



Program dates and Eligibility

Dates: May 13 – June 3, 2024

Eligibility:

- Good disciplinary standing
- Good academic standing
- Priority to Juniors



Content

Students will explore matters related to human rights in the context of Korean history and culture. The Korean peninsula experienced massive human rights abuses during the Japanese occupation of Korea from 1910 until the end of World War II in 1945. Of course, the horrific cost of war only intensified on the peninsula during the Korean War (1950-1953). This course will examine aspects of this history and will explore matters related to ethics and human rights connected to these wars. We will also examine the practice of torture and will visit sites in which it took place. We will explore whether torture is always wrong and familiarize ourselves with the international human rights paradigm and its condemnation of gross human rights abuses. In the final section of the course, we will look at contemporary issues related to human rights, including a look at the fight for rights of LGBTQ persons and those with disabilities.

We will visit a few sites of interest that connect to our course, including a trip to the Demilitarized Zone and Seodaemun Prison, which is now a museum dedicated to those imprisoned during the Japanese occupation. In addition, we plan to meet with representatives from both LGBTQ and disability rights organizations to discuss the current challenges that both movements are facing.



Program Highlights

- POL-356. Human Rights
- 4 credits
- Core requirements: GN, O, SS, LINQ, and XLP
- Faculty leaders:
 - Dr. Christian Rice
 - Dr. Kelly Sorensen



Program Components

- Transportation:
 - Transportation from Ursinus to the airport
 - Group airport transfer upon arrival and departure to Seoul
 - Airfare
 - Transportation cards
- Meals:
 - All the meals
 - Welcome lunch and farewell dinner
- Accommodations:
 - Hotel in double occupancy with breakfast for 21 days.
- iNext comprehensive Ultimate travel insurance plus Political and Natural Disaster Evacuation Package.
- Pre-departure and on-site orientation



Program Components: Cultural Activities



Hike Dobongsan

Visit to Seodaemun
Prison

Demilitarized Zone
Tour

Walking tour of
Ahyeondong

Meet with disability
rights organizations

Meet with an LGBT
organization

Visit to the War &
Women's Human
Rights Museum

Seoul street food tour

Korean Spirit and
Culture Workshop

City tour and
Scavenger hunt

Gyeongbok Palace
Tour

Lunch at a restaurant
run by a North Korean
defector – Learn
about Korean cuisine.

Tour of N Seoul Tower
with local students

Han River picnic for
local students

Community services
with Shoes for Hope
Project

Community service
with Making
Audiobooks for the
Blind

Trip to ESWS – A
multicultural Family
Support Center

Total Cost: What Is Not Included?

- Total cost: \$5,500
 - ✓ Tuition/Class instruction and guest speakers
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Meals
 - ✓ Housing
 - ✓ Excursions
 - ✓ Insurance
 - ✓ Orientation
- Not included:
 - ✓ Passport
 - ✓ Textbooks/course supplies
 - ✓ Personal spending



Financial Aid

- Espadas and Neborak Fund
- Gilman Scholarship
- FEA Fund
- Rotary Club

