

Philosophy

1. General Overview

Philosophy is a foundational academic subject from which all the other subjects have been derived. It is often likened to mathematics in the realm of natural science in that respect, but philosophy is even more fundamental than mathematics in that the former encompasses the latter. The Department of Philosophy was established in 1954, when Soongsil reopened in Seoul. With the spirit of 'Truth and Service', we aim to produce healthy and competent experts equipped with philosophical understanding of the world.

2. Educational Goals/Objectives

We aim to train students to be philosophically minded in every aspect of our lives, and to have a comprehensive understanding of the world and a leadership based on these capabilities. To achieve these goals, we specifically try to attain the following objectives:

- Deep understanding of Eastern and Western Classics
- Professional knowledge of particular philosophical subjects and interdisciplinary understanding
- Thorough learning of particular foreign languages necessary to pursue respective philosophical subjects
- Flexible thinkers who can handle the rapid change of the world

3. Areas of Specialization and/or Course Titles

- Freshman: Problems of Philosophy, Philosophical Seminar in Text Reading, Critical Thinking and Philosophical Writing, Wisdom of Western Thoughts, Wisdom of Eastern Thoughts
- Sophomore: Logic and Thinking, Introduction to Ethics, History of Ancient Western Philosophy, History of Ancient and Medieval East Asian Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture, Symbolic Logic, History of Modern Western Philosophy, History of Modern East Asian Philosophy, Medieval Western Philosophy, Philosophy of Art
- Junior: History of Korean Philosophy, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Epistemology, Philosophy of History, Modern and Contemporary German Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy, Contemporary Ethical Theories, Philosophical Anthropology, Thoughts of Laotzu and Chuangtzu
- Senior: Philosophical Writing, Confucian Thought, Problems of Anglo-American Philosophy, Applied Ethics, Metaphysics, Social and Political Philosophy, Contemporary European Philosophy, Studies in I-ching

4. Career Opportunities/Job Situation

Graduates find jobs in a wide range of areas. Our graduates go on to graduate school for further study more than any other graduate. The following are some of the typical job

opportunities for our graduates.

- professor, scholar, research fellow, pastor, teacher
- writer, critic, stage or cinema director, cultural project director
- advisor for politicians, journalist
- independent thinker-writer

5. Related Licenses

Class II Teacher's License in Philosophy for Secondary School Certificate of Writing Instructor