



**KOOK  
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UNIVERSITY**

Study Abroad  
Program Fact sheet  
(Spring 2022)

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## University Information

Name	Kookmin University
Address	77 Jeongneung-ro, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul, 02707
Homepage	<a href="https://english.kookmin.ac.kr">https://english.kookmin.ac.kr</a>
<b>Faculties Cooperative</b> to study abroad students	Most faculties which are not mentioned below
<b>Faculties LIMITED</b> to study abroad students	School of Fine Arts, College of Architecture, College of Creative Engineering, College of Design, College of Science and Technology, College of Computer Science, College of Automotive Engineering
<b>Faculties CLOSED</b> to study abroad students	School of Music, School of Performing Arts
Number of Students Enrolled	18,122 (As of Apr. 1, 2020)
Percentage of International Students	11%
Academic Calendar	See below (page 4)
Available courses	<p>Courses from <b>School/department assigned at Kookmin University</b> and <b>General Education</b> courses including Korean Language.</p> <p>Courses from other departments may be restricted * List of courses offered in English will be sent to students</p>
Semester Dates for Spring 2022	Wed, Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022~ Tue, Jun. 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022
Exam Dates	<p>Midterm: Wed, Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ~ Tue, Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Final: Wed, Jun. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ~ Tue, Jun. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 * Exams can be taken during the course make up week (16th week)</p>
Orientation Dates	To be decided (Normally just before the beginning of the semester)
Available Exchange Semesters	1 <sup>st</sup> semester (Spring), 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (Fall) * Summer/Winter sessions not available
Language of Instruction	Korean, English (Limited), Korean Language (Limited)

## Life around Kookmin University

Climate	Seoul(Republic of Korea) has four distinct seasons and the temperature difference between Summer and Winter is extreme. Spring and Fall is a good time to stay in Seoul but Summer is hot and humid and Winter can be snowy with occasional cold wave.
Tourism Information	Seoul Tourism: <a href="https://english.visitseoul.net/">https://english.visitseoul.net/</a> Korea Tourism: <a href="http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/">http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/</a>
Public Transportation	The public transportation in Seoul is very convenient and efficient. Students will be able to visit many places of interest by taking the city bus and subways.  The closest subway station from campus is Light Rail Jeongneung(Kookmin University) station and Line 4 Gireum Station. There are many buses going to different districts from the University's main gate. Students are recommended to purchase a transportation card(T-money). (Students can add value to T-money at convenience stores on campus)
Transportation fare	Subway: Basic fare KRW 1,350won (T-money: KRW 1,250won) * Additional fare charged by distance City Bus: Single journey KRW 1,300 won (T-money: KRW 1,200won)
University Location Information	Our campus, located in the Northern part of Seoul, is surrounded by Bukhansan National Mountain Park. As our local community is mostly residential area, we provide safe environment for students. While students study at an independent campus setting, students can visit Gyeongbokgung palace/Bukchon Hanok Village, Daehakro (Center of performing arts and culture) and Dongdaemun Design Plaza during their free time. (Above place of interests are approx. 30 minutes by public transportation)



