



INFORMATION SESSION

South Korea Field Course



COURSE DETAILS

- GEOG 4110: South Korea Field Course
 - 6 credit hours
 - Prerequisites: 27 credit hours including GEOG1100/GEOG1200, AND permission of instructor
- Term: Winter 2026
 - Weekly Seminar Meetings on Fridays (9:30-12:00pm)
- Fieldtrip Period: April 23- May 5, 2026 (11 nights & 12 days trip)
 - Class size: 12~14 students
- Leading faculty members: Drs. Min-Jung Kwak & Mathew Novak

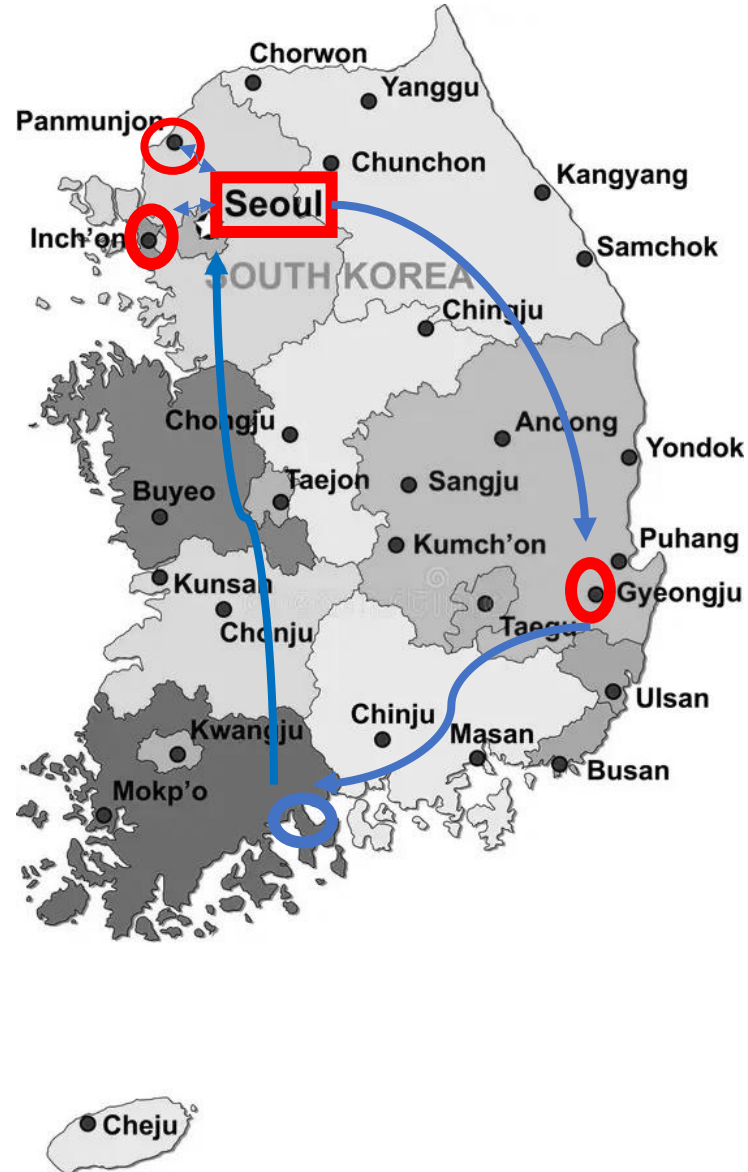
TRIP SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

DMZ Tour (1 Day)

- Political Geography
- Environmental Geography

Seoul & Incheon (9 Days) including 2 free half day of small group exploration

- Urban Geography
- Retail Geography
- Economic Geography
- Cultural Geography
- Historical Geography
- Ethnic Geography



Gyeongju (1 Day)

- Historical Geography
- Tourism Geography
- Cultural Geography
- Economic Geography
- Rural & Urban Development

Suncheon Bay Wet Reserve & near areas (1 Day)





- Environmental Geography
- Historical Geography
- Cultural Geography

Daily Trip Schedule

- Day 1 (Fri. Apr. 24): arrive in ICN, take subway to hotel & hotel check-in, group dinner
- Day 2 (Sat. Apr. 25): War memorial museum, N-Seoul tower
- Day 3 (Sun. Apr. 26): DMZ tour & National Museum of Korea
- Day 4 (Mon. Apr. 27): Seoul guided walking tour including hanbok rental experience
- Day 5 (Tues. Apr. 28): Ewha Womans University tour & possible class visit
- Day 6 (Wed. Apr. 29): KTX ride to Gyeongju and historic site tour, stay 1 night in Gyeongju
- Day 7 (Thurs. Apr. 30): Cont'd Gyeongju tour, tour bus ride to Yeosu, stay 1 night in Yeosu
- Day 8 (Fri. May 1): Tour bus ride to Suncheon bay area for ecological park tour and Nakaneupseong folk village tour, KTX ride back to Seoul
- Day 9 (Sat. May 2): Seodaemun prison museum, Seoul museum of history, DDP architecture tour, Daehak ro & Naksan fortress road night walk
- Day 10 (Sun. May 3): Free morning & Cooking class
- Day 11 (Mon. May 4): Ansan multicultural neighbourhood tour, Nanta show & last group dinner
- Day 12 (Tues. May 5): Free morning, take AREX to ICN, leave for Halifax OR extended stay

