Dear International Students,

There has never been a better time than the present to be an international student, indeed with so many inspiring and challenging academic programs at universities all over the world to choose from, we know there are many options available to you. For this reason we are very pleased you are considering studying in Korea and at Korea University (KU).

Currently, KU is recognized as the top university in the nation in the areas of international education. We have made a conscious effort to provide our students with a top-quality education that exposes them to different ideas and cultures from around the world. This plan also includes an important component of sharing the best of Korean culture with international students who come and study with us here in Seoul.

Over the past nine years we have seen a dramatic increase in both the number of courses offered in English (currently about 40%) and in the number of international students who have selected Korea University as their destination of choice for a study abroad experience. In 2017 alone we welcomed more than 18,000 students to our campus from all parts of the globe. This is certainly a strong testament to the quality of the academic experience offered at KU and to the warm hospitality and inviting environment we have created on campus.

We realize that studying in a foreign country presents its own challenges and difficulties. I myself was once an international student in the US in the 1980s so I know firsthand how demanding — but ultimately rewarding — the experience can be. For this reason you will find the information in this booklet very helpful and once you arrive on campus, the staff at Korea University Global Services Center will be an invaluable resource to assist you in all your needs. Also, we encourage you to partner-up with a KUBA (Korea University Buddy Assistant) who will be very glad to ensure your adjustment to life in Korea, and at KU, is easy and enjoyable.

As you review this booklet and consider the course and program offerings, remember that we will do our best to ensure your time with us is academically stimulating and personally rewarding. Also, we look forward to receiving your own contributions to the KU community so that our program continues to grow and improve.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Jaeho Yeom
President
Korea University, founded in 1905, is widely acknowledged as one of Korea’s oldest, largest and top-ranked universities. Its reputation for quality is based on excellence in teaching, research and service to Korean society. Eminent faculty, outstanding students and internationally recognized research programmes all contribute to Korea University’s academic fame. As a major comprehensive university, KU offers a rich variety of courses in liberal arts and sciences as well as in all professional fields, including law, medicine and business administration.

The KU campus covers over 182 acres and is home to more than 37,000 students from all over the nation and the world. With its stately stone architecture sprawling lawns, seasonal trees and natural flora, KU is known to have one of the most beautiful campuses in Korea. The students of KU represent Korea’s dream as they are among the nation’s brightest and most ambitious. KU is nationally recognized for its commitment to teaching and academic excellence. The university’s academic breadth is extensive with 23 colleges and divisions, and 23 graduate schools, and it has over 1,700 full-time faculty members with over 95% of them holding Ph.D. or equivalent qualification in their fields. KU has particularly strong Humanities and Asian Studies Departments along with the Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS). KU is also renowned for its professional schools of Law, Medicine and Business Administration.

In research, KU is an internationally recognized leader with over 140 research centers, including the Asiatic Research Centre and the Research Institute of Korean Studies. Furthermore, Korea University Business School (KUBS) is the first business school in the country to have acquired both European Quality Improvement System (EQUS) accreditation and the accreditation granted by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Unlike many universities in Korea, KU prides itself not only in being a progressive and globally conscious institution but one that plays a role in preserving and developing Korea’s unique culture.
Why Korea University?

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**Exciting Social Life**
Dynamic social life with hundreds of student societies and activities available campus-wide

**Dynamic Seoul**
Beautifully resourced and conveniently located main campus in the heart of metropolitan Seoul

**International Summer Campus (ISC)**
KU’s ISC Program attracting over 1,900 students by providing over 120 courses (2017)

**International Winter Campus (IWC)**
KU’s IWC Program attracting over 400 students by providing over 20 courses (2017)

**Exchange/Visiting Students Program**
KU’s Exchange/Visiting Students Program attracting over 1,400 students by providing about 40% of courses in English (2017)

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1,900

400

1,400
Courses in English
About 40% of courses are delivered in the English language

40%

Ranked Best in Asia
One of the few private universities in Asia to be ranked among the top 100 universities by The QS World University Rankings 2017

TOP 90

Dual International Accreditation
Korea University Business School is the first business school in the country to have acquired both European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) accreditation, and the accreditation granted by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

Scholarships
Over USD330,000 available in scholarships for international students each year

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Prominent Academics
Over 1,700 full-time faculty professors with over 95% of them holding a Ph.D. or equivalent qualifications in their fields.

Professional Schools
KU has particularly strong humanities and Asian studies departments along with the Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS). KU is also renowned for its professional schools of law, medicine and business administration.

Research Centers
Internationally recognized leader with over 140 research centers, including the Asiatic Research Centre and the Research Institute of Korean Studies.

