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Is this a cross-listed course? Yes
If yes, please identify course(s) SLC415

Is this a shared course? No
If so, list all academic units offering this course

Note: For courses that are crosslisted and/or shared, a letter of support from the chair/director of each department that offers the course is required for each designation requested. By submitting this letter of support, the chair/director agrees to ensure that all faculty teaching the course are aware of the General Studies designation(s) and will teach the course in a manner that meets the criteria for each approved designation.

Is this a permanent numbered course with topics? Yes

If yes, all topics under this permanent numbered course must be taught in a manner that meets the criteria for the approved designation(s). It is the responsibility of the chair/director to ensure that all faculty teaching the course are aware of the General Studies designation(s) and adhere to the above guidelines.

Course description: This course examines production, consumption, and interpretation of Korean popular culture in the modern historical context from the early twentieth century to the present. Students explore a range of products and fandom of popular culture, including music, drama, fashion, film, and game, focusing on their global circulation to and from Korea through radio, television, and online social media.

Requested designation: Global Awareness-G
Mandatory Review: No

Note - a separate proposal is required for each designation.

Eligibility:
Permanent numbered courses must have completed the university’s review and approval process.
For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact Phyllis.Lucie@asu.edu.

Submission deadlines dates are as follow:
For Fall 2016 Effective Date: October 1, 2015
For Spring 2017 Effective Date: March 10, 2016

Area(s) proposed course will serve:
A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study.

Checklists for general studies designations:
Complete and attach the appropriate checklist
- Literacy and Critical inquiry core courses (L)
- Mathematics core courses (MA)
- Computer/statistics/quantitative applications core courses (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design core courses (HU)
- Social-Behavioral Sciences core courses (BS)
- Natural Sciences core courses (NS/SG)
- Cultural Diversity in the United States courses (C)
- Global Awareness courses (G)
- Historical Awareness courses (H)

A complete proposal should include:
- Signed course proposal cover form
- Criteria checklist for General Studies designation(s) being requested
- Course catalog description
- Sample syllabus for the course
- Copy of table of contents from the textbook and list of required readings/books

It is respectfully requested that proposals are submitted electronically with all files compiled into one PDF.

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Department Chair/Director approval: (Required)
Chair/Director name (Typed): Nina Berman Date: 4/12/17

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Arizona State University Criteria Checklist for

GLOBAL AWARENESS [G]

Rationale and Objectives

Human organizations and relationships have evolved from being family and village centered to modern global interdependence. The greatest challenge in the nuclear age is developing and maintaining a global perspective which fosters international cooperation. While the modern world is comprised of politically independent states, people must transcend nationalism and recognize the significant interdependence among peoples of the world. The exposure of students to different cultural systems provides the background of thought necessary to developing a global perspective.

Cultural learning is present in many disciplines. Exposure to perspectives on art, business, engineering, music, and the natural and social sciences that lead to an understanding of the contemporary world supports the view that intercultural interaction has become a daily necessity. The complexity of American society forces people to balance regional and national goals with global concerns. Many of the most serious problems are world issues and require solutions which exhibit mutuality and reciprocity. No longer are hunger, ecology, health care delivery, language planning, information exchanges, economic and social developments, law, technology transfer, philosophy, and the arts solely national concerns; they affect all the people of the world. Survival may be dependent on the ability to generate global solutions to some of the most pressing problems.

The word university, from universitas, implies that knowledge comes from many sources and is not restricted to local, regional, or national perspectives. The Global Awareness Area recognizes the need for an understanding of the values, elements, and social processes of cultures other than the culture of the United States. Learning which recognizes the nature of others cultures and the relationship of America’s cultural system to generic human goals and welfare will help create the multicultural and global perspective necessary for effective interaction in the human community.

