

Christian Studies

1. General Overview

When Dr. William Baird founded Soongsil in Pyongyang in 1897, each and every subject was in the nature of Christian studies. One hundred years later, in 1998, The Department of Christian Studies was formally established to foster interdisciplinary research into Christianity. We explore Christian understanding of the world through theology, philosophy, historical studies, biblical studies, sociology, counseling psychology, ethics, and cultural studies.

2. Educational Goals/Objectives

The Department of Christian Studies is a sort of 'cadets' department in Soongsil in that we study and practice the Soongsil's ideal of 'Truth and Service' whole-heartedly more than any other department. We mean, however, to be servants and helpers rather than domineering leaders. Our students will be working in the Christian spirit in the realms of church, politics, economy, culture, and academe.

3. Areas of Specialization and/or Course Titles

Christian Theology, Christian Philosophy, Christian View of History, Biblical Studies, Christian Sociology, Christian Counseling Psychology, Christian Ethics, Christian Cultural Studies

4. Career Opportunities/Job Situation

You may go on to graduate school to become a professor/researcher or to theological seminary to become a pastor. You may also find jobs in Christian journalism, NGO or other Christian institutions. In 2009, for instance, our graduates went to Harvard (USA) and Sheffield (UK) graduate schools in addition to domestic graduate schools. Other graduates have become Christian journalists, research fellows at national institutes, bank clerks, and insurance agents. Our graduates have been able to secure a wide variety of jobs since our curricula are basically interdisciplinary and we provide a comprehensive view of the world.

5. Related Licenses

Military Chaplain