



STUDY ABROAD AT YONSEI

Factsheet:

Exchange Student Program

Spring 2027

Yonsei University · Office of International Affairs

oia.yonsei.ac.kr

APPLY ONLINE



<https://say.yonsei.ac.kr/exchange>

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1885

Founded in Seoul

42nd

QS World University Rankings
2027

SAY

Study Abroad at Yonsei

01 • WHY YONSEI

● Why Yonsei

Founded in 1885, Yonsei University is ranked 42nd in the QS World University Rankings 2027. Each semester, Yonsei welcomes exchange and visiting students from partner universities around the world to its Sinchon campus in the heart of Seoul. Returning exchange students at our partner universities highlight the following as the main attractions of studying at Yonsei.

Academic Breadth

Take courses not offered at your home university, including creative disciplines, and experience Yonsei's interdisciplinary programs.

Social Sciences Excellence

Yonsei enjoys a strong reputation in the social sciences as one of Korea's leading universities.

Campus Life

First-rate campus facilities, including outstanding sports facilities, and beloved traditions such as the Yon-Ko Games and Korean BBQ nights with friends.

Korean Language (KLI)

Korean language courses are offered from beginner to advanced levels, and students with prior knowledge of Korean can build on their existing skills.

Korean Studies

Learn about Korean history and politics through a wide range of courses taught in English.

Gateway to Asia

Visit places of cultural and historical significance across Korea, and travel with ease to nearby countries such as Japan, Singapore, and Taiwan.



● Spring 2027 at a Glance

● ONLINE NOMINATION

September 1 – October 15, 2026

● ADMISSION RESULT

By mid-December 2026

● ONLINE APPLICATION

September 1 – October 31, 2026

● ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION

Late February 2027

All dates and times are according to the local time in Korea (KST).

Apply Online: <https://say.yonsei.ac.kr/exchange>

Academic Calendar (Tentative)

	Spring 2027	Fall 2027
Expected Arrival Date	Late February 2027	Late August 2027
Orientation	Late February 2027	Late August 2027
Class Begins	March 2, 2027	September 1, 2027
Class Ends	June 21, 2027	December 21, 2027
Final Exams	Mid-June 2027	Mid-December 2027

Exact dates will be announced on our website: <https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exCalendar.asp>

● Study Options for Summer & Winter

Yonsei International Summer School
(YISS)

<https://summer.yonsei.ac.kr/> · summer@yonsei.ac.kr
+82-2-2123-3535

Winter Abroad at Yonsei (WAY)

<https://winter.yonsei.ac.kr/> · iwinter@yonsei.ac.kr
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● Office of International Affairs, Sinchon Campus



02 · ADMISSIONS

● Eligibility

Enrollment & Completed Semesters	This program is open to foreign Undergraduate/Bachelor's Degree level (not Associate Degree) students who are currently enrolled at their home universities outside of Korea as full-time students, and have completed two (2) semesters (or the equivalent) BEFORE the nomination/application period. For Undergraduate/Bachelor's Degree level transfer students or Graduate/Master's Degree level students, a minimum of one semester's results from the CURRENT degree program must appear on their official transcripts.
GPA	Minimum GPA for application: CGPA 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or higher if specified in a separate agreement. No other grade scales will be accepted. If the transcript does not show grading in GPA out of a 4.0 scale, students MUST additionally submit the "Confirmation of Student Information Form" (downloadable from the SAY online application system), signed by the coordinator at their home university, together with the official or internal grading conversion table of their home university.
Transcript notes	The official transcript uploaded must show average grades obtained to this date. It must include all of the completed semesters results, not just limited to the student's most recent study year. It must be in English, signed or stamped by the home university (a digital signature is accepted).
Language Proficiency	Either English OR Korean proficiency proof below is required. All tests must have been taken within 2 years of the start date of the semester. English — either one of the following is accepted: - TOEFL iBT or iBT Home Edition 79 (ITP or MyBest score is NOT accepted) - IELTS 6.5 - Cambridge English Exam B2 First (FCE) ~ C2 Proficiency (CPE) Korean — either one of the following is accepted: - KLAT level 4 - TOPIK level 4 - An assessment report by a professor
Language exceptions	- A national from majority native English speaking countries (Americas, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland): Passport is required. - Current home university is in majority native English speaking countries (Americas, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland): N/A, but it must be specified in the transcript or Certificate of Enrollment. - Current degree program is held 100% in English: Home university letter is required.

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● Application & Documents

Online Nomination	Submitted by the home institution coordinator — NOT by the student. Nominations must be submitted via the SAY partner system. The link will be provided directly to the partner coordinator; email nomination is NOT accepted. Deadline: September 1 – October 15, 2026
Online Application	Submitted by the student. After nomination, each student receives an e-mail with access information and completes the online application at https://say.yonsei.ac.kr/exchange. Deadline: September 1 – October 31, 2026
Admission Result	By mid-December 2026

All dates and times are according to the local time in Korea (KST).

