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South Korea today is a religiously pluralistic society, where no single religion claims a significant majority. On the other side of the Demilitarized Zone, North Korea has banished religion—or so people claim. How did this contemporary religious landscape of the Korean peninsula emerge? This course surveys the development of philosophical thoughts and religious practices in tandem with social, political, and cultural transformations on the peninsula. We will examine selected religious traditions that have flourished among the people on the Korean peninsula, from the early kingdoms through the contemporary era (including the Korean diaspora). These religious and philosophical traditions include Buddhism, Confucianism, shamanism, Christianity, and new religious movements.

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