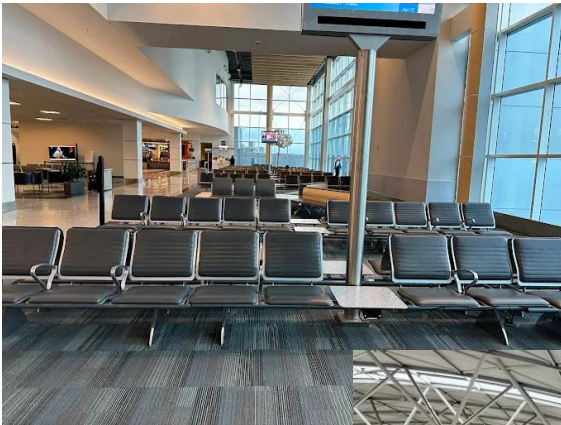
* **Note:** The schedule w/ partner agency is pretty much set. SMU own schedule is subject to change depending on students' interests and the schedule of partner organizations.*

Accommodations

Apr. 24-29 (5 nights) Seoul	Apr. 29-30 (1 night) Gyeongju	Apr. 30-May 1 (1 night) Yeosu	May 1-May 5 (4 nights) Seoul
Ever8 residence hotel	Commodore hotel	Yeosu ocean resort hotel	Ever8 residence hotel
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Twin room for double occupancy- Small kitchenette- Fridge- In-room Laundry machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Twin room for double occupancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Twin room for double occupancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Twin room for double occupancy- Same
			

Departure (Thurs. Apr. 23) & Day 1 (Fri. Apr. 24)

- Depart Halifax YHZ @ 8:55am
- Arrive in ICN @ 5:30pm +1



take subway to Ewha
Univ. station



Hotel check-in- [Ever8
residence hotel](#)



Group dinner



Day 2 (Sat. Apr. 25) & Day 3 (Sun. Apr. 26)

- War memorial museum
- N-Seoul Tower



- DMZ Tour
- National Museum of Korea



Day 4 (Mon. Apr. 27) & Day 5 (Tues. Apr. 28)

- Seoul Guided Walking Tour visiting Gyeongbok & Changdeok palaces, Chungyecheon stream & near area
- Hanbok rental



- Ewha Womans University tour & possible class visit
- Cooking class



Day 6 (Wed. Apr. 29) & Day 7 (Thurs. Apr. 30)

- KTX ride to Gyeongju (Historic city)



- Gyeongju tour
- Tour bus ride to Yeosu



Day 8 (Fri. May 1) & Day 9 (Sat. May 2)

- Suncheon Ecological park tour
- Nakaneupseong folk village
- KTX ride to Seoul



- Seodaemun prison museum
- City of Seoul Museum
- DDP & Fortress road walk



Day 10 (Sun. May 3) & Day 11 (Mon. May 4)

- Free Morning
- K-Pop dance class (courtesy of KTO)



- Ansan multicultural neighbourhood guided tour
- Nanta show (courtesy of KTO)



Day 12 (Tues. May 5)

- Free Morning until 3pm
- Depart ICN terminal 1 @ 7:05pm
- Arrive in Toronto YYZ @ 7:30pm (layover 3 hrs)
- Arrive in Halifax YHZ @ 0:49am +1
- OR you can extend your stay in South Korea/Asia



FIELD TRIP COSTS

- Course fee (\$6,100 based on 12 students) + Individual expenses (\$495 + α)
- What is included in the course fee?
 - Round trip air fare + Travel & medical insurance
 - T-money/metro card with \$10
 - Accommodation for 11 nights (2 people in a room)
 - Meals: 2 breakfasts + 2 group lunches + 4 group dinners
 - Group ground transportations outside Seoul (KTX rides and tour bus to DMZ, Gyeongju, Yeosu & Suncheon bay area)
 - Most activities/entrance fees (e.g., Museums, DMZ Tunnel tour, Hanbok rental, cooking class, K-pop dance class, Nanta performance show)
 - An English speaking tour guide for 5 days and Academic guide for all group activities
- What is NOT included?:
 - T-money/metro card top-up (around \$30 will be sufficient)
 - E-Sim (around \$55 covering 15 days)
 - K-ETA (\$10)
 - Individual meals (\$400 for 12 days)
 - Personal expenses for shopping & individual activities
- Available Financial Support:
 - SMU Global Mobility Awards (\$750 per student)

Why South Korea?

- Perfect fusion of old & new (rich cultural heritage & dynamic modern life)
- Food haven (from street food to sizzling Korean BBQ)
- Convenient & safe place (gateway to Asia and one of the safest places in the world)
- You will learn about what's the hype of K-pop, K-drama, K-food and K-beauty
- The place with many interesting complexities: you will learn and experience beyond typical tourist gaze
- The only Asian destination among SMU field courses





Why Winter 2026?

- GEOG4110 is offered every 3rd year – this is your last chance to join the course before graduation!
- Timing: right after the final exam period and moving into the summer
- Late April-early May: Cool summer weather (not too hot & not too humid)
- SMU's global mobility fund (\$750) support
- Accompanied by two experts in economic, migration and urban geographies
- Dr. Kwak is fluent in Korean and familiar with the culture

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Interested? Great! → Register for GEOG4110 via my override registration
- GEOG1100 or GEOG1200 if you haven't taken yet
- Draft GEOG4110 Course Syllabus for Winter 2026 Available
- Check/Make your passport & Visa requirement if you are not a Canadian citizen

For More Information or Any Questions:

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