Asian Studies Program
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New! ASN 3154 Traditional and Modern Korea
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM | SASC 351 | U01 (89756)
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Join this course to learn how K-pop and K-drama became so famous! Through film, drama and K-pop we can start to understand Korean culture. The instructor, former entertainment journalist and now radio journalist Sungmin Cho, is a native of South Korea. Find out what Psy was talking about in Gangnam style, and what makes BTS, EXO, BLACKPINK, SHINee and other super groups so super all around the world!

This course overviews the trajectory of contemporary Korean culture as it has emerged from the 5,000-year history of the Korean people. It considers Korea as a whole regarding historic cultural development, with a focus on South Korean contemporary culture. Students will consider how Korea has maintained its cultural distinctiveness through language, arts, and cuisine, as well as the ways neighboring cultures such as China, Japan and more recently the United States have contributed to the mosaic of the culture. It explores the driving forces that have led to the rapid transformation of Korean culture and its exportation in the “Korean Wave.”

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