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Research Project Objectives

1. Construct a 1-credit mini-course.
Mini-Course

Task: Plan seven sessions that give a general overview of Korean Studies.

Goal: To teach students how to conduct independent research in various subfields within Korean Studies.
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Overview of Sessions

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2. History & Government
3. Culture
4. North Korea & Reunification
5. Art & Literature
6. Hallyu (Korean Wave)
7. Research Guide Navigation & Conclusion
Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide Korean Studies resources that are translated/presented in English. It will service students who are not fluent in Korean that want to conduct research.

To access extensive Korean studies resources (including those in Korean language), please consult the Research Guide for Korean Studies.

Clubs/Organizations (Umich)

Kiwi Productions: An international student-run organization that hopes to develop young global leaders through video production.

Korea Business Club: KBC is a Ross graduate student organization open to all students. It provides resources, tools and connections to promote a deeper understanding of Korean business culture.

Korean Student Association: KSA is a community that works to promote Korean culture on campus.

Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association: Group at Michigan that promotes academic networking and professional development among Korean-American students in Science and Engineering.

Liberty in North Korea: The LINK chapter at Umich raises funds to help North Korean refugees. It also provides learning opportunities and discussions about the refugee crisis in China.

Korea at UM

- Asia Library
- Nam Center for Korean Studies
- Korean Language Programs
- Korean Student Association: Graduate (KSAG)

Shortcuts to Catalogs

- Mirlyn
  U-M Library Catalog
- WorldCat
  World-wide Union Catalog (Login required for off-campus users)
- RISS International
  Union Catalog of university & college libraries in Korea

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The Union for Korean Issues in Michigan: KIUM is a forum based org that discusses Korean issues, and seeks to spread awareness to the community.

Newspapers

- **The Korean Herald**
  The Korean Herald provides news coverage that focuses primarily on South Korean affairs. It can be used to learn more about general happenings in Politics, Business, Lifestyle, and Entertainment.

- **The Korea Times**
  The Korea Times provides all-encompassing South Korean news coverage. It includes specialized areas such as government affairs, stocks and investment, gaming culture, and Hallyu.

- **North Korea News**
  NK News compiles current events specific to North Korea. It has practical use for researching topics rarely touched by the media such as citizens’ experience, defectors, and peace talks.
Please visit Korean Online Resources to see the list of websites categorized by following subjects.

- ART & CINEMA
- BIBLIOGRAPHIES
- BIOGRAPHIES
- DATABASES
- DICTIONARIES & ENCYCLOPEDIA
- DIRECTORIES
- GOVERNMENT
- HISTORY
- JOURNALS & MAGAZINE
- KOREA
- LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
- LIBRARY RESOURCES
- MAPS
- NEWSPAPERS
- NORTH KOREA & UNIFICATION
- PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
- STATISTICS
Challenges

- Conciseness for broad subject.
- Choosing most relevant topics.
- Transparency/Communication.
What I Learned

- Work closely with your mentor.
- Present practicality.
- Expect change.
What I got out of the Program

Enhanced Research Skills
Project Management & Planning
NCKS connections (& other great networking opportunities)
Future for this Project

Constant maintenance & reworking of the Research Guide.
Created a course outline that can be further finalized into a tangible syllabus.
Evolve into a full course that resides in its own, distinct department.