

Location & Academic Environment

Stony Brook University is located on Long Island, just an hour from New York City. It is a global educational hub and home to one of the most dynamic Korean and Asian studies venues in the United States. Our program benefits from the diverse resources of the Center for Korean Studies, a vibrant scholarly center that supports research, publication, education, and community outreach.



For more information and application details, contact the Program Director (hongkyung.kim@stonybrook.edu).

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New M.A. Track in Korean Humanism

Stony Brook University

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES & CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES



Stony Brook University welcomes applications from around the world for its new M.A. track in Korean Humanism, a graduate program dedicated to training future scholars of premodern and modern Korean literature, history, culture, and philosophy. Designed for students committed to advancing research on Korea's humanistic traditions across all historical periods, the program offers a rigorous curriculum, with full tuition support available for selected candidates.



Program Highlights

- Curriculum** ○ A carefully curated 30-credit program completed over three semesters.
- Full Tuition Scholarships** ○ Available to selected students for up to 30 credits, contingent upon maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Interdisciplinary Approach** ○ Explore Korea's heritage through the integrated study of literature, history, and philosophy.
- Primary Source Training** ○ Develop the skills to read and interpret primary Korean materials
- Career Preparation** ○ Well suited for students planning to pursue careers in Korean Studies or East Asian Studies, as well as in professional fields requiring expertise in Korean humanism



Course Design

The M.A. Track in Korean Humanism, housed within the M.A. in Global Asias Program in the Department of Asian and Asian American Studies, is a 30-credit program structured as follows:

1. Research Methods

3 credits

AAS 501 Research Methodology

2. Required Core Courses

12 credits

AAS 511 Reading Classical Texts in Korean Humanism I
 AAS 512 Reading Classical Texts in Korean Humanism II
 AAS 536 Korean Humanism in Modern History
 AAS 538 Korean Humanists: Lives and Works

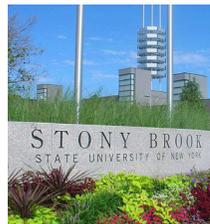
3. Three Elective Courses

9 credits

AAS 500 Intellectual History of East Asia
 AAS 523 Language and Society in Korea
 AAS 532 Humanities Topics in Korean Studies (Repeatable)
 AAS 537 History of Korea
 AAS 539 Korean Literature

4. A Thesis

6 credits



Teaching Faculty

Dr. Hongkyung Kim

- Director of the Korean Humanism Project
- Professor of Korean Philosophy, Confucianism, and Daoism
- PhD, Sungkyunkwan University

Dr. Mark Setton

- Visiting Associate Professor of Korean Philosophy and East Asian Intellectual History
- PhD, Oxford University

Dr. So-jeong Park

- Adjunct Professor of Korean Philosophy
- Professor, Sungkyunkwan University
- PhD, Yonsei University

Dr. Peter Moody

- Adjunct Professor of Korean Cultural and Intellectual History of the Twentieth Century
- PhD, Columbia University

Dr. Heejeong Sohn

- Advanced Senior Lecturer of Korean Modern History
- PhD, Stony Brook University

Additional Faculty

Dr. Sohl Lee

Associate Professor of East Asian Art

Dr. Jiwon Hwang

Assistant Professor of Korean Language

Dr. Sandra So Hee Chi Kim

Assistant Professor of Korean American Studies



How to Apply

We welcome students from diverse academic backgrounds worldwide—including history, literature, philosophy, East Asian studies, Korean studies, languages, and religion. Apply now to join the M.A. in Global Asias with the Korean Humanism track.

Interested in a scholarship? First, submit the graduate application, and then complete a separate scholarship application.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Admission to the M.A. track in Korean Humanism through the M.A. in Global Asias program at Stony Brook University.
2. Demonstrated academic excellence, with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher.
3. Clear commitment to pursuing research in Korean humanistic traditions.

Stony Brook University Graduate Admissions



Korean Humanism Scholarship Applications