Alumni
Over 20% of Korean politicians and CEOs are alumni of Korea University.
Exchange & Study Abroad at Korea University

Korea University has established extensive links with many universities internationally through its Student Exchange Program (SEP), which was developed as part of its internationalization process. This program involves over one thousand students to and from countries in Asia-Pacific, Europe, North and South America, and the Middle East.

The benefits of KU exchange students vary according to the terms and conditions of the exchange agreement KU has concluded with each institution. Based on the principle of reciprocal exchange of benefits, our standard exchange agreements regulate student tuition fee waivers at host universities: however, students are responsible for their own room and board. Exchange students are also responsible for their own travel, medical insurance and other personal expenses.

International students whose home institutions do not have an exchange agreement with KU nor have links with ISEP can also apply to study at KU through the Visiting Student Program (VSP).

Period of Study
International students have a choice of three study periods:
- Full academic year: March - December
- Spring semester: March - June
- Fall semester: September - December

Credit Transfer
Academic credits earned through this program can be transferred under the exchange regulations and used to satisfy degree requirements at home institutions. Visiting students must check with their home institution regarding the credit acceptability of chosen courses. For each student who has completed his/her courses successfully, a certified transcript of academic performance will be sent to the student’s home institution upon request.

Assessment
Each student’s academic performance is graded according to the following criteria: exams, assignment, attendance, and class participation. Students usually take regular examinations twice per semester (mid-term and final). They may also be given additional assignments by their professors. A minimum 70% of attendance is required in order for a student to earn a passing grade. A student’s performance is normally graded on a 100 point scale.

Course Offerings
KU offers many courses in English in various disciplines at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and the number is increasing every year. Please note that it is not guaranteed that the same list of courses is offered to students every year but normally there are only minor changes. It is important that you ensure that your intended courses will be offered in your registered semester.

http://sugang.korea.ac.kr > English
Other Study Programs

Outside the Student Exchange Program (SEP) and Visiting Student Program (VSP), there are three other programs that students can apply to study at KU. They are the International Summer/Winter Campus (ISC/IWC) which is also organized by the Office of International Affairs and the Korean language program which is offered by the Korean Language Center (KLC). The following is a brief introduction to ISC, IWC and KLC. For more detailed information, you may visit the websites and contact the ISC/IWC and KLC directly.

KU International Summer Campus (KU ISC)
A great opportunity to explore your summer!
KU ISC is a 4-week and 6-week academic summer program specially designed for international students who wish to explore their summer for both academic and cultural learning. It offers one semester’s load of work condensed into 4 and 6 weeks, during which renowned academics from top-tier universities deliver more than 120 courses that cover a wide range of subjects. Academic credits may be granted by the students’ home university at its discretion. Also, students can taste the unique culture of Korea by participating in various field trips such as Korean cooking class, Taekwondo class, K-culture experience and etc.

ISC website: summer.korea.ac.kr    Email: isc@korea.ac.kr    Tel: +82-2-3290-1152, 1154

KU International Winter Campus (KU IWC)
Winter in Seoul - one of the most exciting cities in the world.
The Korea University International Winter Campus (KU IWC) is an academic and cultural program which happens during the winter months in Korea. More than 20 course offerings cover a wide range of subjects pertaining to international issues, with a particular emphasis on Business, Economics, Humanities, International Relations, Science, Korean Studies and Taekwondo. Along with the academic opportunities, the KU IWC provides chances to experience Korean culture outside of the classroom including one-day field trips such as a fun ski trip, Korean cuisine outing and K-pop experience.

IWC website: winter.korea.ac.kr    Email: kuwinter@korea.ac.kr    Tel: +82-2-3290-1153

Korean Language Center
The Korean Language Center (KLC) was established with the goal of teaching and promoting Korean language and culture throughout the world. The total number of international students who have studied and learned Korean language, history, and culture since 1986 has reached over 79,000 with more than 11,000 students participating in this program in 2017 alone.

The KLC offers a systematic and integrated curriculum, excellent textbooks and teaching materials, and most importantly, distinguished faculty members and a supportive staff who are always willing to help students both in and out of the classroom. For more detailed information about the programs that KLC offers, please visit the website at http://klc.korea.ac.kr or send an email to korean@korea.ac.kr.
With a heritage of centuries and the cutting-edge technology of the IT industry, Seoul is a city of contrasts where the old and the new exist in harmony. The city is surrounded by beautiful mountains and has a river that runs through it which is quite rare for such big city and the nearest seaside is within easy reach of just under an hour. KU is located in the capital city of Seoul that boasts a population of over 10 million. Seoul is a bustling center of culture, finance, politics, and entertainment. As a fast growing global city, the city also offers support to non-Korean nationals through global centers to make their lives more convenient and comfortable during their stay in the city.
There is more to life than just studying and that is why we want to give you every opportunity to socialize and meet your fellow students. To be a successful student, you need to balance academic goals with personal desires, and we want you to be part of the KU community, so take part in student societies and tell others about yourself!

