

SKKU 2024 Fall Semester Fact Sheet

for Exchange & Visiting Students

※ To engage in our university's exchange and visiting student programs, we kindly request you to thoroughly review and follow the provided information.

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① General & Contact Information

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② Nomination Information (Only for Exchange Program Applicants)

Home University's Nomination Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Applicants must be officially nominated by their home institution to apply. ■ The sending institution's officer must notify the SKKU OIR by completing the designated Google Survey, which will be sent via email, and provide a list of nominated students. ■ Applicants must select either Exchange Program [A] or [B] according to the guidance of their home university. ■ Period of stay can be either 1 semester or 2 semesters, but extension is not allowed once nominated.
Exchange Program Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ [A]: Students who wish to take the Regular Korean Program (Monday to Friday, 26 hours/week) ONLY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students MUST major in a Korean Language/Culture/Linguistics related major at their home university. - Applicants must take the Regular Korean Program ONLY (CANNOT take with any other courses) ■ [B]: Students who wish to take regular major/elective courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students can take Basic/Intensive Korean Language courses along with other courses. - Korean Language courses are NOT mandatory.
Nomination Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Spring Semester: October 15th ■ Fall Semester: April 15th <p>* Visiting Students should pay SKKU tuition (approx.\$4,500~\$6,000 per semester depending on major)</p>

③ Application Information

Online Application	Website: https://kingoinfo.skku.edu/gaia/nxui/outdex.html?language=EN&menuId=NIBGG040301M * The online application system is most compatible on IE, Firefox, and Chrome; it may not work on Safari. * The Authentication Code will be given to applicants once the SKKU OIR receives official nomination.	
Application Guide	The Online Application Guide can be downloaded from the online application website.	
Eligibility	All applicants must meet the following: ■ Official nomination/recommendation of home/sending institution. (This only applies to exchange students) ■ Completion of at least one year of study at the moment of application period. ■ Currently in the process of pursuing a degree at home institution ■ GPA above 2.5/4.0, 2.7/4.3, 3.0/4.5 or 3.3/5.0 1) When using a different GPA scale, students must provide an official letter from the institution confirming their GPA meets the specified criteria 2) Visiting students are not required to submit a GPA	
Required Documents	■ Legitimate photograph (png, jpg) ■ Valid passport with personal identification page ■ Certificate of enrollment for the degree the applicant is currently seeking ■ A transcript with cumulative academic records for all courses taken until the application date. ■ Language Certificate (Applies ONLY to students who choose Business Administration at SKKU) ■ Participation Agreement <i>*Available on the first page of the online application website</i>	
Language Requirement	■ Choose one: TOEFL (iBT 80 or above/ ITP 550 or above), IELTS (6.0 or above), English CEFR (B2 or above), CET (4 or above), TOPIK (3 or above) or Duolingo English Test (110 or above). * Proof of English proficiency certified by a home university other than the above transcript is NOT accepted. * Not required for students who meet at least one of the following: 1) Native speakers 2) Students other than those choosing Business Administration majors in SKKU 3) Applicants from institutions in which English is the primary language of instruction (Students must submit an official letter from the home university confirming the above statement.)	
Online Application Period	■ Spring Semester: October 1 st ~ October 31 st ■ Fall Semester: April 1 st ~ April 30 th	* Late applications will NOT be accepted. * Confirmation of application will not be sent. we will reach out to those who need changes/additional submissions after the application period is over.

④ Academic Calendar

Academic Semesters	■ 2024 Fall Semester: September 1 st ~ December 20 th 2024 ■ 2025 Spring Semester: March 1 st ~ June 20 th 2025 (tentative)
Academic Year	■ 2024 AY: March 1 st 2024 ~ February 23 rd 2025 (tentative) ■ 2025 AY: February 24 th 2025 ~ February 22 nd 2026 (tentative)

⑤ Exchange/Visiting Student Orientation

Date	August 28 th (<i>subject to change</i>)	Venue	Humanities and Social Sciences Campus (Seoul)
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⑥ Expected Arrival Date

- It is highly recommended for students to arrive at SKKU a few of days earlier than the orientation date.
- If a student does not arrive in Korea by September 8th, his/her exchange program will automatically be canceled.
- Even if students arrive late in Korea, there will be no additional course registration (**Course Registration is available online.**)

⑦ SKKU Credit System

SKKU Credit	Class Hour/semester	Self-Study Hour/semester	SKKU Credit	Class Hour/semester	Self-Study Hour/semester
1	15 hrs	30 hrs	4	60 hrs	120 hrs
2	30 hrs	60 hrs	5	75 hrs	150 hrs
3	45 hrs	90 hrs	6	90 hrs	180 hrs

* Students must inquire with the student's home university regarding the compatibility of credits earned through the SKKU Credit system (the home university has the authority to recognize credit acquisition).

