Philosophical Studies

1) History of Korean Thought

This course examines major philosophical thoughts and discourses in order to understand the Korea's past and to envision its future. The course offers a general survey of Korean philosophy while tracing the trajectory of Korean philosophy and also examines the universal and local features of Korean thoughts.

2) Studies in Korean Philosophy

In this course, we will explore the original source materials to examine the major debates and discussions in the sphere of Korean philosophy. The discussion not only deals with major thoughts of Confucianism, Buddhism, Daoism, and folk beliefs and religion, but also includes the famous debates of "four beginnings and seven emotions," "human mind and moral mind," and "Horak" concerning the moral principles in the Neo-Confucian context, and the debates of "Son and Kyo" and "Tono chŏmsu" concerning cultivation and enlightenment in the Buddhist term.