Courses which meet the requirement in global awareness are of one or more of the following types: (1) in-depth area studies which are concerned with an examination of culture-specific elements of a region of the world, country, or culture group, (2) the study of contemporary non-English language courses that have a significant cultural component, (3) comparative cultural studies with an emphasis on non-U.S. areas, and (4) in-depth studies of non-U.S. centered cultural interrelationships of global scope such as the global interdependence produced by problems of world ecology, multinational corporations, migration, and the threat of nuclear war.

Reviewed 4/2014
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<td>1: Subject matter that addresses an understanding of the contemporary world outside the U.S.</td>
<td>The course examines development of modern popular culture in Korea and its fandom in Asia, from the early twentieth century to the present.</td>
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<td>2a: In-depth area studies concerned with an examination of the culture-specific elements of a country other than the U.S. in the contemporary world; contributing to an understanding of the contemporary world.</td>
<td>The course explores the Korean culture's focus on collectivity reflected in production and consumption of music, visual culture, and performance represented in modern and contemporary media. The course contributes to an understanding of the contemporary media culture through examples from South Korea, one of the most technologically advanced countries today.</td>
<td>Exploration into collective culture begins with Week 3, through an analysis of adaptation in music from folksong to pop hit and by looking at the receptions and remaking of a 1930s Korean dancer. In Weeks 6 &amp; 7, the course examines cinematic adaptations of the traditional folk hero narrative under two distinct aesthetic and political regimes -- socialist realism infused with nationalism of North Korea, on one hand, and speedy action produced by South Korean capitalist modernity, on the other. The course then turns to exploring interaction between production and fandom in the so-called “Korean Wave” from the late twentieth century to the</td>
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recent times, first by looking at the production and fandom of K-pop and then, examining K-drama and fan-produced social media culture. The last weeks of the course examines spectatorship around online games.

2c: A comparative cultural study devoted to non-U.S. area.

The course examines Asia and Asian modernity by looking at how the elements of globally circulating popular culture have been adopted and transformed.

The course looks at the development of modern Korean popular music as it adopts American popular music genres in the post-Korean War period through the infusion of global artists in the production of K-pop in the 21st century. See Week 5, Trans-Pacific Circulation and Part IV. Birth of the Korean Cool (Weeks 8 through 12). The course attends particularly to the inter-Asian circulation of popular culture through social media sharing (Week 9 on transgender performance of K-pop by fans in other parts of Asia, Week 11 on translation, localization, and recapping of K-drama), as well as through international conventions and tourism (Week 12).
1. Course Description:

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The course is organized into four parts. Students begin with selected historical and theoretical readings in the studies of popular culture in general and modern Korean culture in particular in order to acquaint themselves with terms and framework of analysis (“Part I. Introduction & Concepts”). Next, they examine some specific examples of popular culture in the context of colonialism and through the lens of Asian encounters with the U.S. in the early twentieth century (“Part II. Popular Culture & Colonial Modernity”). In the third part of the course, students explore popular culture in the context of divided Koreas through the case of distinct North and South Korean filmic adaptations of a well-known traditional “folk hero” narrative (“Part III: Tradition into Modernity in North and South Koreas”). The course then turns to exploring the so-called “Korean Wave” from the late twentieth century to the recent times, first by looking at the production of K-pop and the associated issues of nationalism, global economy, and gender and sexuality, and then, examining K-drama and fan-produced media culture, the notions of beauty, and the virtual subjectivities in online game culture (Part IV: “The Birth of the Korean Cool”).

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: ENG 102 or ENG 105 with a C or better; or 45 credit hours earned.

Required Reading:
All required readings are in English and available through the course Blackboard. Audiovisual materials are part of the reading assignments for the course, and they are also available through the course Blackboard.
2. Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
- Analyze the making of modern popular culture and its global circulation through one of its most vibrant examples.
- Write about the making of the twenty-first century Asian popular culture in the twentieth-century historical contexts of colonialism and empire, as well as the war and national division.
- Interpret various forms of popular culture (aural, audio-visual, performance, viewer-participatory, etc.) in the context of their representations in different media (radio, theater, film, TV-show, and online social media culture).

3. Course Format:

Lecture in combination with class discussions and student presentations.

