



Course Syllabus GERM 4013/ HIST 4933 Sec 202  
Special Topic Course: Korean Guest Workers in Germany  
Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Monday & Wednesday 12:30-1:50 p.m., Dillard 343  
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#### Contact Information

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#### Course Description

This course will survey the history of South Korean guest workers in Germany after WWII and the Korean War. South Korean guest workers were active agents in their own history in Germany, particularly the South Korean nurses, who were the catalyst to change the foreign workers policy in order to remain in Germany past the contracted term. The students will critically explore the historical and cultural impact of South Korea guest workers in Germany and in South Korea, and try to fathom the experience and the aftermath of migrating and assimilating in a foreign country. We will investigate and evaluate the historical background, cultural differences, and the South Korean and German representation of South Korean guest workers and see how the process of migration evolved over time. Our goal will be to gain familiarity with the historical backdrop, political and economic circumstances of South Korean guest workers and how these have influenced the second generation of South Korean guest workers in Germany. In addition to reading excerpts from several texts, we will watch bioclips, interviews, and movies produced in South Korea and in Germany to explore the visual representations of South Korean guest workers. Throughout the semester, students will improve their critical thinking skills through readings, class discussions, oral presentations, and reaction papers.

#### Textbook & Instructional Materials

No textbook required. Excerpts and texts on D2L.

#### Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

Approximately one hour of study is suggested on a daily basis for success in this course. Sometimes it is more, sometimes less. You are welcome to come to my office or meet with me via Zoom or Skype when you have questions about topics presented in class. Tutoring offered by TASP's Learning Center (TLC) is available at the library on the first floor of Moffett Library.

#### Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook 2018-2019](#)

#### Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedures, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor and/or required by the University.

## Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

### Participation and Attendance

Attendance is taken every class meeting. Students are required to be in class for the entire period. Absences due to official university functions or documented illness will be dealt with on an individual basis and should be discussed with the instructor outside of class time. There are no excused absences from regular class periods. If a student misses an exam, he or she must present documented proof of illness or university activity to the instructor before a make-up exam will be allowed.

Students will be expected to come to class prepared by completing homework and reading assignments to participate actively in all discussions and activities.

### Grading

Course Grade: The following components make up the course grade. The number of quizzes and graded homework assignments will vary according to the discretion of the instructor.

Table 1:

Assignments	% of Course Grade
Homework Assignments	15%
Attendance/Participation	10%
Reaction Papers	20%
Exam 1	10%
Exam 2	10%
Oral Presentation	10%
Final Exam (Research Project)	25%

Table 2: Total percentages for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	Less than 60

### Extra Credit

No extra credit assignments are given to individuals that are not offered to the entire class. All extra credit assignments will be offered at the discretion of the instructor.

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## Late Work

No late work is accepted.

## Make-Up Work//Exams

No make-up work is accepted, and no make-up exam will be offered, unless due to documented illness or circumstances.

If you know you will miss an exam due to an official university function, please make arrangements with your instructor prior to the absence and as soon as possible. If you are absent from an exam, you must present documented proof of illness or university activity to your instructor before an early or make-up exam will be scheduled.

## Important Schedule Dates

Change of Schedule and Late Registration: **January 10 – 13, 2022**

**Last Day to drop with a grade of “W:” March 21, 2022 (4 pm)**

**Final Exam: Saturday, April 30, 2022 (10:30 am – 12:30 pm)**

Refer to: <https://msutexas.edu/registrar/calendars.php>

## Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Required readings will be posted on D2L. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage.

## Services for Students With Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Student Life Disability](#).

## University Policies

### Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#).

### Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

### Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also

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#### Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

#### Technology Policy

Unless you have spoken with me about a specific situation regarding the use of technology in the classroom, you are asked to **refrain from using electronic devices during class time.**

#### Instructor Policy

Please be polite to your instructor and fellow students. Pay attention to the instructor and to your fellow students when they are speaking. No food or drinks, except for water, are allowed in our classrooms.

#### Email Policy

I will check email daily Monday through Friday and will make every effort to answer you within 24 hours. On the weekend, however, I might not be able to answer as quickly. Please make sure that you adhere to common rules of courtesy such as addressing me by name/title (Dr. Gagum), proofing spelling, and signing your name at the end of the email.

#### Name/Pronoun Policy

It is important that we strive to make the classroom a respectful and inclusive place. If you feel comfortable doing so, you are encouraged to let me know during the first week of class what name you prefer to be called and if you prefer the use of masculine, feminine, or gender neutral pronouns. These preferences can be applied just to your interactions with me or to all of your in-class interactions with your peers.

General class calendar: see the D2L page for specific assignments.

#### Course Schedule

Dates	Topics
Week 1- Week 2	Korean War Germany after WWII
Week 3- Week 4	Cold War Economy of Germany and South Korea
Week 5- Week 6	Labor Agreement between South Korea and West Germany Reaction Paper 1
<b>Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 Exam: 1</b>	
Week 7- Week 8	South Koreans in West Germany Reaction Paper 2
Week 9-12	Representations of Koreans in Germany and in Korea

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	Reaction Paper 3
<b>Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 Exam: 2</b>	
Week 13- Week 14	Second Generation of Korean Guest workers Reaction Paper 4
Week 15	Presentations Review
<b>Final Exam (Research Project due): Saturday, April 30th, 2022 10:30am-12:30pm</b>	

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