2026 Fall Semester Fact Sheet: Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)
For Inbound Exchange & Visiting Students

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① General & Contact Information

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② Nomination Information

Home University's Nomination Procedure	■ Applicants must be officially nominated by their home institution to apply. ■ The sending institution's officer must notify the SKKU OIR by completing the provided form, which will be sent via email, and provide a list of nominated students. ■ Period of stay can be either 1 semester or 2 semesters, but extension is not allowed once nominated.
Nomination & Application Deadlines	■ **Exchange Students (Nomination)** Spring Semester: October 15th Fall Semester: April 15th ■ **Visiting students (Email Application)** Spring Semester: October 15th Fall Semester: April 15th
Tuition Fees for Visiting Students (Not applicable to Exchange Students)	■ **Payment** Visiting Students are required to pay the SKKU tuition fee. ■ **Estimated Cost** Approximately KRW 5,200,000~8,100,000 per semester, depending on the major. (USD Reference: Approximately USD 3,600~5,600 / Based on the exchange rates as of March 5, 2026) ※ Note: Tuition fees are subject to change based on the exchange rate.)

③ Application Information

Online Application	■ **Website**: https://kingoinfo.skku.edu/gaia/nxui/outdex.html?language=EN&menuId=NIBGG040301M ■ **Browser Compatibility**: Optimized for Microsoft Edge, Chrome, and Firefox. (It may not function properly on Safari) ■ **Authentication Code** · Exchange Students: Provided after SKKU OIR receives an official nomination. · Visiting Students: Provided upon receipt of an inquiry email from the applicant or a nomination from the home institution.
Application Guide	The Online Application Guide can be downloaded from the online application website.
Eligibility	All applicants must meet the following criteria: ■ **Nomination**: Must be officially nominated/recommended by the home or sending institution (applies ONLY to exchange students). ■ **Academic Standing**: Must have completed at least one year of study at the home institution by the application period. ■ **Enrollment Status**: Must be currently in the process of pursuing a degree at their home institution. ■ **GPA Requirement**: Must have a 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	■ Formal photo (PNG or JPG format) ■ Valid passport (copy of the personal identification page) ■ Certificate of enrollment ■ Official Academic Transcript (showing cumulative records for all courses taken up to the application date) ■ Language Certificate (Applies ONLY to students choosing Business Administration at SKKU) ■ Participation Agreement (Available on the first page of the online application website)
Language Requirement	■ **Applicability**: Applies ONLY to students who choose Business Administration majors at SKKU. Minimum Scores (Choose one): 1) TOEFL: iBT 80 / ITP 550 2) IELTS: 6.0 or above 3) English CEFR: B2 or above 4) CET: 4 or above 5) TOPIK: 3 or above 6) Duolingo English Test: 110 or above ■ **Important Note**: Proof of English proficiency certified by a home university (other than the official test scores listed above) is NOT accepted. Exemptions: Not required for students who meet at least one of the following 1) Native speakers 2) Students applying for majors other than Business Administration 3) Applicants from institutions where English is the primary language of instruction (A formal letter from the home university confirming this statement is required)
Online Application Period	■ **Spring Semester**: October 1st ~ October 31st ■ **Fall Semester**: April 1st ~ April 30th ■ Late applications will NOT be accepted. ■ **Application Confirmation**: Please note that individual confirmation of application receipt will not be sent. ■ **Follow-up Contact**: The office will reach out only to those who require changes or additional document submissions after the application period has concluded

④ Academic Calendar

Academic Semesters	■ 2026 Spring Semester: March 3rd ~ June 22nd, 2026 (tentative) ■ 2026 Fall Semester: August 31st ~ December 18th, 2026 (tentative)
Academic Year	■ 2026 AY: March 1st, 2026 ~ February 28th, 2027 (tentative) ■ 2027 AY: March 1st, 2027 ~ February 29th, 2028 (tentative)

⑤ Acceptance Package

■ The SKKU OIR will provide each accepted exchange and visiting student with an Acceptance Package, which includes the Certificate of Admission (CoA) and a Letter of Acceptance (LoA) required for visa applications.
■ **Timeline (Expected)**
Fall Semester: Late June to early July
Spring Semester: Late December to early January
■ **Important Condition for Issuance**: Please be advised that the timeline above applies only to students who have successfully submitted all required documents in their complete and final form.
■ **Warning on Delays**: The issuance of the Acceptance Package is strictly contingent upon the verification of your documents. Any delay in submission or the submission of incomplete documents will directly result in a delay in the issuance of your package, which may subsequently affect your visa application schedule.

⑥ Exchange/Visiting Student Orientation

Date	August 28th *(subject to change)*	Venue	Humanities and Social Sciences Campus (Seoul)

⑦ Expected Arrival Date

■ **Early Arrival**: It is highly recommended that students arrive at SKKU a few days earlier than the orientation date.
■ **Deadline**: If a student does not arrive in Korea by September 8th, his/her exchange program will automatically be cancelled.
■ **Course Registration**: Please note that no additional course registration sessions will be provided for late arrivals, as the registration process is conducted entirely online.