4. Course Requirements and Evaluations

1) Attendance (10%): Attendance at each class is fully expected. Any unexcused absence or lateness will impact your grade. Two absences without verifiable excuses will lower your grade by 1/2 mark (A to A-; A-to B+ and so on). In the case of illness or emergency, student should notify instructor by e-mail before class.

2) Participation (5%): Regular contribution to class discussion is also fully expected. Lack of participation will result in a deduction of points.

3) Posting on Discussion Forum (10%): Posting a response to one of the prompts on the Discussion Forum of the course Blackboard site is an important assignment for this course. The main purpose of this assignment is to help you finish your assignments on time and to prepare for class discussion. There will be at least 10 of these assigned throughout the semester. Usually, posting deadline is Tuesday 10pm.

4) Four Reading Quizzes (5% each; total of 15%): Spread out throughout the semester, these periodic reading quizzes are to ensure comprehension of the reading assignments. February 8; March 1; March 28; and April 19.

5) Four Short Essays (5% each; total of 20%): Spread out throughout the semester, these periodic short essays (maximum 3 double-spaced pages) are designed to ensure the 3 components of the learning outcomes outlined above. At the end of the semester, student will choose one of the papers to expand and refine toward the final project:
   a. Analysis of examples of modern Korean popular culture in the historical context of colonial modernity: Due after Week 4.
   b. Analysis of examples of modern Korean popular culture in the context of global circulation: Due after Week 7.
   c. Analysis of the symbiosis of production and fandom of K-pop: Due after Week 9.
   d. Analysis of K-drama fandom in relation to their representation in online social media culture: Due after Week 11.
6) **In-Class Group Presentation (5%)**: To facilitate class discussion, each student will work in a group in collaboration with one or more peers to make one short in-class presentation on a topic related to the reading assignment. The instructor will assign a topic for each presentation. There will be a sign-up period at the beginning of the semester.

7) **Popular Culture Showcase (5%)**: This is an opportunity to share materials from the current popular culture throughout the semester. Volunteers and/or assigned students will provide example(s) from popular culture, whether Korean or otherwise, which are illustrative of the concept/theme to be discussed in class each week, along with a short explanation about their relevance to the course reading/discussion materials. There will be a separate content area for sharing materials made available on the course Blackboard. For a short (e.g., under 5 minutes) material readily available online, providing a link would suffice. For a clip from a longer material (such as K-drama), a broader context should be provided in writing. Some students might end up having more than one opportunity to share, but everyone will get to share at least once.

8) **Final Project (30%)**: As the final work for this class, students will choose one of the 4 short essay assignments they submitted before Week 11 and expand and refine it toward the final project. In essence, the final project is a small research paper on an example of popular culture, using two or more of the readings to make a conceptual framework to analyze the chosen example. All final projects will be presented in class either on the last week of the classes or on the day the final exam is scheduled for this class. Grade for the final project will be based on the proposal, including bibliography and framing questions, (5%), the final essay (20%), and a short presentation (5%).

   a. Proposal for the Final Project Due (5%): Week 12.
      (including bibliography and the framing questions)
   b. Final Project Essay (8-10 double-spaced pages) (20%): at the end of Week 14.
   c. Final Project Presentation (5%): Week 15 and 16

5. **Grading Scale & Basis**

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6. Course Policies

(1) Attendance: 
Class attendance is mandatory. You must provide an official proof of absence/illness (e.g. note from the doctor, court, etc. with appropriate date). Two absences without verifiable excuses, and each unexcused absence thereafter, will lower your grade by 1/2 mark (A to A-; A-to B+ and so on). Tardiness is also not acceptable and considered inappropriate behavior in a university classroom. Assigned work will be accepted after the due date only in case of a justified absence; the new due date will be decided by the instructor. Late works will be penalized 10% per day late.
Absences related to religious observances and practices are considered justified when in accord with the policies described in ACD 304-04 (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd304-04.html). Absences related to university sanctioned events/activities can be considered justified, in accord with ACD 304-02 (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd304-02.html).

