



CONTEMPORARY TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Summer 2025

KANSAS CONSORTIUM-INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Join faculty and students from across Kansas on this three-week study tour to South Korea and Taiwan. This program is supported by the Kansas Consortium-Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (Kansas-ICCAE) and is funded by a grant from the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). All participant travel costs including airfare, on-site accommodations, local transportation, program activities and meals will be provided through the grant.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Travel to Taiwan and South Korea this summer to explore the political, economic, and social changes that have occurred in these places over the past century, with a particular emphasis on the unique geopolitical circumstances that each place now finds itself in. During the course, students will have the amazing opportunity to experience both Taiwan and South Korea firsthand, guided by two expert faculty, Megan Greene and Hyunjin Seo, from the University of Kansas. The program will include visits to historical sites, cultural institutions, government agencies and industry sectors. Students will also engage with relevant readings, films, and discussions both before and during the study tour. Upon completion of the travel component, and as a requirement of the course, students will produce a research product on a topic related to Taiwan or South Korea to share at KU's 2026 National Security Forum.

ACADEMIC CREDIT

All students will enroll in *Contemporary Taiwan and South Korea in Historical Context* (3 credits) at the University of Kansas during the summer term. Students will receive a KU transcript upon completion of the course and travel program.

HOUSING

Students will stay in centrally located, double or triple occupancy hotels in South Korea and Taiwan. Breakfast will be provided daily at the accommodations.

LOCATION

South Korea has a 5,000 year history with ancient palaces, pagodas and stunning green landscape with majestic mountain tops. It also has ultra-modern skyscrapers and a fast paced city life. In addition, it is one of the world's most technologically and scientifically advanced countries due to companies such as Samsung and LG serving as global leaders in electronics.

Taiwan is situated in the West Pacific between Japan and the Philippines. While relatively small in size, with a population of approximately 23 million Taiwan is more populous than three-quarters of the world's nations. Taiwan is a modern and democratic society with a history steeped in Chinese and Japanese traditions. It is one of the world's leading producers of information and communications technology products and a country of strategic importance to the region and to western governments.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

May 25	Depart U.S.
May 26	Arrive into Seoul, South Korea
May 26 – June 1	Visits in Seoul. May include Gyeongbokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Village, National Assembly, National Museum, DMZ, Gangnam District and other sites of interest.
June 2	Travel to Pusan with visit to Andong Village
June 3	Visits in Pusan
June 4	Depart South Korea / Arrive in Taipei, Taiwan
June 5-6	Visits in Taipei. May include the National Palace Museum, Provincial Museum, old Taipei, Lungshan Temple, Chiang Kaishek Memorial, the National Central Library, and the Presidential Palace and Legislature, Xinzhu Science Park, Ministry Visits
June 7	Day trip to Jiufen and Northern Coast
June 8-12	Visits in Taipei
June 13	Day trip to Danshui and Beitou Hot Springs
June 14	Free day
June 15	Depart Taipei for Return to U.S.

**Program dates and schedule of activities are tentative and subject to change. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.*

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this program, you must be U.S. citizens and undergraduate student enrolled full-time at Dodge City Community College, Garden City Community College, Kansas City Kansas Community College, Seward County Community College or the University of Kansas during the spring 2025 semester. Students must have completed or plan to complete one of the INSS courses prior to or during the spring 2025 term. These INSS courses are online and available at the University of Kansas and consortium schools. For more information on the Kansas-ICCAE, visit <https://icca.ku.edu>.

APPLICATION

Program Application Deadline:

February 1, 2025

Apply Online:

studyabroad.ku.edu

TUITION & FEES

\$1,665*

Estimated undergraduate tuition and fees for 3 credit hours based on the standard resident tuition rate. Fees include KU orientation, emergency medical insurance and evacuation/repatriation services, and administrative fees.

PROGRAM FEE

\$0

ICCAE grant funds will cover airfare, on-site accommodations (double occupancy hotels), local transportation, all program-related activities and excursions, and meals for student participants.

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

\$525

Includes KU Admissions Fee (non-KU students), passport/passport photos, and personal spending money.

**Participants should plan to cover this expense directly through financial aid, scholarships, or personal funds. It is possible that a portion of this cost could be covered should additional grant funding become available.*



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