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U.S. and Korea Legal Systems Certificate Program

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“We’ve discovered that there’s a real opportunity for a close relationship between American law schools and Korea. This program was developed to promote practical solutions to problems arising at the intersection of U.S. and Korean Law.”

Erwin Chemerinsky
Founding Dean
UC Irvine School of Law

Program Overview

Presented by UC Irvine Extension in collaboration with the Korea Law Center at the UC Irvine School of Law, the Certificate Program in U.S. and Korea Legal Systems provides an in-depth study of the U.S. legal system with special emphasis on Korean comparative law topics. The program promotes transnational law knowledge and economic development as it prepares participants for global interaction and their professional roles in the internationalized economy.

Target Audience

Legal scholars, judges, attorneys, researchers, and business professionals from South Korea and the United States will all benefit from this program.

Program Benefits

- Gain an introduction to the comparative and practical analysis of substantive law and procedure between U.S. and Korea.
- Learn how to apply transnational law knowledge as it applies to economic development
- Prepare for global interaction and enhance your role in the internationalized economy



Certificate Requirements

To earn the certificate, candidates must complete 2 required courses with a grade of “C” or better for a total of 24 units and 240 hours of instruction. International students must maintain enrollment of 12 units per quarter/120 hours of instruction. In order to accomplish this, international students must take an additional 6 units per quarter/60 hours of instruction. They may fulfill this requirement by taking other courses offered by University Extension in conjunction with the required certificate courses. **Note: Students may enroll in individual courses without enrolling in the certificate program.**

Required Courses

Survey of U.S. and Korean Law and Legal Systems I

Law X418.1 (12 units)

Students will get a general overview of the U.S. legal system, legal history, and substantive law, as seen in comparison to the Korean legal system. Topics covered may also include the basic substantive law in the areas of criminal, civil, commercial, labor, family, and immigration. The course will also focus on current cross-border legal issues between U.S. and Korea. These include topics such as alternative dispute resolution, criminal extradition treaty, divorce, enforcement of judgment, Hague Service Convention, inheritance, judicial assistance, jurisdiction, Korean adoptees, and tax treaty.

Survey of U.S. and Korean Law and Legal Systems II

LAW X418.3 (12 units)

Students will further analyze U.S. substantive law and the U.S. legal system in contrast to the Korean system. Topics covered include criminal law, civil law, commercial law, labor and employment law, family law, and immigration. The course focuses primarily on current cross-border legal issues between U.S. and Korea.

Schedule of Courses

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS (HOURS)	W/SP (JAN–JUN)	SU/FA (AUG–DEC)
Law X418.1	Survey of US and Korean Law and Legal Systems I	12.0 (120)	C	C
Law X418.3	Survey of US and Korean Law and Legal Systems II	12.0 (120)	C	C
C=Classroom				

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