⑧ SKKU Credit System

SKKU Credit	Class Hours / semester	Self-Study Hours / semester	SKKU Credit	Class Hours / semester	Self-Study Hours / 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

■ **Credit Transferability**: Students must consult with their home university regarding the compatibility and transferability of credits earned at SKKU, as the home institution holds the final authority over credit recognition.
■ **Credit Definition**: To earn one (1) SKKU credit per semester, students must complete a minimum of 45 hours of study, which includes 15 hours of in-class instruction and 30 hours of individual self-study.

⑨ Maximum Credits & Credit Conversion

■ **Maximum Credits**: 18 SKKU credits (Approximately 6~7 courses)
■ **Credit Conversion & Transfer**: The credit transfer policy should be determined by the home institution.
■ SKKU can provide supporting information and references for credit conversion and transfer.
■ **Important Policies**
1) As all exchange and visiting students are classified as undergraduate (bachelor's degree) students in the SKKU system, they must follow a separate procedure for enrolling in graduate-level classes.
2) Details regarding graduate course enrollment will be announced during the course registration period.

⑩ Course Information

Course Catalog	■ **Access**: The Course Catalog is available on the official English website: **http://www.skku.edu/eng** ■ **Navigation Path**: Main > International > Study at SKKU > Inbound Exchange Program > Course Information > Course Catalog. ■ **Syllabus Download**: Course syllabi can be downloaded **by double-clicking the specific course code** within the catalog.
Course Registration	■ **Spring Semester**: in February　　■ **Fall Semester**: in August ■ **Notification**: Accepted students will be notified of the specific registration period and procedures via email.

□ The number of English-taught courses may be limited for undergraduate majors not listed below:

Humanities and Social Sciences	Natural Sciences and Engineering
· Business Administration / Global Business Administration · Economics / Global Economics · Media & Communication · Political Science and Diplomacy · English Language and Literature · Sociology · Psychology · Film, Television and Multimedia	· Civil and Environmental Engineering · Software · Systems Management Engineering · Mechanical Engineering · Architecture

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

■ Detailed restrictions for specific courses can be verified during the course registration period.

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

Graduate Programs	Undergraduate Programs
· Specialty Graduate Schools 　- 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 · Graduate School of Medicine · Graduate School of Pharmacy	· School of Medicine · School of Pharmacy · Public Affairs (course codes beginning with GLD) · Law · College of Art 　- Courses in the College of Art are open to exchange and visiting students. However, please be advised that very few courses are conducted in English within this college. 　- The Theatre major is not open to exchange students.

⑪ IEC (International Exchange Course): Course Packet for Exchange/Visiting Student

To provide academic courses specifically designed for international exchange and visiting students, the SKKU OIR offers the following IEC courses.

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

* Notice: The IEC course list is subject to change and courses may be added or removed without prior notice depending on university circumstances.

⑫ Korean Language Program (RKP, IKP, BKP)

Program	Campus	Detail	Credit	Note
Regular Korean (RKP)	Seoul	• Duration: 4 hours per day • Days: Monday ~ Friday (5 days a week) • Class Hours 09:00 - 12:50 or 14:00 - 17:50	12	■ **Program Extension**: Students taking the Regular Korean Program for two consecutive semesters must re-apply for the second semester according to the announced procedure. ■ **Class Placement**: Course levels are assigned based on a mandatory placement test. Students are not permitted to select or change their assigned classes. ■ **Scheduling Conflicts**: If you plan to take other academic courses alongside RKP, you must ensure there are no scheduling overlaps. RKP classes require full attendance during their designated hours. ■ **Academic Calendar**: RKP operates on its own separate academic schedule, which differs from the standard university calendar. Please check the specific dates on the https://skb.skku.edu/ksli_eng/program/regular.do
Intensive Korean (IKP)	Seoul	• Duration: 6 hours per week • Days: Mon/Wed or Tue/Thu	6	■ **Program Purpose**: Designed for students who wish to pursue intensive Korean language study alongside their regular academic coursework. ■ **Placement Policy**: Class levels are determined by a mandatory placement test. Students are not permitted to arbitrarily select or request changes to their assigned classes.
Basic Korean (BKP)	Seoul & Suwon	• Duration: 3 hours per week • Days: Mon/Wed or Tue/Thu	3	■ **Course Objective**: A "Survival Korean" course specifically designed for absolute beginners to help with daily life in Korea. ■ **Registration**: Enrollment is available during the standard course registration period. ■ **Capacity Warning**: Please note that seats are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Early registration is recommended.

Detailed application procedures and schedules for RKP and IKP will be communicated to accepted students via email.