## Application Information

Nomination/Application Deadline	Nomination: Friday, Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 Application: Friday, Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021
Preferred Term to Receive Students	Does not matter * More students tend to apply in Fall (Major/department assignment, Housing assignment can be competitive)
Online Link for Student nominations	Will be sent directly to the coordinators
Application Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Home coordinator nominates the student to Kookmin (Online)</li> <li>2. If nomination is received(accepted), student submits the application</li> <li>3. Application review and department assignment * Study abroad can be canceled if rejected by the department</li> <li>4. If admitted, submit additional documents (e.g. Proof of Insurance)</li> <li>5. Visa documents processed and sent to home university</li> <li>6. Student ID# issued and register for courses</li> <li>7. Arrive at Kookmin according to the Orientation/Beginning of the semester</li> </ol>
Required documents (submit after nomination is received)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kookmin University Study abroad application</li> <li>2. Statement of Purpose</li> <li>3. Most recent Transcript from home university</li> <li>4. Copy of Passport Bio page</li> <li>5. Student Photo (suitable for IDs, in JPG format)</li> <li>6. (for Art/Design departments) Portfolio</li> </ol> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;Submit when admitted&gt;</li> <li>7. Proof of International Student Insurance</li> <li>8. (if needed) Proof of funds for student exchange</li> </ol>
Language Certificate	<p>All incoming exchange students coming to Kookmin University should be fluent enough to take University Courses in Korean or English.</p> <p>While Language Proficiency score is not mandatory, we ask our partners to nominate students whom they are confident with language skills.</p> <p>(It is recommended to submit the proof of Language Proficiency if available)</p>
Visa / Insurance	<p>Students studying in Korea according to the agreement between their home university and Kookmin University needs to apply for the student visa(Type: D-2-6) with the Certificate of Admission issued by Kookmin University before arriving at Korea.</p> <p>In addition, students must be enrolled in an appropriate insurance during their studies at Kookmin University. At this time, students need to have a private insurance along with the National Health Insurance (mandatory from 2021).</p> <p>(As the NHI will not cover all medical expense, we ask students to purchase a private insurance)</p>

## Semester Dates (Semester 1(Spring), School Year 2022)

Preferred Arrival Date	Will be decided reflecting the self-quarantine requirements for Spring 2022. (If the current two week self-quarantine is implemented in Spring, students are recommended to arrive on Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> ~ 13 <sup>th</sup> )
Orientation Day	Date & method to be decided (Orientation can be held online due to Covid-19)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> (Fall) semester

• Independence Movement Day	Tue, Mar. 1, 2022	
• Matriculation ceremony	Wed, Mar. 2, 2022	
• 1st(Spring) semester begins	Wed, Mar. 2, 2022	
• Course add & drop period	Mar. 2(Wed) ~ Mar. 8(Tue)	
• Presidential Election	Mar 9(Wed)	
• Mid-term examination	Apr. 20(Wed) ~ Apr. 26(Tue)	Week 8
• Children's Day	May 5(Thu)	
• Buddha's Birthday	May 8(Sun)	
• Course registration for Summer sessions	May. 30(Mon) ~ Jun. 2(Thu)	
• Local Elections	Jun. 1(Wed)	
• Memorial Day	Jun. 6(Mon)	
• Final examination	Jun. 8(Wed) ~ Jun. 14(Tue)	Week 15
• Make-up week (& Final examination)	Jun. 15(Wed) ~ Jun. 21(Tue)	
• Grade posting for Spring semester	Jun. 17(Fri) ~ Jun. 29(Wed)	
• Summer vacation begins	Jun. 22(Wed)	
• Summer session period	Jun. 22(Wed) ~ Jul. 12(Tue)	
• Course registration for Fall semester	Aug. 11(Thu) ~ Aug. 25(Thu)	
• Independence Day	Aug. 15(Mon)	
• Commencement	Aug. 17(Wed)	
• Tuition payment for Fall semester	Aug. 22(Mon) ~ Aug. 26(Fri)	

## Academics

System of Assessment	Letter Grade	G.P.A.	Percentage
	A+	4.5	(95-100)
	A <sup>0</sup>	4	(90-94)
	B+	3.5	(85-89)
	B <sup>0</sup>	3	(80-84)
	C+	2.5	(75-79)
	C <sup>0</sup>	2	(70-74)
	D+	1.5	(65-69)
	D <sup>0</sup>	1	(60-64)
F	0	(below 59)	
Course Components	Lecture, Seminar, Lab/Studio, Field work, Project/Presentation, Production		
Language of Instruction	Korean, English (Limited), Korean Language (Limited)		
Restrictions for International Students	<p>Students will need to select a major/department at Kookmin and will need to be approved by the major/department in order to Study at our university. (The department/major may reject the application)</p> <p>Students must register their courses online and the courses should be mainly chosen from the assigned major/department and electives. (Courses from different major/departments may be restricted)</p>		
Standard Credit Load for Term (Fall or Winter)	We recommend that exchange students take 12~15 credits during one semester. The minimum course load is 10 credits and maximum course load is 17~19 credits depending on the assigned major.		
Standard Course Load for an Academic Year	With 12~15 credits per semester, a full course load for an academic year would be 24~30 credits.		
Important Notes About Classes / Courses	Students may register <b>courses with prerequisites</b> during the add & drop period (first week of the semester) with a confirmation from the department. (if there are enough space only)		
	<p>If there are not enough students registered for a certain course after the Course registration or Add &amp; drop period, <u>the course may be canceled.</u></p> <p><u>Language of instruction may change to Korean</u> if the demand for a course is low.</p>		
Division of Academic Year	Semester 1: Spring (March to June) Semester 2: Fall (September to December)		
Course Registration	<p>Students need to register for courses online before coming to Kookmin University. (Normally 2~3 weeks before the beginning of the semester) As Course registration in Korean Universities are very competitive and courses in high demand will fill up within seconds, it is important for students to follow our guide and register for courses.</p> <p>The International Affairs Division can not register courses on behalf of the students and taking a certain course is not guaranteed. (Students are advised to have a back-up plan in case the first choice courses are not available)</p>		

