

Korea University

2022 Exchange Program

* If you are applying as a visiting student (fee-paying student), please refer to the factsheet for Visiting Program.



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* Information for Outbound(from KU to your university) can be found in page 6

Applying to KU

Academic Term	Online Nomination/Application Period
2022 Spring (semester 1) * March - June	October 01, 2021 ~ October 31, 2021
2022 Fall (semester 2) * September - December	April 1, 2022 ~ April 30, 2022

* KU accepts online Nominations/Applications only without any exceptions.

<Steps to NOMINATE students to KU Exchange Program>

For outbound exchange program coordinators (KU's inbound)

Step 1. Discuss the Exchange quota with Outbound Exchange & Balance coordinator team

Each exchange program coordinator must discuss the exchange quota with the outbound team in advance. Coordinators will receive a survey from the Outbound Exchange & Balance coordinator in specific period of time.

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Step 2. Check students' entry requirements*

<Entry Requirements>

- Must be a currently enrolled student
- A minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (**GPA by US standard**)
- Undergraduates must have completed a minimum of 2 full semesters at their home institution before the Nomination/Application starts (Transferred undergraduates / Postgraduates: 1 semester)
- * **Transcripts including the second semester issued during or after the application period are not acceptable**
- Fluency in either Korean or English (evidence of language proficiency not required)
- G.P.A conversion certificate or certification letter signed by the home university coordinator

Step 3. Nominate student(s) on online nomination system

An automated email including instructions for nomination will *only* be sent to partners who have confirmed the exchange quota in advance.

* We request you to enter your students' private email accounts, preferably gmail which works best with our system, as there is a high possibility that the university account such as **@**.edu will block our automated email including the online application link or filter it as spam.

* Please do not send any reply to the auto-generated nomination email. Any replies to the automatic email will not be forwarded to Global Services Center. For any inquiries regarding the nomination, please contact the staff directly.

Step 4. Inform student(s) to check their mail box (including spam mail box)

As soon as coordinators complete the online nomination, an email including the application link will be sent to students.

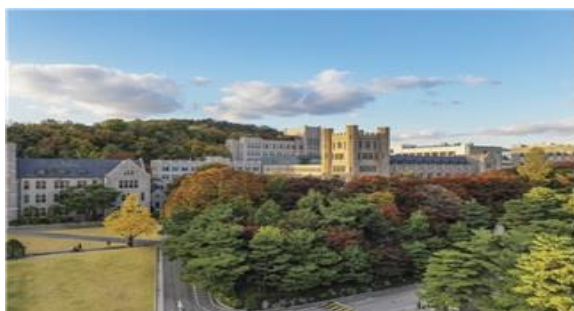
Step 5. Discuss with KU Global Services Center Staff

Staff at the Global Services Center will contact you if there are any inquiries regarding the nomination.

Step 6. Check the acceptance package (file)

If your students are accepted, Global Services Center will send the acceptance package to the coordinator via email. Please forward the package to your students.

※All supporting documents MUST be uploaded online in English or with English translations.



<Steps to APPLY for KU Exchange Program>

For students (to KU)

Step 1. Nomination from home university coordinator

In order to apply to KU exchange program, students must be nominated by home university.

<Entry Requirements>

- Must be a currently enrolled student
- A minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (**GPA by US standard**)
- Undergraduates must have completed a minimum of 2 semesters at their home institution before the Nomination/Application starts (Transferred undergraduates / Postgraduates: 1 semester)
- * **Transcripts including the second semester that are issued during or after the application period is not acceptable**
- Fluency in either Korean or English (evidence of language proficiency not required)

Step 2. Receive Application email from the KU Global Services Center

Once the university coordinator completes the online nomination, students will receive an automatic email which includes the application link. It is strongly advised for students to inform their private email address to the exchange coordinator at their home university.

* Please do not send any reply to the auto-generated application email. Any replies to the automatic email will not be forwarded to the Global Services Center.

Step 3. Complete the Application

Students are responsible for both fulfilling the entry requirements and preparing all the required documents.

