



**Graduate School of International Studies Korea University**  
**FACT SHEET for Dual Degree/Exchange Program Students**  
**for Enrollment Spring semester 2027**

**School Information**

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<b>Websites of KU GSIS</b>	KU GSIS Official: <a href="https://int.korea.edu">https://int.korea.edu</a> Admission Info: <a href="https://int.korea.edu/kuis/grad/admission_inter.do">https://int.korea.edu/kuis/grad/admission_inter.do</a>

**Application Information**

<b>Required Documents</b>	<p>1. Official nomination from partner schools (<b>until October 18, 2026</b>)</p> <p>2. All students for this program must submit the following documents within the designated application document submission period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Official Transcripts of all Colleges and Universities</li> <li>- Certificate of Degree/Graduation or copy of Diploma (Bachelor)</li> <li>- Certificate of Enrollment or Certificate of Expected Graduation (Master)</li> <li>- Statement of Purpose (SOP)</li> <li>- One Letter of Recommendation</li> <li>- Official TOEFL (iBT only) or IELTS (academic only) score report</li> <li>- <b>Official Bank Statement (1 semester Exchange Program: USD 5,000, 2 semesters Dual Degree: USD 10,000, SOAS Dual Degree: USD 15,000)</b></li> <li>- Each copy of you and both of your parents' passport (Passport should be <b>valid for more than 6 months.</b>)</li> <li>- Birth Certificate (or Certificate of Family(parent-child) Relations)</li> </ul> <p><b>* Only for Dual Degree Program Applicants:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Printout of On-line Application Form (w/ signature)</li> <li>2) Printout of Release of Information (w/ signature)</li> </ol> <p>※ Please note that <b>only dual degree program nominees</b> need to apply for the <b>online application</b> through <b>Uway Apply</b>, and <b>exchange students</b> just submit the <b>application (google form) &amp; required documents by email.</b></p> <p>※ <b>Please refer to <u>Application Guideline</u> on KU GSIS website.</b></p> <p>※ <b>Nominations/Applications submitted past the designated deadline will <b>NOT</b> be considered for admission.</b></p>
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## Program Information

<b>Language</b>	English only																			
<b>Course Information</b>	<p>&lt; Course List &amp; Course Registration &gt;  <a href="http://sugang.korea.ac.kr/graduate/">http://sugang.korea.ac.kr/graduate/</a>            [Click 'English' and 'Graduate Course',            Select 1) 'Year', 2) 'Term', to see the list of available courses            at the semester you are willing to participate.            3) '<u>International Studies</u>', and click 'Search']</p> <p><b>* All courses at KU GSIS are conducted <u>in English</u>.</b></p>																			
<b>Academic Calendar</b>	<p><a href="http://int.korea.edu/kuis/grad/calendar.do">http://int.korea.edu/kuis/grad/calendar.do</a>            CHECK GSIS website &gt; Graduate Program &gt; Academic Calendar</p> <p>KU runs on a semester system. Each semester is 16 weeks long.</p>																			
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<b>Grade Report Transcript</b>	<p>At the end of each semester, Graduate School of International Studies at Korea University will send to the partner institution the official grade report (transcript) of each student who has participated in the exchange program.</p>																			



## Other Information

<b>Living Expenses</b>	<p>We recommend that you prepare at least approximately 4,000,000 KRW per one semester for the living costs in Seoul, Korea. (Accommodation &amp; Lodging are NOT included in the above amount.)</p>
<b>Accommodation &amp; Lodging</b>	<p>A) ON-CAMPUS HOUSING: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESIDENCE International students can apply for University student accommodations on-line at <a href="https://dorm.korea.ac.kr/front/content/10">https://dorm.korea.ac.kr/front/content/10</a> as below: For the exchange students, twin bed rooms at Anam International House are available. You can apply for the dormitory at <a href="https://dorm.korea.ac.kr/front/content/18">https://dorm.korea.ac.kr/front/content/18</a>. The rent will be around 400,000 won per month, but you need to pay rent for 4 or 6 months in advance. Once the application is available, you can get more detailed information at the site. You can also directly contact to Korea University Residence Life Office via email (<a href="mailto:reslife@korea.ac.kr">reslife@korea.ac.kr</a>) or phone (+82-2-3290-1554).</p> <p>In order to apply, you need KU student ID, but in your case, you can use your application NO. (Ex. GSMxxxxxx) instead.</p> <p>Please kindly note that your KU student ID will be issued at the orientation session.</p> <p>B) OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING: Due to the limited capacity in the university accommodation, most KU GSIS international students live at off-campus housing. As a Master/Doctor's Degree Program student, please note that it is your responsibility to arrange your own room and board during your stay in Korea. (Reference: <a href="http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=cps_3_2">http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=cps_3_2</a>)</p>
<b>Visa</b>	<p>All international exchange students must obtain a Korean Student Visa (D-2; Dual Degree Program(D-2-3~4), Exchange Program(D-2-6)) from the Korea Embassy or Consulate located in their country before they arrive in Korea. In order to do this, you will need a Certificate of Admission(COA) from Korea University, which will be mailed out to you at the end of January (for Spring Semester)/July (for Fall Semester). To find out how to apply for your student visa, please contact the nearest Korean Embassy or Consulate.</p>
<b>Facilities</b>	<p>When the new semester starts, each incoming exchange student can apply for a student ID card at the Global Service Center. (Dual Degree Students at GSIS office.) With this ID, the student can use the facilities on campus, such as the library, study room and etc.</p>
<b>Health Insurance</b>	<p>All D-2 visa holders are required to sign up for the Korean National Healthcare Insurance Service(NHIS) program. Once foreigners apply for the NHIS, they will receive the same insurance payment benefits when using hospitals and clinics as Korean citizens.</p> <p>For those who enter the country for the first time, the date of alien registration is the enrollment date for NHIS. (The alien registration will take at least about a month.) For registered aliens, the insurance becomes valid from the re-entry date. There is no procedure for signing up. When you register as a foreigner, a health insurance card, a sign-up notice, and a bill will be sent to the registered address.</p> <p>Apart from the mandatory health insurance policy, it will be wise to enter the country with private insurance, which sets Korea as a cover range, since NHIS will not take effect upon your arrival.</p>



