Dept. of Sociology

Sociology explores the causes of order and changes in human societies by analyzing scientifically the structure and progress of a society as well as the characteristics of the human being. Sociologists understand individuals as both elements and products of a society. Therefore, a sociological perspective considers both individuals and their social contexts simultaneously in explaining all human behaviour and social phenomena. As modern societies become ever more diversified and complex, sociological perspectives and insights are increasingly required to understand social changes and to find useful lines of actions. The educational objective of this program is to offer students sociological insights to analyze scientifically the social phenomena through a variety of theories and research methods.

The following areas of knowledge are central to the graduate degree in sociology: Knowledge of the fundamental concepts, theories, and modes of explanation appropriate to the understanding of human societies: 1) Knowledge of the structure of modern societies, its social stratification, its ethnic, racial, religious, and gender differentiation, and its main social institutions -- family, polity, economy, sports, and religion: 2) Knowledge of the basic social processes that maintain and alter social structure, especially the processes of integration, organization, and conflict: and 3) Understanding the diversity of human societies, including the differences between major historical types such as agricultural, industrial, and information societies.

❑ **Data Analysis & Research Methods**
This program provides comprehensive training in methodology and has faculty who cover a wide range of sociological research methods. It seeks to develop both the skill and insight needed to use quantitative data to answer substantive and practical research questions. Students will be able to understand issues associated with data collection, the choice of the study design, and various statistical techniques in connection with the diverse subareas of sociology.

❑ **K-Pop(Hallyu) and Global Societies**
The Hallyu phenomenon is moving beyond the globalization of Korean popular culture, as a phenomenon in which the global society transforms itself under its influence. In order to understand the Hallyu phenomenon, it is necessary to understand the characteristics of Korean popular culture such as K-pop, K-drama, and K-movie. But also it is necessary to analyze in sociological context, the messages and images contained in K-pop, K-drama, and K-movie. In addition, it is also required to comprehend the social characteristics of each country such as the United States, China, Japan, Europe, and Southeast Asian countries which is the key factor of the spread of Korean popular

culture in these countries.

☐ **Courses**

❑ **Core Courses**

· **Classical Sociological Theories**

An overview of the history of sociology from the early period to modern times.

· **Contemporary Sociological Theories**

This course deals with the various currents and issues of contemporary sociological theories.

· **Postmodern Social Theories**

It examines the aspects of post modernism through the eyes of sociology.

· **Social Research**

An advanced overview of the research process in social science, including techniques of sampling, methods of data collection, principles of measurement, problems of inference and proof, basic methods of data analysis and ethical considerations.

· **Methodology of Sociological Research**

A survey of methods and techniques used by sociologists and other social scientists for gathering and interpreting information about human social behavior. An advanced course of the practice of social research, including techniques of sampling, methods of data collection, and analyzing data.

· **Social Statistics**

To study cross-tabluation and regression analysis built on the undergraduate-level statistics.

· **Comparative Sociology**

The course focuses on the history and general theories of comparative sociology. Major focus on comparative analyses of social structure, kinship, policy and bureaucracy, economics and stratification, and institutionalized belief systems. Some attention is given to culture and personality and to cross-cultural methodology.

· **Historical Sociology**

With sociological questions and theories, this course analyzes historically significant events, phenomena, and processes.

· **Cultural Studies**

It studies the formation and change of culture as a social phenomena.

· **Special Lecture of Sociology**

This course deals with important social issues or sociological themes that are not are not covered by already assigned courses.

· **Sociology of Knowledge**

This course studies sociological theories on the social conditions of knowledge making, and especially focuses on the nature of social construction of scientific knowledge.

· **Sociology of Science and Technology**

The course analyses the relationship between science and society from sociological perspectives. It examines the theoretical approaches from the Mertonian School to the sociology of scientific knowledge(SSK). With such a theoretical under-standing, it then deals with more practical issues on science as a social process.

· **Sociology of Environment**

The problems of environmental pollution are analyzed in relation to social change, modernization, and urbanization. The changing relationships between nature and society are closely scrutinized. The concept of 'risk society', as a major theoretical development in this field of sociology, is critically examined in terms of its relevance to the realities of environmental problems.

· **Social Stratification and Class**

This course reviews various theories on social class and social stratification, and based on it, it attempts to raise ability for empirical researches.