< Required Documents> * each file size must be under 1MB except your photo

- **Transcript:** Current transcript in English with grading scale demonstrating the equivalent to 2.5 (out of 4.0) and including grades for at least 2 full semesters(Transfer/Postgraduates: 1 semester).
- **GPA conversion certificate** (the form can be downloaded from the application page)
: (OR) Certification letter signed by the home university coordinator.
- **Admissions Essay** (no longer than 1 page)
: Students should write the reason why they chose KU for their program, what they hope to achieve
- **Copy of Passport**
- **Health Certificate** (the form can be downloaded from the application page)
: Only the examination taken in August to October for Spring semester(next year) and February to April for Fall semester is acceptable.
- **Student Oath** (the form can be downloaded from the application page)
- **One Passport-sized photo (JPG file only)** (3.5cm x 4.5cm) (file size under 50kb)
: This photo will also be used to issue your student ID card, so please do not upload inappropriate photo.
- **Health Insurance – Must cover the entire study abroad period, can be uploaded after submission**
: Students will be automatically registered for the NHI(National Health Insurance in Korea) when they create alien registration card at the immigration office after their arrival in Korea.
However, all international students are required to have private insurance that takes effect throughout their study period apart from NHI as the coverage of NHI may not be enough to cover all expenses for serious illness and injury which may cause a serious financial hardship.
: Can be uploaded to the application page even after submission of the online application as students usually enroll right before their departure.
: Submission deadline: Spring semester : January 31 / Fall semester : July 31
- **Application fee of USD 50** (non-refundable)
: should be paid by wire transfer to Korea University

※ **All supporting documents MUST be uploaded online in English or with English translations.**

Step 4. Prepare further documents/Update your application

Students may be asked to submit extra documents if the submitted documents are invalid.
Students are responsible for checking their emails regularly.

Step 5. Receive Acceptance Documents from home university coordinator

The KU Global Services Center will send the Acceptance Documents to the coordinators.

- * Applications may be reviewed only after the deadline and may take 6-8 weeks to process.
The acceptance package will be sent to your coordinator by email.

Academics

Course Information

- Course List: <http://sugang.korea.ac.kr> (click on English on the right side of the main page).
 - Undergraduates may refer to the course list under “Major Subject” and “General Subject.”
 - Courses conducted in English will be indicated in brackets (e.g. Marketing Management (English)).
 - Courses marked under the X) tab are open to exchange students.
 - The Course List for the upcoming semester will be released in mid-July and mid-January.
- * Students may refer to the course list from the corresponding semester of the previous year as it will remain similar. However, courses are subject to change every semester and we cannot guarantee all the courses will be available. Students are responsible for making a back-up plan for their course registration.
- * Course list can be also found at <http://gsc.korea.ac.kr> > Exchange/Visiting Student > Board > Notice

Credit Requirements

Undergraduate	Graduate
Max. 19 credits per semester. - Undergraduate students are <u>NOT allowed</u> to take postgraduate courses.	Max.12 credits per semester - Graduate students can take undergraduate courses.

- * Even if you take just one course, you will be recognized as a full time student at KU. However, you should also check the minimum number of credits to be taken with your home university coordinator.

Academic Workload

Major	Electives	Workload
2-3 credits	1-3 credits	(1 credit = 1 teaching hour) / 1 semester : 16 weeks

Course Restrictions

Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Law, Teacher Education, Division of Information Security, Art & Design, and all courses at Sejong Campus are not open to exchange students.

- ** For graduate students, the departments mentioned above are restricted, as well as graduate-level Business courses (graduate courses that start with BUS, INT)

*Please be aware that registering for courses from Business School, Media & Communications, and International Studies (courses that start with BUSS, JMCO, DISS) is **extremely** competitive.*

Our office cannot guarantee any courses for exchange students. Therefore, we request students to be very flexible with their course selections.

*** Important Notice for graduate students**

Only the departments under the <Graduate School> categories are available to exchange students except Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Law, Teacher Education, Division of Information Security, Art & Design, *and also* graduate level Business courses (graduate courses that start with BUS, INT) and all courses at Sejong Campus

***Having said that, <Graduate School of International Studies> courses are not available to exchange students.**

e.g. Course codes with IDC, IIC, IAC, IPS, IRC, IKS, IAS are courses from the <Graduate School of International Studies> which are not open to any exchange/visiting students.

Course Registration

▪ Students will be notified via email about the instructions for course registration in mid-July (for fall semester) and mid-January (for spring semester). Students should do the following steps after receiving the email.

Step 1. Read the course registration instructions very carefully.

Step 2. Make a preferred course listing during the 'Preferred Course Listing' period.

Step 3. Check the results.

Step 4. Apply for courses during the 'Course Registration' period.

Step 5. Try to add courses during the 'Add/Drop' period.

