.com)
   c. Address: 46, Ujeongguk-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, 03145, Rep. of Korea
   d. Continental breakfast will be provided during your stay

**Korea in the 21st Century: Past, Present, and Future in the Age of Globalization**

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**Description:**
What is the political meaning of the 38th parallel to Koreans living in the South and the North? How did it become such an impenetrable border when it was intended to be a temporary line back in 1945? How did the border affect Koreans before and after the Korean War? How did this division affect the economic growth and how is the economic situation different in both countries? While Koreans have shared the same identity for thousands of years, how did it diverge since 1945? If reunification were to occur, do you think it would be possible for North Koreans to successfully integrate into the South Korean society?

By visiting various sites in South Korea, we will use the border as a lens into exploring four main themes: Korean identities, division, reunification, and economic differences between the Koreas. We will treat these themes not as mutually exclusive but constitutive entities. Thus, these four themes will be reflected in readings, discussions, on-site lectures, and site-visits. In addition, the concept of the border will be the prime into the larger political, economic, social, and cultural conditions that enabled its metamorphosis. In particular, we will trace the transnational processes of modernization, imperialism,
colonization, the Cold War, decolonization, and neoliberalism that have shaped and continue to shape Korean identity and culture.

**Requirements:**

1. Participation
2. Portfolio presentation
3. Weekend Travel Report
4. July 2, 2018, Constitutional Court of Korea Visit: Reading and discussion questions

*Portfolio Presentation:* You will be giving two presentations based on your trip to Seoul. The first presentation will be given at the end of the trip in South Korea. The second presentation will be given at the event organized by the Institute for Korean Studies in early Fall 2018. It is encouraged to think of how you would like to develop your experience in Korea, and if applicable explain your plan to reflect “Korea” in building your career. The best portfolio presentation will be awarded $200.

**Recommended Readings Before the Trip:**


**Tentative Schedule:**

**Sunday, June 24: Opening Reception**

2:00 pm: Arrival and Check-in at Hotel

7:00 pm: Welcoming Dinner & Orientation (Restaurant near the hotel)

**Monday, June 25: Exploring Korea’s Past**

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

9:30 am: Meet at the hotel lobby

10:00 am – 11:00 am: Visit to Kwanghwamun

11:00 am – 12:00 pm: Kyongbok Palace Tour
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm: National Museum of Korea and Hangeul Museum

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Wrap up discussion

**Tuesday, June 26: Exploring Korea’s 20th Century History**

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

9:10 am: Meet at the hotel lobby

10:00 am – 11:00 pm: Seoul Museum of History

11:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Seodaemun Prison

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: National Museum of Contemporary History

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Wrap-up discussion

**Wednesday, June 27: DMZ and the Korean War**

7:00 am – 7:30 am: Breakfast

7:40 am: Meet at the hotel lobby

08:00 am – 5:30 pm: DMZ & JSA Tour
(http://www.seoulcitytour.net/English/engdmz03.html)

*Lunch will be provided during the tour

**Thursday, June 28:**

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Ajou Institute for Unification

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Suwon Hwasung Fortress
**Friday, June 29: Workshop with North Korean Defector Students**

*** Hana Foundation: North Korean Defectors

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

9:30 am: Meet at the lobby

10 am – 5:00 pm: Workshop with North Korean defector students

**Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1: Free Days**

Suggested weekend site visits:

Changdok Palace (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
Deoksu Palace
Korean Folk Village
COEX (mall)
Lotte Tower
Chogye Temple
Blue House Sarangchae Museum
Bukhan Mountain Trail (behind Blue House)
Bukakchon
Insadong
Hongdae (Hong Ik University area: hot place for shopping, restaurants, bars, galleries, etc.)

If you would like to visit elsewhere, please specify the site in your schedule.

** Students must submit their weekend schedule in advance (by 6 pm on June 29). You need to specify where you will visit and why you have chosen the place. You need to write a 2-3 page report on your visit for Saturday and Sunday.

**Monday, July 2: Think Tank & Law**

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

9:30 am: Meet at the lobby

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Future Consensus Institute (learn about East Asian regional affairs)

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Constitutional Court of Korea (http://english.ccourt.go.kr/cckhome/eng/index.do)
** Prepare two questions for discussion.

*Reading: The Constitutional Court (PDF)

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Wrap up discussion

**Tuesday, July 3: Security on the Korean Peninsula**

Travel by bus

10:00 am – 1:00 pm: Korea National Defense University

2:30pm – 4:00 pm: Republic of Korean Army

**Wednesday, July 4: Comfort Women and Human Rights**

7:30 am – 8:30 am: Breakfast

8:45 am: Meet at the lobby

10:00 am – 11:30 pm: Watch two short films directed by Young-Wook Paek

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Participate in Wednesday Protest for Comfort Women Issue

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Visit to WWII and Women’s Human Rights Museum

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Wrap up discussion

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Conversation with Director Paek

**Thursday, July 5: Corporate Culture & Public Diplomacy**

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 am: Meet at the lobby

10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Google Korea

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Public Affairs Office of U.S. Embassy (Briefing on public diplomacy) (Yet to be confirmed) or Samchunggak 삼청각 길상사 백석의 여인 요정 기생출신 종무소 알아보기

**Friday, July 6: Portfolio Presentations (Hotel)**

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Presentations

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm: Presentations

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Farewell Dinner

**Saturday, July 7: Check-Out**

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

12:00 pm: Check out and Departure from Hotel