* To earn one SKKU credit in a semester, students must complete at least 45 hours of study including 15 hours of class time and 30 hours of self-study.

⑧ Maximum Credits & Credit Conversion

Maximum Credits	Courses	Remarks
18 SKKU credits	6~7 courses	

- * The credit transfer ratio should be determined by the home institution.
- * SKKU can provide supporting information and references for credit conversion/transfer.
- * There are no exemptions for the maximum credit policy.
- * As all exchange and visiting students are classified as bachelor's degree students in the SKKU system, they must follow a separate method for enrolling in graduate school classes, which will be announced around course registration period.

⑨ Course Information

Course Catalog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Course Catalog is available at http://www.skku.edu/eng Main > International > Study at SKKU > Inbound Exchange Program > Course Information > Course Catalog * Course syllabuses can be downloaded by double clicking the course code in the course catalog
Course Registration (Course Sign-up)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Spring Semester: in February ■ Fall Semester: in August * Accepted students will be informed of the course sign-up period and method via email.

- The number of English courses may be limited for undergraduate majors not stated below:

Humanities and Social Sciences	Natural Sciences and Engineering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Business Administration / Global Business Administration · Economics / Global Economics · Media & Communication · Political Science and Diplomacy · English Language and Literature · Sociology · Psychology · Film, Television and Multimedia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Civil and Environmental Engineering · Software · Systems Management Engineering · Mechanical Engineering · Architecture

- * Some courses in Global Business Administration and Global Economics can be restricted to exchange and visiting students. (Details regarding the above statement can be verified during the course registration period.)

- The course restriction policy applies to various areas, including but not limited to the following programs listed below:

Graduate Programs	Undergraduate Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Specialty Graduate Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SKK Graduate School of Business - SKK Graduate School of China - Graduate School of Law - Graduate School of Governance - Graduate School of Education - Graduate School of TESOL/Translation · Special Graduate Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Graduate School of Medicine · Graduate School of Pharmacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · School of Medicine · School of Pharmacy · Public Affairs · Law · College of Art (Open, but very few courses conducted in English and subjects in Theatre is not open for exchange students.)

⑩ IEC (International Exchange Course): Course Packet for Exchange/Visiting Student

In an effort to provide academic courses tailored to international exchange/visiting students, the SKKU OIR offers the following courses:

Course Code	Title	Remark
IEC4007	Economics in Global Environments	Economics Asian & Korean Studies Humanities/Interdisciplinary
IEC4008	Understanding Asian Culture	
IEC4009	Contemporary Korean Society & Culture	
IEC4010	Political & Economic Development in Korea	
IEC4014	Comparative Thought and Culture: Horizons East and West	
IEC4017	Popular Culture and Digital Media	

- * The IEC course list is subject to change / can be added or removed from the list without prior notice.

⑪ Korean Language Program (RKP, IKP, BKP)

Program	Campus	Detail	Credit	Note
Regular Korean (RKP)	Seoul Suwon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 Hours / week • Date: Monday ~ Friday • Time: 09:00 ~ 15:00 	12 (Recommended)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very tight schedule/application process. • Students taking the Regular Korean Program for two semesters must apply for each semester using the announced method. • When participating in this program all the other modules are NOT available except for this. • The course follows its own academic schedule. • The campuses will announce results after the placement test (Test date and method will also be announced.) • Students cannot select or change assigned campuses and classes. • Please do NOT decide accommodations prior to the allocations of courses and campuses.
Intensive Korean (IKP)	Seoul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Hours / week • Date: Mon/Wed or Tue/Thu 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program is for students who want to study Korean intensively with other modules or courses
Basic Korean (BKP)	Seoul Suwon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Hours/week • Date: Mon/Wed or Tue/Thu 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survival Korean for Beginners • BKP application is available during the course registration period, but spots can be limited

* RKP & IKP application will be announced via email.

⑫ Accommodation (Dormitory)

Campus	Dormitory	Fee / four months (Subject to change)	Type	Location
Humanities and Social Sciences Campus (@ Seoul)	I-House	1,700 USD (Meal plan not available, subject to change)	Twin	Off-campus
	C-House			
	G-House		Flat	
	M-House			
Natural Sciences Campus (@ Suwon)	Shin-gwan	1,300 USD (Meal plan available but the price not included, subject to change)	Twin	On-campus

- * SKKU may NOT be able to provide accommodation for all exchange/visiting students due to limited availability.
- * Dormitories and room types are randomly assigned and cannot be changed.
- * Before applying, please check the campuses where the desired courses will be held.
- * Overseas transfers take a few days and late remittance can result in automatic cancellation of application.
- * Dormitory application information will be provided to students via email who have submitted all necessary documents.

