The Global Hub,
Sharing Korean Studies
with the World

The Academy of Korean Studies
The Academy of Korean Studies (AKS) is a comprehensive research, education, and archival institution which conducts research on Korean studies, preserves and disseminates key Korean studies resources and archival materials, and supports the future generation of Korean studies both in Korea and abroad.

**Vision & Mission**

- Make Korea a global cultural leader through the promotion of Korean studies
- Promote Korean studies and the enrichment of Korean culture
- Establish a global network of next generation Korean studies scholars
- Disseminate Korean studies content and increase beneficiaries
- Harmonization of the past, present, and future

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<th>POLICY VALUES</th>
<th>Harmonization of research and education</th>
<th>Harmonization of tradition and modernity</th>
<th>Harmonization of specialty and popularity</th>
<th>Harmonization of Korea and the world</th>
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<td>MIDTERM STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</td>
<td>Pioneer Korean studies research and education</td>
<td>Preserve and manage documentary cultural heritage</td>
<td>Create communication and mutual understanding</td>
<td>Enhance Korea’s brand value</td>
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<td>STRATEGIC TASKS</td>
<td>Enhance intensive Korean studies research</td>
<td>Modernize the materials at Jangseogak Archives</td>
<td>Compile the Digital Local Culture Encyclopedia of Korea</td>
<td>Strengthen the Korean studies international affairs program</td>
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<td>Foster competitive next generation Korean studies scholars</td>
<td>Strengthen the management of Jangseogak Archives’ materials</td>
<td>Provide the Encyclopedia of Korean Culture online</td>
<td>Vitalize academic support for Korean studies abroad</td>
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<td>Enhance the supremacy of Korean studies research and strengthen the research base</td>
<td>Establish and service Korean studies basic materials DB</td>
<td>Enhance content to popularize Korean studies</td>
<td>Diversify the system of analysis for Korean studies materials abroad</td>
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<td>KEY ACTIVITIES</td>
<td>Research and education</td>
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Ever since its founding in 1978, the AKS has been working steadily to advance the field of Korean studies with high-quality research. With that four-decade long history, the AKS continues to strive for a better future for Korean studies.

1970s

1976 July 21 The Korean government decides to establish an institute dedicated to Korean studies
1978 Feb. 28 Plan for the institute receives presidential approval
June 30 AKS opens
1979 Sept. 22 AKS holds its first workshop
Dec. 17 AKS holds the first International Conference on Korean Studies

1980 Mar. 5 The Graduate School of Korean Studies opens
1981 June 30 Construction of Jangseogak Archives completed
July 6 Rare books managed by the Cultural Heritage Administration relocated to Jangseogak Archives
1982 Feb. 24 First degrees from the Graduate School of Korean Studies conferred

1990s

1991 Sept. 12 AKS holds the first World Korean Symposium
Dec. 31 The first edition of the Encyclopedia of Korean Culture published
1996 Feb. 1 Digital Library of Korean Studies established
1997 Sept. 4 AKS’s Cheonggye Seodang School admits its first students

2000s

2003 Mar. Understanding Korea Project launched
July 23 Digital Local Culture Encyclopedia of Korea launched
Nov. 13 Construction of dormitory completed
2007 May 10 Korean Studies Promotion Service launched

2010s

2010 Dec. 24 Construction of new Jangseogak Archives building completed
2014 Apr. 11 Construction of the Research Complex completed
2016 Aug. 31 Construction of a traditional Korean-style lecture hall, Cheonggye Hakdang, completed
The AKS has seven specialized divisions that each engage in different forms of research, education, and outreach on Korean studies. The AKS also provides many public services including print publications, online services, and public programs. Together, these divisions and resources facilitate the realization of the AKS’s vision.