## Financial Information

Application Fee	Not applicable
Insurance	<p><b>National Health Insurance</b> International students (D-2 visa holders) are automatically enrolled in the National Health Insurance at the time of Alien registration. * Certain nationals can be exempted from the Insurance and the student will need to apply for the exemption</p> <p><b>Private Insurance (International Student Insurance)</b> Students will be treated for minor illness such as cold, fever with a small fee when enrolled in the NHI. However students are asked to have a private insurance during their stay in case of unexpected accident(s).</p> <p>The private insurance must cover accident diseases and should be submitted before the visa documents are processed.</p>
Tuition	<p>1. Exchange student: Paid at home university and does not pay to Kookmin University 2. Visiting student: Needs to pay the tuition at Kookmin University during their studies.</p>
Textbook and materials	<p>A textbook is normally KRW 30,000 ~ 50,000won and can be purchased at the book store on campus. (Student spend approx. KRW 100,000 ~ 200,000won/semester for textbooks) * Not all courses require a textbook * Used textbooks are not common in South Korea</p> <p>Students at School for Fine Arts, College of Design may need to pay for materials depending on their courses</p>
Housing (Dormitory)	<p>Students should pay for their housing directly. Especially if staying at an off-campus housing, all payment should be made to the landlord/residence.</p> <p>Dormitory fee will be waived for students coming from Universities with bilateral agreement.</p>
Foods	<p>Student cafeteria: Approx. KRW 3,000 ~ 5,000won per meal * There is no University-wide mealplan available.</p> <p>Restaurants near campus: Approx. KRW 6,000 ~ 9,000won per meal</p>
Other expenses	Students will be responsible for all additional costs needed for their studies in Korea

## Accommodation

<p>General Campus Housing Information</p>	<p>At Kookmin University there are <b>on &amp; off-campus housing</b> managed by the university. While exchange/visiting students can apply for university managed housing, housing assignment is competitive and we cannot guarantee the placement.</p> <p>If private space is important, we advise students to consider staying at an off-campus location. Students may choose to stay at the <b>student residence</b> recommended by the International Affairs Division or find a place to stay on their own.</p>
<p>Type of On-Campus Accommodation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On Campus dormitory: 4 buildings located on campus, all Quadruple room</li> <li>2. Jengneung dormitory: 4 story building located 10 minutes on foot from the rear gate, all Quadruple room</li> <li>3. Gireum dormitory: 12 story building located in front of Gireum subway station exit #8, has limited number of Twin/Triple/Quadruple rooms</li> </ol> <p>* Only dormitory mentioned above houses study abroad students          * There is no common kitchen but refrigerator and microwave are available for residents (for instant cooking)</p>
<p>Student residence</p>	<p>Located near Hongdae-Ipgu station with private(single) rooms and a common kitchen. (Rent: approx. KRW 550,000 ~ 650,000/per month, deposit needed)</p>
<p>Private Accommodation</p>	<p>Must be arranged by the student. Recently students tend to use Airbnb or stay at a Goshiwon.</p> <p>* When finding a Private accommodation, students must check whether the location is eligible for Foreign resident registration</p>
<p>Residence Application Fee</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Residence Deposit</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Kookmin University Residence Information</p>	<p><a href="https://dormitory.kookmin.ac.kr/">https://dormitory.kookmin.ac.kr/</a> (Website in Korean)</p>
<p>Cost for University managed housing</p>	<p>On-campus/Jeongneung dormitory (Quadruple): KRW 705,600won/semester              Gireum dormitory (Twin): KRW 828,800won/semester              Gireum dormitory (Triple): KRW 716,800won/semester              Gireum dormitory (Quadruple): KRW 683,200won/semester</p> <p>* Cost during vacation is paid separately</p>
<p>Meal Plan On-Campus</p>	<p>Available (Only for students placed at on campus dormitory)              Meal plan is not recommended as students can only eat at the dormitory cafeteria</p>