Student Activities
There are hundreds of societies and activities available campus-wide that are open to all KU students and you will also find that there is a never-ending list of events held throughout the year at KU. For more information about student societies and activities, please contact the Global Services Center at studyabroad@korea.ac.kr or call +82 2 3290 5176-7.

Accommodations
There are four main student residences for international students, Anam Hall 2, CJ International House, Frontier Hall and the brand-new Global House. Students will apply for housing once they are admitted to KU and the application must be completed online at http://oia.korea.ac.kr > Campus Life > Accommodation. These facilities are for limited numbers of international students, therefore the rooms are given priority on a first-come, first-serve basis so remember to reserve as early as possible. Students may self-cater, or dine on campus in cafes or nearby restaurants.

Should one miss the application deadline for accommodation, or have not been offered a place for on-campus housing, the Global Services Center can still provide assistance in finding the appropriate housing near the campus within walking distance. The Global Services Center provides guidance and a full range of services to support students’ needs.

Help & Advice
The staff at the Global Services Center have had experiences in dealing with international students from all over the world, and they understand the challenges you may face being away from home. If you have any problems or feel lonely or depressed, there are various people you may talk to. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact staff members in the Global Services Center at studyabroad@korea.ac.kr.

Student Health Insurance
It is mandatory for all international students to submit a certificate of private health insurance to the Global Services Center to cover the cost of all necessary medical care during the period of study before the start of their study at KU.
SEP/VSP Admission & Application

Entry Requirements
To apply for SEP/VSP at KU, you must:
- Accurately complete the online application form with essential supporting documents.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (GPA by US standard).
- Be a currently enrolled student.
- Have studied for a minimum of 2 full semesters at home institution before the application period starts. Students are required to upload the transcript that shows they have completed at least 2 semesters with the grades they achieved.

Required Documents
- Original Academic Transcript
- Personal Statement (A4 one-page)
- Copy of Valid Passport
  * Must be valid at least 3 months after your semester at KU ends
- Certificate of Health
- Oath of Good Conduct
- Health Insurance
- (For VSP) One Academic Reference
  * Academic reference letter accepted by direct email from the referee only
- (For VSP) The application fee of KRW 50,000 (non-refundable) payable by wire transfer to Korea University

Application Deadlines
- Spring semester (March): November 15
- Fall semester (September): April 20

The Assessment Process
- Once the online application has been submitted, the internal procedure for approval of the applications by the KU International Committee will commence, and this may take up to one month.

Notice
- Please note that all students who come to study at KU through the SEP/VSP managed by the Global Services Center will study at the Seoul Campus, which is the main campus of Korea University.
- For more detailed information, please visit the website at http://gsc.korea.ac.kr > Exchange/Visiting Student
Global KU Study Abroad Scholarship

In celebration of its centennial in 2005, Korea University established Global KU Study Abroad Scholarship. This scholarship aims to encourage future global leaders to study at KU.

Global KU Study Abroad Scholarship Types

For New Exchange/Visiting Students

- Admission Scholarship: Starts from KRW 400,000 up to KRW 1,600,000 for the first semester.
- KU Travel Scholarship: Starts from KRW 300,000 up to KRW 1,500,000 for the first semester.

For Continuing Exchange/Visiting Students

- Merit Scholarship: Awarded on the basis of academic merit of the first semester at Korea University, KRW 1,200,000 for a second semester. Only applicable to exchange/visiting students who participate in one-year program.

Conditions

- Admission and KU Travel Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit at the applicants’ home institutions.
- The amount of the scholarship might vary depending on the applicants’ academic merit.
- Faculty/Institution/National quotas may apply.
- Students who extend the duration of their study at Korea University from one semester to two semesters are eligible to apply for “Merit Scholarship” at the time of approval on extension.

Eligibility

Undergraduate SEP or VSP applicants must:

- Be enrolled in an acknowledged institution outside of Korea, in a country that is recognized by Korean government as of December 1, 2004.
- Have completed, or are about to complete at least one year of study at their home universities at the time of applying.
- Have an overall weighted average of at least 75% at their home institutions.
- Have obtained a successful admission for SEP/VSP at Korea University.
- Be fluent in either English or Korean.