**DIVISIONS**

**The Graduate School of Korean Studies**
confers Masters and PhD degrees in the fields of humanities and social sciences pertinent to Korea and also provides Korean language and culture courses

**Office of Research Affairs**
leads Korean studies research by establishing key research directions, ensuring research integrity, and overseeing research projects and academic events

**Jangseogak (Joseon Dynasty Royal Archives)**
manages, compiles, and researches Korea’s heritage of records, with over 120,000 royal and 50,000 literati document holdings

**Center for International Affairs**
promotes Korean studies abroad and improves Korea’s image presented in foreign textbooks

**Korean Studies Digitization Center**
researches and develops Korean studies databases to enable valuable traditional Korean culture to play a proper role in today’s society

**Library and Resource Center**
specializes in systematic gathering and organizing of Korean studies materials to provide a comprehensive information service both online and offline

**Korean Studies Promotion Service**
supports Korean studies research by providing educational and training resources, establishing a solid platform for Korean studies, and strengthening communication with the public

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

**Books and Journals**
The AKS publishes numerous print works in Korean, English, and other foreign languages which contain basic materials and new theories about Korean studies to promote deeper and broader knowledge of Korea

**Online Services**
The AKS services numerous online resources which give users easier access to information, multimedia, and archival documents relating to Korean studies

**Public Programs**
The AKS offers various programs for the general public to help foster an interest in Korean studies
The Graduate School of Korean Studies (GSKS), founded in 1980, is a research-oriented graduate school in the fields of the humanities and social sciences pertaining to Korea, which aims to nurture scholars who will contribute to the development and globalization of Korean studies.

Why Choose GSKS?

- 4:1 student-faculty ratio
- Diverse coursework including interdisciplinary courses, fieldwork, research practicum, and independent research
- Credit for published work
- Korean, English, and Classical Chinese language courses available
- Major-specific courses exclusively designed for international students
- Field trips to help students explore Korean culture
- Low-cost on-campus housing available
- A variety of scholarships

Programs and Majors

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<td>Masters (2 years) &amp; Doctorate (3 years)</td>
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<td>Korean History, Paleography, Philosophy, Korean Linguistics, Korean Literature</td>
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<td>Culture and Arts</td>
<td>Anthropology, Politics, Religious Studies, Musicology, Art History, Cultural Informatics, Human Geography</td>
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<td>Social Sciences</td>
<td>Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Ethics, Education</td>
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<td>Global Korean Studies</td>
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<td>Korean Culture &amp; Society (Masters Program Only), Korean Classics &amp; Global Communication</td>
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<td>Research (Non-degree)</td>
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<td>16 Majors (Masters: 15 majors, Doctorate: 16 majors)</td>
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Want to Apply for GSKS?

Calls for application are announced twice a year: in October for the Spring Semester (Mar.-June) and in April for the Fall Semester (Sept.-Dec.).

Please refer to the AKS website (www.aks.ac.kr) for further details on how to apply!

Language Courses

In order to ensure all GSKS students become global scholars who can conduct and present research in languages relevant to Korean studies, students must take a number of foreign language courses as part of their degree requirement. Courses on Classical Chinese designed for international students have also been recently implemented to facilitate the future translation of Korean classic texts into English.

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<td>Classical Chinese</td>
<td>Elementary Chinese Classics</td>
<td>Classical Chinese grammar and translation of Classical Chinese texts</td>
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<td>Intermediate Chinese Classics</td>
<td>Reading of Classical Chinese texts</td>
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<td>Advanced Chinese Classics</td>
<td>Research of Classical Chinese texts relevant to majors</td>
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<td>Presentation and Discussion for Academic Purposes</td>
<td>Aid students in organizing their opinions and speaking in English</td>
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<td>English</td>
<td>Reading Comprehension</td>
<td>Improve students’ ability to engage in research of materials in English</td>
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<td>Writing for Academic Purposes</td>
<td>Support proficiency in academic writing in English to foster global Korean studies scholars</td>
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<td>Korean</td>
<td>Korean 1-6</td>
<td>Courses to improve basic Korean language proficiency</td>
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<td>KAP Lectures</td>
<td>Courses to improve Korean language proficiency for the purpose of boosting research ability, advanced reading, writing, listening, presentations, and discussions</td>
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<td>Special Courses</td>
<td>Elementary Classical Chinese for International Students</td>
<td>Introduction to Chinese characters for non-native learners of Korean</td>
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Scholarship Information
The GSKS aims to find prominent junior scholars abroad and to boost Korean studies overseas by granting scholarships and supporting on-site research.