⑬ Accommodation (Dormitory)

Campus	Dormitory	Fee / four months (Subject to change)	Location
Seoul (Humanities and Social Sciences campus)	C-House	1,700 USD (Meal plan not available)	Off-campus
	M-House		
Suwon (Natural Sciences Campus)	Shin-gwan	1,400 USD (Meal plan available, but the cost not included in the dormitory fee)	On-campus

■ **Accommodation Availability**: Starting from the 2026 Academic Year, please be advised that dormitory placement may not be guaranteed for all exchange and visiting students due to high demand.
■ **Off-campus Housing Support**: For students who are not assigned to a dormitory or prefer to live independently, basic tips and resources for finding private accommodation in Seoul will be provided.
■ **Random Assignment**: Dormitories and room types are randomly assigned. Requests for changes are not accepted.
■ **Campus Verification**: Before applying, students must verify the campus where their desired courses are held.
■ **Payment Warning**: International wire transfers may take several days. Failure to remit the full fee by the deadline will result in automatic cancellation of the housing application.
■ **Application Info**: Housing application details will be sent via email only to students who have successfully submitted all required admission documents.
※ Please note that all information provided is subject to change

⑭ Visa and Residence Card

■ **Visa Requirements**
· Visa Types: Exchange students must apply for a D-2-6 visa, and visiting students must apply for a D-2-8 visa.
Pre-entry Application: Students must secure their D-2 visa in their home country before entering Korea.
· Important: SKKU is not responsible for any issues arising from entering Korea on a tourist visa (K-ETA).

■ **Residence Card (formerly ARC)**
· Application Methods: You may apply for your Residence Card individually or through a group application managed by the university's designated agency (Hire Diversity). Please note that agency fees may apply.
· Issuance Timeline: It typically takes about 45 days to receive the card. This timeline is subject to change by the Immigration Office and is the same for both individual and group applications.
· Travel Restrictions: If you leave Korea after entering on a D-2 visa before your Residence Card is issued, your visa will be automatically invalidated.
· International travel is only permitted after you have physically received your Residence Card. We strongly recommend planning trips after the midterm exams.

■ **Visa Extensions**
· Personal Extensions: Requests for visa extensions for personal reasons after the semester ends must be handled individually. The university does not provide administrative assistance for post-program extensions.

⑮ Mandatory Health Insurance: National Health Insurance Service (NHIS)

■ In accordance with Korean law, all international students holding a D-2 visa are required to subscribe to the National Health Insurance (NHI).

■ **Automatic Enrollment:** Enrollment occurs automatically once your Residence Card is issued. No separate application is required.

■ **Monthly Premium**: Approximately USD 60 per month.
· Note: This fee is billed monthly. Students do not need to take any initial action for enrollment.

■ **Visa Restrictions**: Please be aware that failure to pay the monthly premiums may result in restrictions on visa extensions or other administrative disadvantages.

■ **Supplemental Insurance**: Since the NHI may not cover all medical contingencies (e.g., specific emergencies or private hospital room charges), we strongly recommend maintaining personal full-coverage insurance during your stay.

⑯ Student Life & Buddy Program (SG MAPLE)

■ The SKKU OIR and HI-Club (a student group supporting international students) manage a dedicated buddy program called SG MAPLE. This program is designed to help you settle into Korean life and build lasting friendships with SKKU students.

■ Experience Korean Culture: Throughout the semester, you can participate in weekly or monthly cultural activities to experience various aspects of Korea.

■ Exciting Events & Field Trips: Enjoy your exchange period by joining field trips to famous tourist spots, participating in Sports Day, and engaging in diverse social events with your buddies.

■ Stay Connected: Follow the HI-Club on Instagram for the latest updates on events and matching schedules.

■ Instagram: @skku_hiclub

ⓐ SKKU ISS (International Summer Semester)

Description	The SKKU International Summer Semester (ISS) is an annual 4-week summer program hosted at Sungkyunkwan University. Details about this year's program are available on the official website. Each year, the program brings together highly motivated students from partner universities around the world to study at SKKU's Seoul campus and engage in a vibrant international learning environment. ISS offers a wide range of courses taught in English by renowned professors from leading universities worldwide, covering diverse academic fields. Some courses incorporate field trips and experiential learning activities, allowing students to connect classroom knowledge with real-world contexts in Seoul and beyond. In addition to regular academic courses, the program also offers a Research Internship Track, through which students can join research laboratories at SKKU and work closely with faculty members on academic research projects. Beyond the classroom, students participate in various cultural activities designed to introduce Korean history, traditions, and contemporary culture, creating opportunities to experience Korea while building friendships with peers from around the world. Exchange students are eligible for a 100% tuition scholarship, meaning that tuition fees are waived. (Please note that cultural activity fees may still apply.)

Official Website	https://summer.skku.edu (QuickLink)	Contact	issoffice@skku.edu / +82-2-760-0184

ⓑ SKKU WISE (Winter International Student Experience)

Description	The SKKU Winter International Student Experience (WISE) is an annual 3-week winter program held from late December to early January. Details about this year's program are available on the official website. Similar to the summer program, WISE combines academic coursework with cultural experiences, offering students a unique opportunity to study in Korea during the winter season. Courses are delivered primarily by distinguished SKKU professors in an intensive 12-day format, allowing students to engage deeply with their subjects while experiencing campus life at SKKU. In addition to the academic program, students can participate in a range of cultural activities designed to introduce Korean history, traditions, and contemporary culture. Exchange students are eligible for a 100% tuition scholarship, meaning that tuition fees are waived. (Please note that cultural activity fees may still apply.)

Official Website	https://winter.skku.edu (QuickLink)	Contact	wiseoffice@skku.edu / +82-2-760-0184

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