This course explores Korean civilization from the ancient times to the modern era with a particular focus on historical moments that are recorded as a renaissance, revolution, rebellion, riot, or coup.

From the three kingdoms era to contemporary Korea, students will explore remarkable moments of transition, including Manjŏk’s Slave Rebellion, the Tonghak Uprising, 3.1 Independence Movement, 4.3 Jeju Uprising, 1960 April Revolution, 5.18 Gwangju Uprising, Dongil Workers’ Nude Protest, 1987 Democratization Movement, #MeToo Movement, and the recent candlelight movements.

This course uses a wide range of sources, including historical documents, literature, films, drama, art, and manifestoes, reflecting historical, political, and cultural revolutions in Korea.

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Monday
4:00 - 6:40 pm

This course meets the GE requirement for Explorations in Humanities.

All the works will be read in English translation, and no knowledge of the Korean language is required.

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