● Supporting Documents

To be uploaded on the SAY online application system:

1. Official Transcript(s)
2. Confirmation of Student Information Form (ONLY if the transcript does not show a GPA on a 4.0 scale)
3. Official Proof of language Proficiency
4. Photo (for student ID card)
5. Copy of the Passport ID Page
6. Study Plan(template available on the SAY application page)
7. Proof of Health Insurance (may be submitted after admission confirmation)

Additional documents required for students who require a Korean Student Visa (D-2-6) — to be additionally submitted by post mail (hard copies required)

8. Official e-Bank/Financial Statement
 - Must be issued within **30 days prior to the date of your D-2-6 visa application** at the Korean Embassy/Consulate
9. Official Certificate of Enrollment
 - The Certificate of Enrollment must be issued within **30 days prior to university application submission (not visa application).**
 - for non-OECD country nationals, **authentication like Apostille or Korean Embassy/Consulate legalization is additionally needed on this document**

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● Mailing Address

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03 · ACADEMICS

● Academics

Course Load	Undergraduate: 9 – 18 credits Graduate: 9 – 15 credits The course load above includes the Korean Language Course (3 or 6 credits).
Available Courses / Faculties	Liberal Arts / Commerce and Economics / Business / Underwood International College / Science / Engineering / Life System / Theology / Social Science / Human Ecology / Sciences in Education / Korean Language (KLI) Courses offered at the Songdo Campus are unavailable. Exchange/visiting students will be given access to UIC course enrollment on a space-available basis after Yonsei students finish their enrollment. The course list for each term is not finalized until 2 months before each term begins, so please refer to past course lists for reference: https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exCourse.asp Due to the nature of the class, some courses offered by each faculty are not available for enrollment to exchange/visiting students.
Business	Only students majoring in business at their home institution are allowed to take up to 4 business courses at Yonsei. When completing the online application, please ensure that you select 'Business Administration' as your Yonsei major.
Underwood International College	Common Curriculum (Sinchon Campus), UD-Comparative Literature and Culture, UD-Economics, UD-International Studies, UD-Political Science and International Relations, UD-Life Science and Biotechnology
Restricted Courses / Faculties	Medicine / Dentistry / Nursing / Pharmacy / Music / MBA / Law / Global Leadership Division / Courses offered at the Songdo International Campus Restrictions may vary depending on the type/level of exchange. For example, students coming through faculty-specific agreements may be allowed to take courses from the faculties listed above.

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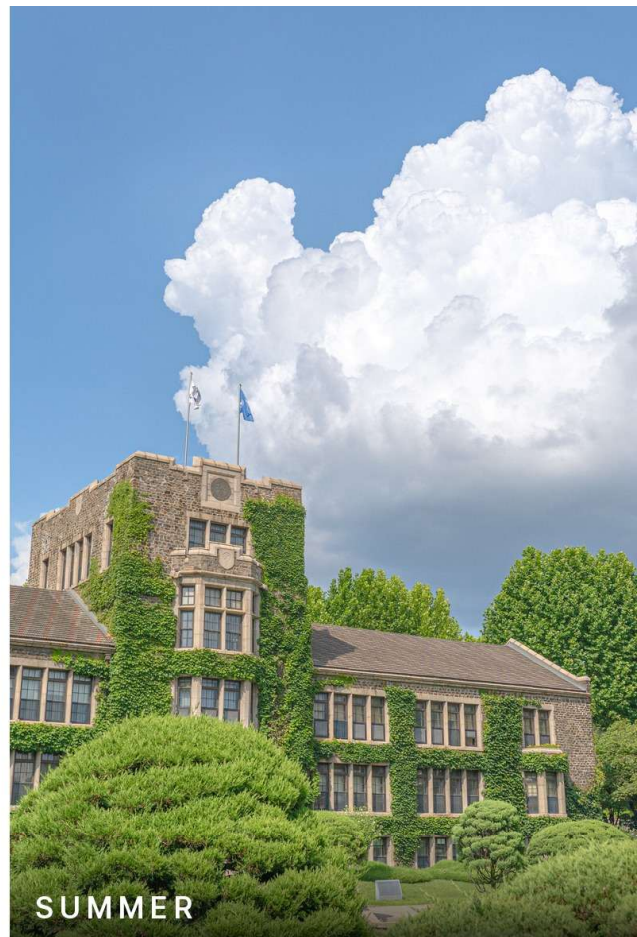
Grading & Academic Regulations

<https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exRule.asp>

Transcript Issued

Spring Semester: mid-July · Fall Semester: mid-January

All dates and times are according to the local time in Korea (KST).