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<td>Tuition Exemption</td>
<td>All international degree program students</td>
<td>• Tuition is exempted</td>
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<td>Government Grant</td>
<td>International degree program students only, granted to students selected by the Scholarship Committee</td>
<td>• Monthly allowance of KRW 750,000 during their coursework period</td>
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<td>AKS Graduate Fellowship</td>
<td>International students at an overseas university who are 1) enrolled in a master’s or doctoral degree program, or have completed all requirements except their thesis in their master’s degree program, or were conferred a master’s degree, or doctoral students in ABD status, and 2) whose research subject pertains to Korean studies</td>
<td>• Monthly allowance (equivalent to living expenses)</td>
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<td>• Round-trip airfare</td>
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<td>• Grantees are requested to enroll in a major-specific course and a Korean language course</td>
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Demographic Information

Student Enrollment (as of Mar. 2017)

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<td>Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Malaysia</td>
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<td>India, Bangladesh, Turkey, Jordan</td>
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<td>Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan</td>
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<td>Russia, Romania, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary</td>
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<td>France, Germany, Netherlands, Iceland, UK, Greece, Spain</td>
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<td>USA, Brazil, Peru</td>
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<td>Total Countries / Total Students / International %</td>
<td>34 Countries / 275 Total Students / 49% International</td>
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Graduate Overview (as of Mar. 2017)

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<td>Korean</td>
<td>626 (70%)</td>
<td>889 (65%)</td>
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<td>Int'l</td>
<td>263 (30%)</td>
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<td>Doctorate</td>
<td>Korean</td>
<td>386 (82%)</td>
<td>472 (35%)</td>
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<td>Int'l</td>
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<td>1,361 Degrees in Total</td>
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Job Overview of Doctoral Degree Program Graduates

- Professor: 37%
- Lecturer: 18.1%
- Researcher: 37%
- Other: 5.1%
- Non-academic Field: 4.6%
- Teacher: 4.2%
The Office of Research Affairs (ORA) is responsible for planning and implementing research projects at the AKS along with disseminating their results. The ORA develops mid- and long-term research projects, plans the future direction of research, evaluates research proposals and final reports, assesses the AKS’s professors and departments, publicizes and educates about research ethics, and publishes books and academic journals. The ORA oversees three research centers. It also oversees the AKS Press and the publication of the Korean-language Korean Studies Quarterly and the English-language The Review of Korean Studies.

Research Centers

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<th>Institute of Traditional Korea</th>
<th>Institute of Modern Korea</th>
<th>Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies</th>
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<td>Research on the transmission and re-illumination of Korea's traditional culture</td>
<td>Research on modern Korean society and culture</td>
<td>Comparative research between Korea's and other nations' societies and cultures</td>
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The AKS Press, a subdivision of the Office of Research Affairs, has published 1,980 texts containing basic materials and new theories about Korean studies. It publishes professional works in Korean studies in order to promote a deeper and broader approach to the discipline. The publications have been listed as “excellent books” by various institutions, including the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, and the National Academy of Sciences. The AKS Press engages in exchanges with leading overseas institutes to promote the globalization of Korean studies.

Current Research Areas

In-depth Research of Korean Culture

**Mission:** Research Korean values and traditional culture from the ancient past to today; for example, rediscovering and reevaluating Korean values and applying them to the modern context

**Key Activities:** Developing and supporting short- and mid-term research tasks of diverse forms under the themes of tradition, modernity, and comparison

Korean Values and Civilization in the Global Age

**Mission:** Explore Korean cultural competence and creativity and their significance in the global age

**Key Activities:** Supporting diverse researches relating to ‘Koreans’ Values and Public-Spirited Nature’ and ‘Korea’s Scientific Reasoning and Cultural Competence’ and engaging in joint research with Japan and China