⑬ Visa and ARC (Alien Registration Card)

- The student visa comes in two types: D-2-6 for exchange students and D-2-8 for visiting students.
- Students should secure a D-2 visa from their home country and are responsible for any issues upon entry with a tourist visa (K-ETA).
- You can apply for an Alien Registration Card (ARC) individually or as a group.
 - *Group applications are managed by our school's chosen agency, Hire Diversity, and may incur associated costs
- The ARC issuance time, typically around 45 days, remains uncertain regardless of whether you apply individually or as a group.
- Leaving Korea without obtaining an ARC after entering with a D-2 student visa will automatically invalidate your visa.
- Travel to other countries is only possible after obtaining the ARC, so it's recommended to plan your trips after the midterm exams.
- Visa extensions for personal reasons after the semester ends must be handled individually, as the university can not provide assistance.

⑭ National Health Insurance System (NHIS)

- Students with a D-2 Visa are subject to the mandatory subscription to the National health insurance of Korea.
- A monthly fee of about USD 60 is automatically charged (No action required from students.)
- If a student doesn't pay the fee, visa extension after the semester may be restricted.
- Since NHIS does not cover all injury costs, it is recommended to obtain personal full-coverage insurance during one's stay in Korea.
- Inquiries: <https://www.nhis.or.kr/english/wbheaa02100m01.do> / +82-1577-1000 (Dial 7 for foreign language assistance)

15 Buddy Program: HI-Club & SG MAPLE

The SKKU OIR and the HI-Club, a student group that supports the OIR, manages a buddy program called SG MAPLE, or SKKU Global Mentoring and Assisting PeoPLE. Every semester, they invite a group of SKKU students who want to support and make new international friends. Instagram: @skku_hiclub

A SKKU ISS (International Summer Semester)

Description	The SKKU International Summer Semester (ISS) is an annual 4-week summer program. Details about this year's program are available on the official website; every year, the program selects a theme that is most intriguing and relevant to their courses, ensuring that each one is cohesively related to it. A number of renowned professors around the world will share their knowledge and insight with highly motivated international students at the Seoul campus of SKKU. Exchange students are eligible for a 100% tuition scholarship, which means they are exempted from paying tuition fees. (it should be noted that cultural activities fees may still apply)		
Official Website	https://summer.skku.edu (QuickLink)	Contact	issoffice@skku.edu/82-2-760-0184

B SKKU WISE (Winter International Student Experience)

Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Academic Courses: WISE courses have the same academic standards as those offered during the fall and spring semesters, and depending on the host university's policies, they may be used as transfer credits. Courses are offered in English or Korean. ■ Explore Korea: A unique two-week program that takes place at the end of January. It is focused on intensive Korean language studies and K-Culture (media, entertainment, music, dance, fashion), which has swept the globe in recent years. This program is an excellent opportunity for international students to learn about what drives K-Culture's international popularity all while experiencing the beauty of winter in Korea. ■ Intensive Korean Language Course: This is an online course offered every January for for students who are beginners to learn Korean effectively in a short period of time. 		
Official Website	https://winter.skku.edu (QuickLink)	Contact	wiseoffice@skku.edu/82-2-760-0184

■ NOTE 1: Acceptance Package

- The SKKU OIR will send each accepted exchange/visiting student an acceptance package which includes a Certificate of Admission, a Letter of Acceptance (for visa applications) in late June (for Fall Semester) or late December (for Spring Semester).
- Students will receive instructions regarding document submission for the Acceptance package, which include **proof of living expenses**.
- In accordance with the Korean Immigration policy, the university may issue visa documents after verifying all documents from exchange and visiting students. Therefore, students residing in countries where the visa process takes a lot of time are encouraged to submit their documents quickly.

■ NOTE 2: Additional Resources

This document and additional useful resources, such as the student handbook, application form, off-campus housing information, etc., are available on our website. Please visit <http://www.skku.edu/eng>International>StudyatSKKU>Inboundexchange/visitingprogram>.

■ NOTE 3: Our Institutional Instagram accounts are: @SKKU_intl, @experienceskku

*** The information provided in this document is subject to change depending on the university's circumstances.**