Applying to KU

Requirements

- GPA: Equivalent to 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale)
- To have completed a minimum of 2 full semesters (graduates: 1 semester) before application
- Fluency in either English or Korean (evidence of language proficiency not required)

Deadlines

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

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* Nominations/Applications submitted past the deadline will not be considered for admission.

Academic Calendar

KU academic calendar lists dates of instruction, examination schedules, national holidays and other important dates. The academic calendar for exchange students can be found here.
Application Process

1. Nomination
The exchange coordinator/advisor at student’s home university is required to submit nominations by the deadline. An automated email including instructions for nomination will only be sent to partners who have confirmed the exchange quota in advance.

* Students applying to the Study Abroad (Visiting) program are not required to be nominated.

2. Application
As soon as the nomination has been confirmed, students will receive the official application link and instructions for application. Students will be required to complete and submit the application documents by the deadline. Application materials consist of:

- **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 (graduates: 1 semester).
- **Admissions Essay** (no longer than 1 page)
- **One Passport-Sized Color Photo** (3.5cm x 4.5cm)
- **Copy of Passport**
- **Certificate of Health** (form can be downloaded from application – medical examination must be dated within 3 months prior to application deadline)
- **Student Agreement** (form can be downloaded from application)

* All documents are required to be in English or with English translation.

Students applying to the Study Abroad (Visiting) program are required to submit an Academic Reference (to be emailed to studyabroad@korea.ac.kr directly from the student’s academic advisor) in addition to the documents above. They will also be charged a non-refundable application fee of 50,000 KRW (app. 50 USD). More information on the Study Abroad (Visiting) Program can be found [here](#).

* Applications will not be considered complete until all forms have been submitted

Applications will be reviewed only after the deadline and it may take up to 6-8 weeks to process before an Acceptance Package is sent to home university coordinator (via email).

3. Post-Acceptance
After being accepted, students will be required to upload a copy of their Overseas Health Insurance on the application system. Deadlines – January 31 (spring semester intake), July 31 (fall semester intake)
**Academics**

**Credit Requirements**
Students are required to take a full course load, which is a minimum of 12 credits and a maximum of 19 credits per semester for undergraduate students. For graduate students, the minimum is 6 credits and the maximum is 12 credits per semester.

**Course Restrictions**
Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Law, Teacher Education, Division of Information Security, Art & Design, graduate level Business courses (graduate courses that start with BUS, INT) and all courses at Sejong Campus are not open to exchange students.

*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 specific courses for exchange students and we ask students to be very flexible with their course selections.

**Course Information**
- Course List: [http://sugang.korea.ac.kr](http://sugang.korea.ac.kr) (click on English on upper left corner)
  - Undergraduates may refer to the courses list under “Major Subject” and “General Subject”
  - Graduate level students may refer to the course lists under the “Graduate School” category (except for the restricted fields above).
  - Courses conducted in English will be indicated in Course Name (i.e., Marketing Management (English))
  - Courses marked under X are open to exchange students
  - 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.
- List of English taught courses can be found [here](http://sugang.korea.ac.kr).
- Course Registration: Students will be emailed instructions for course registration in mid-July (for fall intake) and mid-January (for spring intake).

**Visa**

**Visa Requirements**
Students are required to obtain a D-2-6 visa (exchange student visa) prior to their arrival in Korea.
Students will be sent documents required for visa application in the Acceptance Package.
Please read more about student visa [here](http://sugang.korea.ac.kr).
Accommodations

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

Please read more about types of housings, fees, application procedures and etc here.

Students who are assigned on-campus housing will be required to take a tuberculosis test (x-ray or blood test or skin test) dating after July 1st for fall semester intake and January 1st for spring semester intake.

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