Collection of Korea’s Oral Literature and Research on Korea’s Oral History

**Mission:** Preserve and better understand Korea’s oral history and tradition

**Key Activities:** Publishing, revising, and expanding the Korean Oral Literature Collection which includes folk stories, folk songs, shaman chants, as well as materials from Korea’s democratization and industrialization movements

Publication of English-language Materials on Modern Korea

**Mission:** Expand and reproduce scholarship on Korea’s modern history and culture to meet the demand for materials on these topics

**Key Activities:** Translation of materials on labor, democratization, the Saemaul movement, education, family, women’s rights, intra-Korean relations, business, religion, and the Korean Wave

Translation and Annotation of Historical Materials

**Mission:** Improve public access to historical materials, expand the research of Korean classics, and enhance young scholar’s capabilities to research such materials

**Key Activities:** Improving access to the diverse materials at Jangseogak Archives and other archival facilities
As the AKS’s cornerstone institution, Jangseogak Archives continues a more-than-century-long royal legacy of collection, preservation, and investigation of Korea’s documentary heritage. With over 520,000 historical records including royal genealogies, royal calligraphies, rubbings of royal inscriptions, royal classics, military materials, hangeul novels, portraits, literati classics, and more, Jangseogak is a leading repository of primary source documents for Korean studies. The compilation, restoration, preservation, translation, annotation, digitization, research, publication, curation, and exhibition of these items allows Korean studies scholars, students, and the general public to have greater access to and understanding of Korean history, culture, and society into posterity.

Jangseogak’s Major Research Tasks

• Searching for and acquiring archival materials in the form of donations and long-term loans
• Investigating, studying, and preserving classical resources
• Building a solid base for research on Korea’s royal families using resources from the Jangseogak Archives collection
• Compiling a reference book based on the Annals of the Joseon Dynasty
• Making the classics more accessible to modern readers—for example, by deciphering handwritten texts in the Jangseogak Archives holdings, annotating them, and working to bring them to the public
• Conducting international joint research efforts and inviting fellows to Korea to carry out research
• Publishing English translations of Jangseogak Archives collection
• Submitting Jangseogak Archives materials to UNESCO for inscription on its Memory of the World register

Programs

• Academic Events (colloquia and conferences)
• Jangseogak Academy (more on page 33)
• Workshops
• Exhibitions

Jangseogak Digital Archives

This vast database of Korean studies references provides bibliographic information and original documents in both image and text formats of the collection of old documents in Jangseogak Archives. Content includes old books, old documents, oral records, photos and illustrations, and more. Digital content is provided via an integrated system that was established in partnership with 19 related organizations, including the National Institute of Korean History, the Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies of Seoul National University, and the Institute for the Translation of Korean Classics. The archive also features various dictionaries and glossaries along with supplementary information. This system leads the technological standardization for Korean historical information services.
Jangseogak’s Legacy

In 1908, Emperor Gojong began organizing texts that were scattered throughout several palaces within the royal household. His plan was to assemble them in one place and, ultimately, establish an imperial library with some ten thousand volumes. The collection he envisioned was to include history archives as well as the documents within the existing Joseon Dynasty royal library, Gyujanggak. However, his plan was derailed when Japan annexed Korea in 1910.

In 1915, the materials which had been collected were relocated to a newly built library in Changgyeonggung Palace. The library received its official Jangseogak name plaque in 1918. In 1950, during the Korean War, North Korean troops raided the collection and took one of the versions of the Annals of the Joseon Dynasty. In the same year, hangeul books in Nakseonjae Hall of Changdeokgung Palace were to be relocated to Jangseogak. In the decades following the war, historical texts continued to be collected from places like Chilgung Shrine, Bongmodang and Bogak Halls, Jongmyo Shrine, the ritual houses of the Joseon Royal Tombs, and more.

In 1981, Jangseogak was incorporated into the AKS, where the archives remain today. In 2011, a new building for Jangseogak was completed with state-of-the-art facilities for storage, classification, restoration, digitization, reference, and exhibition. With this legacy and infrastructure, Jangseogak hopes to realize Emperor Gojong’s vision long into the future.