Additional Documents Required

- Completed Global KU Study Abroad Scholarship Application From
- One Passport-sized Photograph
- Letter of Recommendation

Application Deadlines

- Semester 1: January 30
- Semester 2: July 30

Notice

- In addition to the Global KU Study Abroad Scholarship, KU also awards scholarships to students coming from the member institutions of Universitas 21 (U21) and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU). For more detailed information, please visit the website at the link below: http://gsc.ac.kr > Exchange/Visiting Student > While in KU > Scholarships
## Academic Calendar 2018

### Monthly Events for International Students

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The College of Liberal Arts

The first aim of the College is to foster leaders who will function and thrive in the era of globalization and secondly to foster students who can develop a global mind by allowing them to attend international academic conferences while undertaking short-term programs in order for them to learn the current trends in life science research in foreign countries.

The College of Political Sciences & Economics

The College of Political Science & Economics has over 70 professors, four departments central to social sciences (Department of Political Science and International Relations, Department of Economics, Department of Statistics and Department of Public Administration), and interdisciplinary programs including the PLS (Politics, Economics, and Law) course, which is a preliminary law school program. Law and Administration, and Financial Engineering. Affiliated research facilities include the Institute of Economic Research, Asia Research Center, Institute for Peace Studies, Ilim International Relations Institute, Institute of Statistics, and Institute of Governmental Studies.

The College of Sciences

The College of Science, through major funding from the BK21 (Brain Korea 21) project, the Korea education ministry and the Seoul branch of the Korea Basic Science Institute, is making enormous contributions to basic and applied research and joint academic-industry research. With a total of nine related institutes, including the KU Basic Science Institute created in 1971, the College is highly regarded as one of the foremost in Korea for both education and research.

The College of Engineering

The College of Engineering has produced more than 16,000 outstanding alumni enabling South Korea to enter a post-industrial society. In 1996, the College of Engineering developed a large-scale science town namely Korea Techno Complex to encourage industry-science-research cooperation. It was the first attempt in Korea. Korea Techno Complex is the center for high technology in Korea. Three fields of Information and Communication Technology were selected as BK21 (Brain Korea 21) grant recipients, a project for nurturing highly-qualified human resources. These fields include the Internet of RC (Information Technology Research Center), the ERC (Engineering Research Center) and the NRL (National Research Laboratory) of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

The College of Medicine

The College of Medicine is aimed at cultivating highly skilled doctors through promoting an understanding of the human body and each patient while safeguarding their health through the realization of social justice. In union with research into the medical sciences. At these endeavors are pursued under Korea University’s motto - Liberty, Justice and Truth. At the Korea University College of Medicine, students will develop excellent skills to achieve their dreams of becoming outstanding medical professionals and researchers contributing to betterment of human health and welfare.

Division of International Studies

The Division of International Studies offers curricula that provide the foundation to become an outstanding researcher. It is the first attempt in Korea. Korea Techno Complex has formed collaborative partnerships with international organizations and external agencies, further expanding both the depth and breadth of the studies while moving beyond academic parochialism. The Korea University Graduate School is an ideal academic setting offering comprehensive education and facilities on campus. Alumni of the School serve as leaders in all sectors of society, including academia, law, politics, business, culture, and industry.

School of Medicine

The School of Medicine is one of the foremost in Korea for both education and research. The School is the top Korean provider of educational programs, education related organizations, corporate, and public media based on such educational ideology.

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In order to become a major center of the world’s life sciences, the College is developing and running its own global program as well as sharing the global trend in life science research, the College is developing and running its own global program as well as sharing the global trend in life science research. The College emphasizes the importance of basic courses in terms of the 2007 student college entrance exam scores. In addition, it ranked first in the nation’s wide benchmarking of information and communications providers. The College continues to attract excellent students from abroad and is continuously expanding overseas training for students.

School of International Studies

The School of International Studies aims to foster leaders for the public sector by revitalizing the training function in each field through educating students with knowledge in linked majors in various fields such as Public Governance and Leadership, Law, Public Administration, and Economics.

Graduate School

The Korea University Graduate School provides an optimal environment for intellectual research and social contribution by offering a wide range of educational programs from those specific to individual disciplines to the integration of multiple disciplines, such as humanities, social science, natural science, biotechnology and medicine, among others, depending on the features of the research area. In addition, some research is carried out in cooperation with industries or external agencies, further expanding both the depth and breadth of the studies while moving beyond academic parochialism. The Korea University Graduate School is an ideal academic setting offering comprehensive education programs, world-class teaching and research faculty, outstanding students and state-of-the-art research equipment and facilities on campus. Alumni of the School serve as leaders in all sectors of society, including academia, law, politics, business, culture and industry.