❑ **Data Analysis & Research Methods**

· **Advanced Social Statistics**

To study categorical data analysis, factor analysis, structural equation modeling, and panel data analysis.

· **Big Data Methodology Ⅰ**

This course includes the review of the properties of big data, data collection, and basic data analysis.

· **Big Data Methodology Ⅱ**

Based on basic training of big data collection and analysis, this advanced practicum aims to produce publishable articles on big data analysis.

· **Methodology of Survey**

To study survey research methods including sampling, survey administration, and statistical inference.

· **Methodology of Futuristics**

This course explores the relationship between information technology and society with the aim of predicting modern societies and future society.

· **Qualitative Study Ⅰ**

This course reviews various qualitative methods such as ethnography, focus group studies, critical discourse analysis, oral history, grounded theory, and hermeneutics, which help students perform empirical case studies.

· **Qualitative Study Ⅱ**

Based on the course Qualitative Research I, this course is a practicum that enchances students' ability to perform and complete qualitative researches.

· **Crime Data Analysis**

This seminar offers an overview of sociological theories and empirical research on crime, deviance, and juvenile delinquency.

· **Population Data Analysis**

To study demographic methods such life table and event history analysis; to review theories and methods to study population growth, distribution, fertility, mortality, migration and population aging.

· **Analysis of Social Inequality**

To review sociological theories and research on the causes and consequences of social inequality.

· **Sport/Leisure Data Analysis**

Sport becomes an important event for everyone. Topic includes the changes of sport and the impact on society. In particular, this course examines the role of play, games, and sport in society and explores how sport as an institution interacts with other institution such as business, politics, education. family, and media.

· **Life Quality Data Analysis**

To study theories and history of social welfare associated with life quality.

· **Future Trends Analysis**

Trends in the development of information and communication technologies and their related social changes. A discussion on alternative paths of future society and their respective characteristics and problems.

· **Special Lecture of Data Analysis**

This course is an on-demand graduate seminar that utilizes various data analysis methods.

❑ **K-Pop(Hallyu) and Global Societies**

· **K-Culture Study Ⅰ**

In order to sociologically understand the Hallyu phenomena centered around K-pop, K-drama, and K-movie, this seminar reviews relevant cultural theories and empirical researches.

· **K-Culture Study Ⅱ**

This course reviews various theoretical perspectives on culture studies dealing with culture change, mass culture, culture and class, culture and power, etc. It also studies cultural aspects of Korean society and especially focuses on the reproduction process and the condition of Korean culture.

· **K-Pop and Global Society**

This seminar examines the conditions by which the K-pop has grown as a global scale, and its impacts on global societies.

· **K-Movie and Global Society**

This seminar examines the conditions by which the K-movies have grown as a global scale, and its impacts on other societies.

· **K-Drama and Global Society**

This seminar examines the growth of the K-drama that constitutes an important axis of Hallyu, and its impacts on other societies.

· **Comparative Study of Korea, China and Japan**

This course compares Korean society with Chinese and Japanese societies on the sociological issues such as class, gender, and the state formation.

· **Comparative Study of Korea and South East Asia**

This course compares Korean society with Southeast Asian societies on the sociological issues such as class, gender, and the state formation.

· **Comparative Study of Korea and America**

This course compares Korean society with the US society on the sociological issues such as class, gender, and the state formation.

· **Comparative Study of Korea and Europe**

This course compares Korean society with European societies on the sociological issues such as class, gender, and the state formation

· **Contents Industry and Information Society**

From a sociological perspective, this course reviews the rise of global scale contents industries propelled by the emergence of information societies.

· **Understanding of Global Society and Culture Industry**

This seminar examines the formations of global societies and global culture industries.

· **Special Lecture of K-Culture**

Inviting specialists, this course aims at in-depth understanding of particular social issues concerning Hallyu.

· **Social Problems in Korea**

The course attempts to analyze several problems in Korean society, paying attention to their causes and consequences.

· **unification of Korea and cultural contents**

In preparation for the upcoming unification of the Korean peninsula, this seminar examines the production of relevant cultural contents.

· **Information Technology and Global Network Society**

The course analyzes the various aspects of information technology and current situation and future tasks of information industries.

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