Major Holdings

**SPOTLIGHT Items on UNESCO’s Memory of the World Register**

**Uigwe (The Royal Protocols of the Joseon Dynasty)**
341 books, 503 volumes / Registered in 2007 / Treasure No. 1901-2
This is a written and pictorial record that documents in exquisite detail the activities of Joseon-era royalty. From these writings, we know how kings and queens lived and how they built their palaces and tombs. We can understand their rituals and procedures surrounding weddings, funerals, banquets, receiving foreign missions, and more.

**Dongui Bogam (Principles and Practice of Eastern Medicine)**
1613 / 25 volumes, 1st Ed. / Registered in 2009 / Nat’l Treasure No. 319-2
As UNESCO notes on its website, this medical compendium from 1613 was the work of medical experts and literati under royal guidance. It influenced the practice of medicine in East Asia and other parts of the world and was well ahead of its time in embracing the ideals of preventive medicine and public health care.
State-designated Cultural Heritages

Tonggam Sokpyeon
(Scroll of Oath-taking Rites by Twenty Meritorious Subjects)
Treasures Nos. 1512, 1513

Woljungdo
(Scenes of Yeongwol)
Treasure No. 1536

Isip Gongsin Hoemaengchuk
(Scroll of Oath-taking Rites by Twenty Meritorious Subjects)
Treasure Nos. 1512, 1513

Son So Chosang
(Portrait of Son So)
1476 / Treasure No. 1216

Gukjo Jeongtorok
(Records of Wars in the Early Joseon Period)
Treasure No. 1511 / "Sole extant copy"

Other Rare Texts

Genealogical Records of the Joseon Royal Family
822 books, 5,280 volumes

Nakseonjae Collection of Classic Novels in Hangul
99 books, 2,215 volumes

Heoju Bugun Sansu Yucheop
(Yi Jong-ak’s Landscape Album)
1763

Gunyeongdeungnok
(Records of the Central Military Garrisons)
569 volumes

Ubok Seonsaeng Sijang
(Documents on Procedures to Determine the Posthumous Title of Ubok)
1663
The Center for International Affairs (CEFIA) oversees the understanding and promotion of Korean studies abroad and for foreigners in Korea. CEFIA intends to contribute to raising the level of global citizens' recognition of Korea and upgrading Korea's national image. CEFIA has two main divisions: Division of International Support for Korean Studies and the Understanding Korea Project. Find out more about these divisions and their activities below.

Promotion of Korean Studies Abroad
CEFIA supports research and education activities abroad and provides opportunities in Korea for international students, scholars, and opinion leaders to gain a deeper understanding of Korean studies. By supporting overseas Korean studies efforts, holding international conferences and cultural exchange activities, and broadening educational programs and networks, the division is advancing the field of Korean studies and enhancing Korea's national image.

International Support for Korean Studies
- Korean Studies Grant
  Support for scholars in their research efforts as well as in organizing international conferences. Available to universities, research organizations, and affiliated researchers involved in Korean studies overseas.

- AKS Fellowship
  To assist overseas Korean studies researchers, CEFIA offers round-trip airfare and supports research expenses for up to one year. Recipients can also use the AKS's library and other facilities.

International Conferences
- World Congress of Korean Studies & International Conference on Korean Studies
  Held every other year, these conferences facilitate the exchange of Korean studies research findings and the discussion of issues surrounding Korean studies in Korea and abroad.
The Understanding Korea Project

The Understanding Korea Project (UKP) researches and promotes a proper understanding of Korea by improving the image of Korea in foreign textbooks, raising awareness of Korea, and enhancing Korea’s international profile. To that end, the UKP analyzes foreign textbooks, investigates inaccuracies, reaches out to educational professionals overseas, and develops and disseminates materials aimed at promoting the UKP.

Education and Networks

- **AKS Summer Program for International Students**
  This four-week program seeks to foster the future of Korean studies by providing an opportunity for university students majoring in Korean studies to come to Korea and attend language courses, academic courses, and field trips.