***** No changes can be made after Add/Drop period ends**

* At Korea University, every course has limited openings not only for exchange/visiting students but also for regular KU students. While the number of vacancies for regular KU students depends on their enrolled year (e.g. sophomore), exchange/visiting students are counted separately.

If the number of exchange/visiting students who have selected a specific course (e.g. WORLD ECONOMY AND BUSINESS) during the 'Preferred Course Listing' period is equal to or below the number of quota available to exchange/visiting students, the course will be automatically registered (The quota for exchange/visiting students is usually 15% of total enrollment in each class).

Students may refer to the course list from the corresponding semester of the previous year as it will remain similar. However, courses are subject to change every semester and we cannot guarantee its availability. Students are responsible to make a back-up plan for their course plan. KU cannot recommend or find a course for individual students in principle of fairness. It is student's responsibility to make a backup plan (plan B) when they make their course plan.



Visa

Visa Requirements

Students are required to obtain a D-2-6 visa (exchange student visa) prior to their arrival in Korea.

Required documents for visa will be sent along with the acceptance package.

Please read more about the student visa [here](#).

* After they arrive in Korea, students must not leave the country before an Alien Registration Card is issued. If they do, the D-2 visa will automatically expire, making it illegal to study in the country.

※ Extra documents may be required depending on students nationality.

※ Students of Chinese nationals who are studying outside of China MUST apply for the student visa in the country where the home university is located.

Details regarding the Alien Registration Card can be found [here](#).

Accommodations

* Please be aware that on-campus housing is *not* guaranteed.

On-Campus Housing

Exchange students are eligible to apply for on-campus housing (CJ International House, Anam Global House, Anam Hall 2) during their stay at KU. Students will be required to apply for housing online after they have been accepted as an exchange student. Applications past the deadline will not be considered for placement.

For details regarding housing and related fees, please refer to the website [here](#).

Students who are assigned on-campus housing will be required to take a tuberculosis test (x-ray, blood test, or skin test) dating after July 1st for fall semester and January 1st for spring semester. The certificate must be issued in Korean or English only. The TB test result should be submitted to the dormitory, not to the GSC.

Off-Campus Housing

For those who are not assigned for on-campus accommodation, the Global Services Center will provide information and assistance in finding off-campus residence nearby the campus.

Off-campus accommodation information can be found at <http://gsc.korea.ac.kr> > *Student Services* > *Accommodation*

* If you have any queries about the off-campus housing options, please send an email to studyabroad@korea.ac.kr

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Academic Calendar

2022 Academic Calendar (TBC)		
Month	Date	Events
February	14	Online Orientation for International Students
	16-19	[UNDERGRADUATE] Course Registration for Spring Semester
	17-19	[GRADUATE] Course Registration for Spring Semester
March	1	Independence Movement Day (National Holiday)
	2	Spring Semester Begins (TBC)
	4-5	[UNDERGRADUATE] Course Add/Drop & Course Registration Confirmation Period
	5-8	[GRADUATE] Course Add/Drop & Course Registration Confirmation Period
April	20-26	Midterm Examination Period (If two weeks: 4/20-5/3)
May	5	KU Foundation Day / Children's Day (National Holiday)
	8	Buddha's Birthday (National Holiday)
June	6	Memorial Day (National Holiday)
	15-21	Final Examination Period [If two weeks: 6/8-6/21] (TBC)
	22	Summer Vacation Begins
August	3-6	[UNDERGRADUATE] Preferred course listing period for the Fall Semester
	15	Liberation Day (National Holiday)
	17-20	[UNDERGRADUATE] Course Registration for Fall Semester
	18-20	[GRADUATE] Course Registration for Fall Semester
September	1	Fall semester begins (TBC)
	6	[UNDERGRADUATE] Course Add/Drop & Course Registration Confirmation Period
	9-12	Chuseok (National Holiday)
October	3	National Foundation Day (National Holiday)
	9	Hangul Proclamation Day (National Holiday)
	20-26	Midterm Examination Period [If two weeks: 10/20-11/2] (TBC)
December	15-21	Final Examination Period [If two weeks: 12/8-12/21] TBC)
	22	Winter Vacation Begins
	25	Christmas (National Holiday)
	28	International Winter Campus Session 1 Begins [3-Weeks] (TBC)
January	15	International Winter Campus Session 1 Ends [3 Weeks] (TBC)

* KU runs on a semester system. Each semester is 16 weeks long.

* Schedules are subject to change and will be finalized in mid-December, 2021.