(2) Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices: 
Any devices that might beep, such as cell phones, pagers, or iPods should be turned off in class. Use of computers in class should be limited to reading assigned texts and note taking (i.e. no web-browsing or email checking). Violation of this policy will adversely affect your grade.

(3) Incompletes: 
NO incompletes will be issued without extraordinary and documented reasons. Permission for Incompletes is very rare. Students hoping to receive either an Incomplete MUST see the instructor well in advance.

(4) Policy against Threatening Behavior: 
Violent and threatening behavior in class or in interactions with the instructor or other students will not be tolerated. Any such behavior will be reported to university police and handled according to university policy. (See http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm104-02.html.)

(5) Title IX: 
Title IX is a federal law that provides that no person be excluded on the basis of sex from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. Both Title IX and university policy make clear that sexual violence and harassment based on sex is prohibited. An individual who believes they have been subjected to sexual violence or harassed on the basis of sex can seek support, including counseling and academic support, from the university. If you or someone you know has been harassed on the basis of sex or sexually assaulted, you can find information and resources at http://sexualviolenceprevention.asu.edu/faqs/students.

(6) Academic Honesty Policy: 
Academic honesty is expected of all students in all examinations, papers, laboratory work, academic transactions and records. The possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, appropriate grade penalties, course failure (indicated on the transcript as a grade of E), course failure due to academic dishonesty (indicated on the transcript as a grade of XE), loss of
registration privileges, disqualification and dismissal. For more information, see http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity.

(7) Accommodating Students with Disabilities:
Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact DRC immediately. The DRC Tempe office is located on the first floor of the Matthews Center Building. DRC staff can also be reached at: (480) 965-1234 (V) or (480) 965-9000 (TTY). For additional information, visit: www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/

(8) Printing:
Students enrolled in courses offered by the School of International Letters and Cultures receive a print quota: each undergraduate course carries $5.00 in print quota (either 50 single-sided or 62 double-sided pages); each graduate course carries $15.00. Additional quota may be purchased in LL 66 during regular hours of operation. Printing quota can only be used in LL 66 computer labs, in the basement of the LL building.

Tentative Schedule

Part I. Introduction & Concepts

Week 1. Introduction

January 11

Recommended:


Week 2. “Popular Culture”

January 18

Readings:

1) Raymond Williams, “Culture and Masses,” Keywords: A Vocabulary of Culture and Society (1976): p.25-32


Part II. Popular Culture & Colonial Modernity

Week 3. Media of Colonial Modernity

January 25

Readings:


Week 4. Fashion of Colonial Modernity

February 1

Readings:


Week 5. Trans-Pacific Circulation

February 8

Readings:


* Reading Quiz 1
Part III. Tradition into Modernity in North and South Koreas

Week 6. *Hong Gil Dong, the North Korean Martial Arts Weepie*

February 8

**Readings & Film:**

1) Film, *Hong Gil Dong* (1986)

Week 7. *The Righteous Thief: South Korean Comic-Action*

February 22

**Readings & Film:**

1) Film, *The Righteous Thief* (2009)

Part IV. *The Birth of the Korean Cool*

Week 8: *Manufacturing K-pop*

March 1

**Readings:**


*Reading Quiz 2

* Spring Break – March 8.
Week 9. Performing Gender

March 15

Readings:

Week 10: Theories of Fandom

March 22

Readings:

Week 11: K-drama Fandom and Translation

March 29

Readings:

* Reading Quiz 3

Week 12: Popular Culture Conventions and Tourism

April 5

Readings:
Week 13: Reconstructing Beauty

April 12

Readings:

Week 14: Virtual Subjectivities

April 19

Readings:

   2) Dal Young Jin, “Professional Online Game-Player as New Media Workers,” Korea’s Online Game Empire (2010): p.81-100.

*Reading Quiz 3

Week 15: Final Presentation and Course Conclusion

April 26
Final Presentation