04 · LIVING IN SEOUL

● Housing

On-campus Housing (SK Global & Int'l House)

Students interested in on-campus housing are encouraged to submit a separate online housing application as soon as it opens. The provision of on-campus housing is NOT guaranteed due to limited spaces, and rooms will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and costs, see <https://dorm.yonsei.ac.kr/en/>

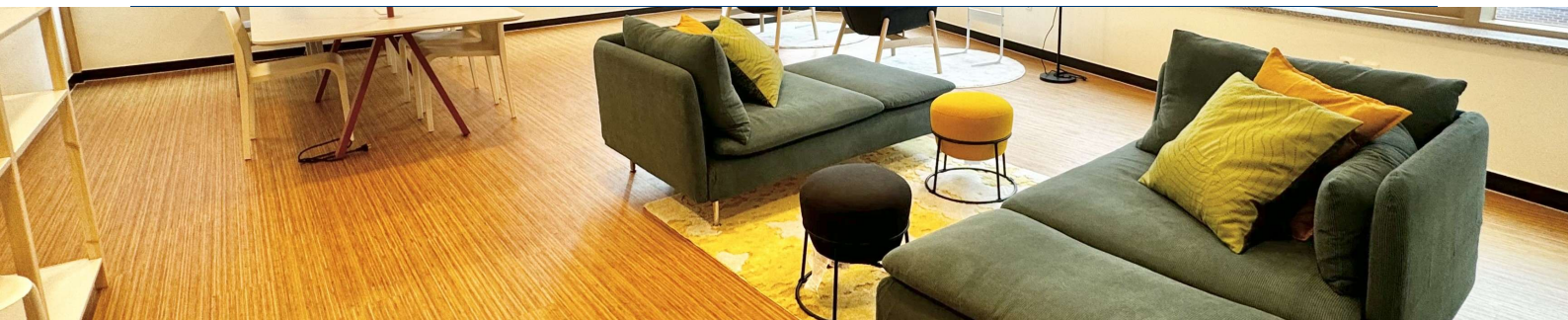
SK Global House and Int'l House are not handled by the OIA.

SK Global House: skghouse@yonsei.ac.kr

International House: ihouse@yonsei.ac.kr

● SK Global House





04 · LIVING IN SEOUL

● Insurance & Budget

Medical Insurance

All students must have health insurance covering their entire period of stay in Korea. Yonsei University does not provide health insurance.

International students are automatically enrolled in the Korea National Health Insurance (NHIS) once their alien registration number is issued, at an estimated cost of 50-60 USD per month. The number typically takes more than two or three months after the semester begins, so comprehensive travel insurance covering this initial period must be submitted separately.

The proof of health insurance should include: the full name of the insured, the period of coverage (valid during the stay), and the place of coverage (valid in Korea).

Students will not be officially registered and will not be given access to course registration until proof of health insurance is uploaded on the SAY online application system.

Estimated Budget (one semester)

Item	Amount (KRW)
Housing (SK Global House: double room)	2,150,000
Meals	2,500,000
Books & Supplies	500,000
Transportation	500,000
TOTAL	5,650,000

The costs above are subject to change without notice.

On-campus housing is paid directly to the Housing Office.

05 · VISA & ARRIVAL

● Visa & Arrival

International students must submit the following documents to a local Korean Embassy or Consulate.

Additional documents may be required depending on your place of residence.

1. Certificate of Admission (to be sent by Yonsei)
2. Yonsei Business Registration Certificate (to be sent by Yonsei)
3. Passport
4. Visa application form — <https://www.hikorea.go.kr/board/BoardApplicationListR.pt#>
5. Bank statement
6. Other documents as indicated by the local consulate

● VISA TYPE — D-2-6 (EXCHANGE STUDENT)

Students with foreign nationalities must apply for a D-2-6 visa (exchange student visa) to study in Korea.

Studying in Korea on other visa types (for example, tourist visas such as B-1 or B-2) is STRICTLY

PROHIBITED by the Korean Immigration Office. It is strictly the student's responsibility to enter Korea with a D-2 (student) visa, and our office does not hold any responsibility for problems that may arise from entering Korea with a tourist visa.

Certificate of Admission (CoA)

In accordance with Korean Immigration regulations, the Certificate of Admission can be issued from **three months before the semester begins**.

Students request the Certificate of Admission through the "**Visa Application**" menu of the SAY online application system.

The following original hard copies must reach our office by post. Visa documents are issued only after the hard copies have arrived.

1. **Official e-Bank/Financial Statement**, must be issued **within 30 days prior to the date of your D-2-6 visa application** at the Korean Embassy/Consulate.

The financial statement must show a minimum balance of **5,000 USD for one semester** or **12,000 USD for one year**.

2. **Official Certificate of Enrollment**, must be issued within **30 days prior to university application submission (not visa application)**. For non-OECD country nationals, authentication like **Apostille or Korean Embassy/Consulate legalization is additionally needed on this document**.

Passport Validity

Passports must remain valid for at least **six months** beyond the intended date of departure from Korea.

Airport Transportation

Please refer to our [arrival guide](#) on how to travel from Incheon International Airport to Yonsei University (Sinchon Campus).

06 · CONTACT

● Contacts

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Europe	Coordinator (Inbound & Outbound)	abroad@yonsei.ac.kr	+82-2-2123-4703
Asia, Oceania	Coordinator (Inbound & Outbound)	sap@yonsei.ac.kr	+82-2-2123-4704
Visiting Program (Fee-paying)	Academic Coordinator (Orientation, Course Registration, Transcript, other academic issues)	study@yonsei.ac.kr	+82-2-2123-3987

We look forward to welcoming you to Yonsei!