## FAQs

**Q1. Do you accept students of any nationalities? If not, who are not eligible?**

A1. Yes, we accept students of any nationalities if there is no problem with achieving D-2 student visa.

**Q2. Will exchange students be allowed and able to take courses offered by other schools at the University?**

A2. No, exchange students are not allowed to take courses offered by other schools at the University and can only take courses offered by KU GSIS.

**Q3. Are there any academic requirements for MA exchange students while at the University? (e.g. Exchange students are required to take X number of courses and can take up to X number of courses.)**

A3. Exchange students are required to take at least 3 courses (9 credits) during the study at KU GSIS.

**Q4. Are there any academic requirements for Ph.D. exchange students while at the University?**

A4. There are no academic requirements for Ph.D. exchange students.

**Q5. Are there any additional application documents to be submitted if the applicant is Ph.D. student?**

A5. Required application documents of Ph.D. student are the same as MA students.

**Q6. Will exchange students be able to take local language classes free of charge at the University?**

A6. Yes, free Korean language classes (4 weeks) are offered by Global Service Center(GSC) during winter/summer break to the students who completed a regular semester at KU. Also, we have Korean language classes as a General Elective Course during regular semester. From beginner to advanced, exchange students can enroll in various regular elective courses (3credits).

If you want to additionally take part in an intensive Korean language program, please check the KU Korean Language Center website: <http://klcc.korea.ac.kr>.

**Q7. Tell us the required language proficiency. Do you accept a TOEIC score as a certificate of English language proficiency?**

A7. KU GSIS only accept TOEFL or IELTS score as a certificate of English language proficiency. Applicants from non-English-speaking countries are basically required to submit a valid TOEFL (iBT only) or IELTS score report as an **ORIGINAL** copy, and only in case of IELTS score report, you can submit a copy.

**Q8. Will students with an academic degree from an institution in an English speaking country be exempted from submitting a certificate of English language proficiency?**

A8. Yes, non-native speakers who hold bachelor's degree or higher from institutions where English is the only medium of instruction. (English speaking countries include: USA, UK, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada(except Quebec), Hong Kong, Singapore, and Philippines) However, in this case, applicants are required to submit an official letter proving that all the courses they took were fully instructed in English from the registrar of those institutions.



**Q9. Are there any requirements/regulations at the University exchange program applicants should be particularly aware of?**

A9. Exchange students can only select English taught courses offered by KU GSIS. They have to obey the rules and regulations enacted for Korea University Graduate School of International Studies (KU GSIS). Also, except for the application fee (and its receipt), please make sure to prepare and submit every document we require for regular applicants.

For the detailed information, please refer to this URL: [http://int.korea.edu/kuis/grad/admission\\_inter.do](http://int.korea.edu/kuis/grad/admission_inter.do)

**Q10. Are there any requirements regarding enrollment period at the University exchange program applicants should be particularly aware of? (Minimum or Maximum study period in home institution before participating in exchange program)**

A10. Applicants should complete at least one semester in home institution before participating in exchange program at Korea University.

**Q11. Will exchange students be able to do internship at a company or international organization during the semester exchange program? If so, is there any support to find the institute from the University?**

A11. It is possible for exchange students to do an internship during the semester. When there are any internship opportunities, the job opening will be uploaded at KU GSIS website:

[http://int.korea.edu/kuis/community/optn\\_job.do](http://int.korea.edu/kuis/community/optn_job.do)

**Q12. Do you have any dormitories where exchange students are allowed to stay?**

A12. International students can apply for University student accommodations on-line at the link below:

<https://dorm.korea.ac.kr/front/content/10>. For the exchange students, twin bed rooms at Anam

International House are available. You can apply for the dormitory at

<https://dorm.korea.ac.kr/front/content/18>. The rent will be around 400,000 won per month, but you need to pay rent for 4 or 6 months in advance. Once the application is available, you can get more detailed information at the site. You can also directly contact to Korea University Residence Life Office via email ([reslife@korea.ac.kr](mailto:reslife@korea.ac.kr)) or phone (+82-2-3290-1554). In order to apply, you need KU student ID, but in your case, you can use your application NO. (Ex. GSMxxxxxx) instead. Please kindly note that your KU student ID will be issued at the orientation session.

**Q13. Please describe the procedure for obtaining the visa and the required documents.**

A13. All international students must obtain Korean Student Visa (D-2) from the Korea Embassy or Consulate located in their country before they arrive in Korea. In order to do this, you will need a Certificate of Admission (COA) from Korea University, which will be mailed out to you at the end of January (for Spring Semester)/July (for Fall Semester). To find out how to apply for your student visa, please contact nearest Korean Embassy or Consulate.

**Q14. Please send us the list or URL of the courses which exchange students can take.**

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