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MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Lower Division
1 course from the following (4 units):
> EASC 150g East Asian Societies
> HIST 105g The Korean Past

Upper Division
4 courses from the following (16 units):
> CTCS-403 Studies in National and Regional Media: Korean Cinema*
> CTCS-494 Advanced Critical Studies Seminar: The History of South Korean Cinema: From National to Transnational*
> EALC-315 Advanced Korean I
> EALC-317 Advanced Korean II
> EALC-332 Korean Literature in English Translation
> EALC-344g Korean Literature and Culture
> EALC-415 Advanced Korean III
> EALC-417 Advanced Korean IV
> EALC-418 Korean Writing in Mixed Script
> EALC-419 Newspaper and Documentary Korean
> EALC-429 Gender in Korean Film and Literature
> EALC-499 Special Topics: History and Memory in Modern Korea*
> EALC-499 Special Topics: Travel in Korean Visual Culture*
> HIST-333 Korea: The Modern Transformation
> HIST-404 Seminar in Korean History
> HIST-498 Seminar on Selected Historical Topics: Asia and Trauma*
> IR-499 Special Topics: Business and Politics of the Korean Peninsula*
> IR-499 Special Topics: Korea in its Regional Context*

*For these repeatable courses, only classes with Korean-based foci will count towards the minor.

Total: 20 units