- **Societas Koreana**
  Lectures and meetings, as well as cultural field trips and traditional arts performances offer foreign ambassadors, diplomats, and other opinion leaders a chance to gain a deeper understanding of and a personal connection to Korean culture.

- **KSNET**
  This online service provides a glimpse of the state of Korean studies in countries around the world. Visitors can search for overseas Korean studies lectures, overseas universities with Korean studies departments, other related institutions, and Korean studies scholars. Korean studies institutions and scholars overseas can also post information.

- **Institutional Cooperation**
  To maintain ongoing, productive ties with major universities and research institutions spearheading development in Korean studies overseas, CEFIA is forming academic exchange agreements and exploring different opportunities for cooperation, including faculty, student, and publication exchanges.

Online Resource Spotlight

More information on training and seminar opportunities and support for organizations is available through the UKP website. Educational materials are also available for download in a variety of foreign languages, including English, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, French, and Mandarin.
The Korean Studies Digitization Center (KSDC) conducts research and develops Korean studies databases for the purpose of enabling valuable traditional Korean culture to play a proper role in a modern society characterized by advanced information technology. The process of cataloguing Korean studies information cannot simply stop merely at the digitization of old documents, but must organize and provide these works in such a way that new knowledge can be generated. This is why such digitized materials are used as the foundation of various encyclopedias, archives, databases, and more. The KSDC works in collaboration with other divisions at the AKS to consolidate and provide greater and more meaningful access to the wide variety of resources and knowledge at the AKS.

Digital Local Culture Encyclopedia of Korea

Launched in 2003, this encyclopedia, compiled by local experts across the country and including a variety of multimedia, allows a close-up view of Korea's diverse regional culture. Entries cover a wide range of topics including local geography, history, politics, economics, society, cultural heritage, culture and education, historical figures, religion, and folklore. The encyclopedia also includes other useful features, including an interactive map that can inform users about important cultural sites nearby and a timeline that allows users to sort entries by year or time period. The encyclopedia is continuously updated to include more entries and multimedia from more areas around Korea.

The encyclopedia includes over 115,000 entries and over 217,000 multimedia contents representing 84 cities, counties, or districts across Korea. An abridged English version of the encyclopedia is also available with over 4,100 entries and over 11,100 multimedia contents representing 33 cities, counties, or districts across Korea. More cities, counties, and districts will be represented in the future.

Encyclopedia of Korean Culture

This 27-volume encyclopedia was published in 1991 after completion of an 11-year project that was launched in 1980. This project required the participation of more than 3,800 experts in Korean studies, and compiles over 400,000 pages of manuscripts and more than 40,000 maps and photos in a comprehensive effort to offer essential information on Korean culture. In 2001, the encyclopedia was reprinted on CD-ROM. In 2007, the encyclopedia was made available online and a 10-year project to revise and supplement the encyclopedia began, with the revised content provided in real time online. Online entries are supported by multimedia content and references, including both historical documents and scholarly theses.
The AKS Library and Resource Center surveys, collects, digitizes, organizes, and provides experts and the public Korean studies materials including research data and results, modern and contemporary materials from the social sciences and humanities, non-book materials, classic literature, theses, AKS publications, and more. These materials are available online via various databases as well as in person in the AKS’s library building.

Library of Korean Studies

The AKS Library systematically gathers and organizes Korean studies materials—modern and contemporary materials and non-book resources in the humanities and social sciences—to make them available to users, while digitizing classical resources, doctoral dissertations, and AKS publications. In addition, the Library operates a consumer-oriented, open library that distributes the AKS’s materials to other Korean studies institutions in Korea and overseas.

Current Library Holdings (as of Feb. 2017)

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Korean Studies Promotion Service (KSPS) works within the four categories of programs: Global Korean Studies for enhancing international competitiveness, Korean Studies Infrastructure Development for constructing a body of intellectual public asset, Korean Studies with People to widen the research horizon, and Korean Studies Foundation Research for offering the source to reproduce and refine the knowledge and understanding of Korea.