## Student Services

Computer Services	<p>Other than computer labs for lectures are open to students. Students are able to use the computers during the opening hours.</p> <p>In addition, most computer labs have printer, photocopier and scanner. (some with a small fee)</p>
Students Support	<p>International Affairs Division Room 202, Global Center Office hour during semester: 9 am to 5 pm (lunch break noon to 1 pm) 02-910-5806, 5807</p>
Careers Center	<p>Career opportunity for International students are limited. (We do not provide information on internship or recruitments)</p>
Student Service Center	<p><b>Certificate of Enrollment, Transcript issuance</b> 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Administration Building Office hour during semester: 9 am to 5 pm (lunch break noon to 1 pm) 02-910-4046, 4050</p>
Sports Facilities	<p><b>Wellness Center</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Future Hall Opening hours during semester: Weekdays 7 am to 9 pm, Saturday 7am to noon Cost (Student/faculty): KRW 35,000 won/month, KRW 100,000won for 3 months 02-910-4250, 4853</p>
Arts, Events	<p>There are exhibition and Concerts held by the College of Arts and Myungwon Folk House. We will inform students in some cases.</p>
Student Club & Organizations	<p>There are various student club and organizations and many are also open to study abroad students.</p> <p>(Exchange students mostly join sport clubs such as Taekwondo and hiking)</p>
Airport Welcome	<p>Suspended due to Covid19 (Students paid a fee for the airport pick-up)</p>

## Covid-19 testing and Self-quarantine

<p><b>Notice</b></p>	<p>The information in this fact sheet is as of September 2021 and the policies on Covid-19 testing and self-quarantine may change at the time of students' arrival</p> <p>※ Make sure to check the most recent information</p>
<p>Covid-19 testing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Before departure: Students should take the PCR test within 72 hours of the departure date and submit a negative result</li> <li>▶ Upon arrival: Students will need to visit the Public Health Center on the day of arrival or the day after the arrival (If there are any symptoms of Covid-19 at the time of arrival, students will take the Covid-19 test at the airport)</li> <li>▶ Before being released from Self-quarantine: Should visit the Public Health Center for the final Covid-19 test</li> </ul>
<p>Possibility of Self-quarantine on campus</p>	<p>No. Exchange/Visiting students can not self-quarantine on campus.</p>
<p>Self-quarantine requirements</p>	<p><b>International students entering Korea from a foreign country must self-quarantine for two weeks (14 days) and exchange/visiting students are responsible for arranging their self-quarantine on their own. (including payment)</b></p> <p>(Kookmin University can not provide assistance on self-quarantine)</p>
<p>Self-quarantine options</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Entering the residence recommend by the university (Self-quarantine + stay during the semester)</li> <li>2. Entering the Government or Seoul City designated facility for international students             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Operation of the government facility in Spring 2022 has not yet been confirmed</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Staying at an off-campus residence arranged by the student             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Students will need to check whether the location is adequate for self-quarantine</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p>Others</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students will need to make reports twice daily on the "Self-quarantine Protection App"</li> <li>2. If tested positive after entering Korea, students may be responsible for full or partial medical bills depending on their nationality.</li> <li>3. There may be penalties if students violate or does not comply with the self-quarantine guidelines. (Including deportation)</li> </ol>