Program Overview

KSPS offers a variety of long- and short-term support opportunities to institutions and individuals in concordance with the various research and development programs and projects listed below. For information on funding amounts and application dates, visit the KSPS website.

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Mission</th>
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<td>Global Korean Studies</td>
<td>• Support an education infrastructure for overseas Korean studies</td>
<td>Seed Program for Korean Studies (educational infrastructure support)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Construct a world-wide academic network</td>
<td>Core University Program for Korean Studies (overseas university support)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Produce high quality research outcomes in the field of Korean studies</td>
<td>Laboratory for Korean Studies (academic article and book publishing support)</td>
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<td>Korean Studies Infrastructure</td>
<td>• Research, collect, and organize fundamental Korean studies resources</td>
<td>Collection and Documentation of Manuscripts for Korean Studies</td>
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<td>Development</td>
<td>• Publish glossaries according to various disciplines and themes of Korean studies</td>
<td>Compilation of Korean Studies-Related Dictionaries</td>
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<td>Korean Studies with People</td>
<td>• Print publication series on topics of Korean studies</td>
<td>Oral History and Literature Archives</td>
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<td>• Translate Korean classics into English</td>
<td>Strategic Research in Korean Studies</td>
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<td>Korean Studies Foundation</td>
<td>• Provide a solid foundation for Korean studies research by making classical primary source materials more easily accessible through translation and annotation into modern Korean</td>
<td>Korean Studies Series</td>
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World Archives of Korean Studies

KSPS also operates a website, the World Archives of Korean Studies, which includes dictionaries, multimedia, newspapers and magazines, research articles, books, oral history and literature, and ancient literature and documents.
As a part of its mission to disseminate Korean studies knowledge both in Korea and abroad, the AKS publishes numerous educational materials in Korean, English, and other foreign languages. The AKS has a number of primers on diverse subjects relating to Korean history, culture, and society which are excellent assets for primary and secondary educators abroad. The select publications shown below are available in English and the additional languages listed.

### Books and Journals

- **The Review of Korean Studies** (Quarterly Journal)
- **The Understanding Korea Series**
  - Vol. 2: Early Printings in Korea (2013)
  - Vol. 7: Geography of Korea (2017)
- **Infokorea: An Essential Guide for Educators** (2010-2016)
- **The History of Education in Korea** (2015)
- **The Saemaeul Movement** (2015)
- **Modern Korean Family** (2015)
- **Modern Korean Labor** (2015)
- **Korean Catholicism and Protestantism** (2016)
- **The Korean Wave** (2016)
- **The South Korean Democratization Movement** (2016)
- **Environmental Movements in Korea** (2017)
- **Social Welfare in Korea** (2017)
- **Korean Diaspora** (2017)
- **Sports, Leisure and Games in Korea** (2017)
- **Korean Women** (2017)
- **North Korean Modern History** (2017)
- **Exploring Korean History Through World Heritage** (2014)
- **Cultural Landscapes of Korea** (2010)
- **21 Icons of Korean Culture** (2009)

### Online Services

The AKS offers numerous online services for Korean studies scholars, students, and the general public. These online resources help foster quality Korean studies research and more detailed knowledge of Korea. Select services are provided fully or partially in English and other languages. Below is a summary of these diverse resources, with multilingual resources listed at the top and Korean-only resources listed alphabetically. For more detailed information, check the pages listed below or visit the websites directly.

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<td>Jangseogak Digital Archives</td>
<td>yoksa.aks.ac.kr</td>
<td>Korean</td>
<td>A database of Korean studies materials from the collection at Jangseogak Archives with bibliographic information and original documents in both image and text formats.</td>
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<td>KSNET</td>
<td>ksnet.aks.ac.kr</td>
<td>Korean / English</td>
<td>A portal for information on overseas Korean studies lectures, overseas universities with Korean studies departments, other related institutions, and Korean studies scholars.</td>
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<td>The Understanding Korea Project</td>
<td>info.korea.ac.kr</td>
<td>Korean / English / Japanese / Chinese / Spanish / Russian</td>
<td>A site including print resources, multimedia, e-library, newsletters, and links to resources in multiple languages.</td>
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<td>Digital Local Culture Encyclopedia of Korea</td>
<td>grandculture.net</td>
<td>Korean / English</td>
<td>A comprehensive multimedia encyclopedia with over 115,000 entries and 217,000 multimedia relating to local culture and history across Korea.</td>
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<td>Encyclopedia of Korean Culture</td>
<td>encykorea.aks.ac.kr</td>
<td>Korean / English</td>
<td>A comprehensive multimedia encyclopedia with over 60,000 entries relating to Korean studies.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Digital Library of Korean Studies</td>
<td>lib.aks.ac.kr</td>
<td>Korean / English</td>
<td>An online search engine of the materials held in the AKS’s library.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Integrated Database of Historical Figures of Korea</td>
<td>people.aks.ac.kr</td>
<td>Korean</td>
<td>An encyclopedia including entries of over 120,000 historical figures of Korea and other supplementary resources.</td>
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<td>Research Information Network of Korean Studies</td>
<td>rinks.aks.ac.kr</td>
<td>Korean</td>
<td>A comprehensive channel for all the information offered by the AKS along with other resources held by Korean studies research institutions in Korea and overseas.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Glossary of Korean Studies</td>
<td>glossary.aks.ac.kr</td>
<td>Korean / English</td>
<td>An online glossary of terms relating to Korean studies, including Korean, Chinese characters, Romanization, translations and examples.</td>
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<td>World Archives of Korean Studies</td>
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Public Programs

The AKS provides a number of free public programs to promote an interest in and deeper understanding of Korean studies in the local community.

Tour of the AKS
☎ +82 31-709-4412

The AKS features gardens with 40,000 trees and elegantly structured classic buildings. To share this beauty and to foster an appreciation of nature and the academic spirit, tours are available all year round for community residents and the general public.

- All year round
  13:00–17:00 (excepting public holidays)
- Visitors can tour the complex freely after presenting a photo ID at the entrance.
  (Groups of more than 10 visitors will be asked to go through a separate check-in process.)

Sharing and Cultivating Cultures of Korean Studies
☎ +82 31-709-4412

This program, consisting of lecture, exhibitions and performance for the general public, aims to share the meaning and value of Korean studies with community residents and the general public.

Cheonggye Seodang School
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http://www.aks.ac.kr/univ/contentsInfo.do?menu_no=140

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- Application Period: Mid-July
- Beneficiaries: General public and Korean studies researchers who want to learn the basic Chinese classics and classical Chinese grammar

- No. of Students
  - Basic: 45, Training: 35, Advanced: 25

- Courses
  - Basic (2 semesters): Mingxin Baojian (Handbook for Cultivation of the Mind), Gyeongmong Yogyeol (The Secret of Expelling Ignorance)
  - Training (4 semesters): Analects, Great Learning, Doctrine of the Mean, and Mencius
  - Advanced (6 semesters): Three Classics: Book of Changes, Book of Documents, Book of Poetry

- Course Time
  - Basic & Training: 15 weeks/semester, Tue/Thu 19:00–22:00
  - Advanced: 20 weeks/semester, Mon/Wed 19:00–22:00

- Lecturers: Chinese classics scholars who have served as AKS special committee members

Jangseogak Academy
http://jsg.aks.ac.kr/home/academy/register.do

This program seeks to popularize Korean studies by providing lectures on royal and aristocratic culture for 12 weeks twice a year. These courses also educate experts in basic Korean studies materials, including the literature at Jangseogak and classical texts held in the private sector.
1. Administration Building
2. Grand Auditorium
3. Korean Studies Digitization Center
4. Guest House 1
5. Korean Studies Promotion Service
6. Guest House 2
7. Dining Hall & Campus Store
8. Library
9. Graduate School of Korean Studies
10. Dormitory
11. Research Complex
12. Jangseogak
13. Main Gate
14. Cheonggye Hakdang