

Inbound Exchange Student Program

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Overview

The Exchange Student Program (ESP) is designed for international students from affiliated global universities. SKKU welcomes all students coming from around the globe to a challenging academic and unique cultural experience on our campus, where traditional and contemporary features are beautifully harmonized. SKKU is well-prepared to meet the academic needs of international students by providing a plethora of courses in foreign languages, the Regular Korean Program (RKP) and International Summer Semester (ISS) along with various intriguing cultural activities where you can experience Korea's culture and history.

Office in Charge

SKKU's Office of International Affairs(OIA) is the primary office responsible for the exchange program. In order to provide a well-organized academic experience to exchange students from partner universities, the OIA:

- - Helps exchange students in the application process with visa application, online application, etc.
- - Supplies course information, and helps students select and sign up for courses
- - Organizes a special orientation and cultural/group activities in collaboration with GSN HI-CLUB
- - Takes care of students' everyday inquiries and requests
- - Sends academic transcripts to exchange students' home universities after they complete exchange study

Exchange Student Orientation and Cultural Activities

SKKU offers an orientation session for exchange students to help them adjust to life in the campus environment. During the orientation session students receive valuable information and insights needed for both academic and everyday life at SKKU. The

main issues covered are: academic issues, course information and registration, housing plan and policies, and visa-related matters. This is followed by a brief campus tour and reception where students have a chance to get to know each other. SKKU's Office of International Affairs The OIA also organizes cultural activities and social events for all exchange students. Through these events we aim to increase our students' sense of globalization and multicultural understanding.

GSN HI-CLUB (Student Buddy Group)

SKKU's Office of International AffairsThe OIA closely cooperates with the Global Student Network: Help & Information Club (GSN HI-CLUB), which is a volunteer student buddy group that helps and supports exchange students to adapt to living in Korea. HI-CLUB also organizes a number of cultural events where exchange and SKKU students can come together. It is one of the most valuable resources of help and information that is always accessible to exchange students.

Their main responsibilities are :

- - To hold an orientation for exchange students in collaboration with the SKKU OIA
- - To organize cultural events for exchange students
- - To help students deal with academic and practical matters

Extension of Exchange

Period of exchange can be extended given that SKKU and the student host universities agree upon it. For application, an international exchange coordinator at the host university must officially confirm an exchange student's intention of extending the exchange period by sending an email to their counterpart at SKKU. Request for the extension will be evaluated and considered based on the applicants' performance in the previous semester(s).

International Summer Semester and Regular Korean Program for exchange students

The SKKU International Summer Semester (ISS) is an annual summer program that lasts for four weeks. It singles out the single most intriguing theme of the year, which is then threaded throughout every course to create a unique learning environment. Additionally, eminent professors from around the world share their knowledge and insights with the highly motivated international students of the SKKU ISS. A tuition waiver is given to exchange students taking part in the ISS before or after their regular exchange semester(s).

SKKU also provides exchange students with two types of Korean Language Courses: RKP (Regular Korean Program) and RKP for Exchange Students. A tuition waiver is provided for both programs to all exchange students.

Overview

SKKU offers more than 7,000 courses throughout the academic year in every field and level of study. As of now, over 30 percent of courses are conducted in foreign languages, primarily English. The reason for this is twofold: first to provide a change for SKKU students to improve their global competence and language capabilities, and secondly to provide a larger selection of classes for international students who are not fluent in Korean. SKKU is actively recruiting renowned foreign professors, while providing a series of retraining programs for Korean faculty aimed at enhancing language and lecture skills.

Academic Year

SKKU's academic year starts around March 1 and lasts for 12 months. The start date of a specific academic year may vary slightly according to each year. All academic schedules, including course signup, add and drop, withdrawal, exams, and course evaluation are to be planned based on this.

Course Catalog [VIEW](#)

Course Restriction

Not all courses are open to exchange students as they require special application eligibility or completion of prerequisite courses. The following are fields of study that are exclusively offered to major students.

	Course Restriction
Graduate School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Graduate School• Specialty Graduate School (Except for ASIA MBA program)
Undergraduate School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School of Medicine• School of Pharmacy• Global Business Administration*• Global Economics*

Majors with an asterisk may open to a few select major students among all accepted applicants who have shown excellent academic performance in their respective area.

Credit Issues: Maximum Credit and Credit Transfer

One SKKU credit requires students to fulfill one study hour per week. Most SKKU courses require 48 hours of study in the classroom, not including extra work, while language courses and experiment courses weight one or two credits in general.

credit issues

Study Load

/ Week / Semester

1 credit course	1 hr	16 hrs
2 credit course	2 hr	32 hrs
3 credit course	3 hr	48 hrs

An exchange student's home university is responsible for transferring SKKU credits, while SKKU provides information on the grading system and the academic policy for reference. SKKU's Office of International Affairs sends the necessary documents, including academic transcript, to the home university by express mail to help the exchange student who completed the exchange program to ask for a credit transfer.

Exchange students are allowed to take up to the following credits in accordance with their major.

Undergraduate

18 credits

Postgraduate

9 credits (15 credits for MBA students)

Online Application System

SKKU receives exchange student program applications using an online system; exchange students are not asked to submit paper forms. All supporting documents are also to be attached to the online application form electronically in either PDF or JPEG format, while hardcopy may be requested if needed.

* Online application system works best on Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Chrome on Microsoft Windows.

[Online Application](#)

Application Schedule

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	Spring semester	Fall semester
Online Application Period	September 1 ~ November 15	March 1 ~ May 15
Request for Missing Documents	November 16 ~ November 20	May 16 ~ May 20
Evaluation of Applications	November 21 ~ December 15	May 21 ~ June 15
Sending Out Acceptance Packages	December 16 ~ December 31	June 16 ~ June 31
E-mail Q&A	January 1 ~ February 28	July 1 ~ August 31

* Late applications may not be accepted; please make an enquiry to the officer in charge if necessary.

Application Eligibility

- - Official nomination from a sending institution that has an exchange agreement with SKKU
- - Completion of at least one year of study and be continuing towards a degree at their home institution
- - GPA (Grade Point Average) above 2.7 / 4.0 or 3.0 / 4.5 or 3.3 / 5.0

Required Documents

- - Photograph of student (3X4 cm preferred)
- - Photocopy of valid passport with personal identification page
- - Certificate of scholarship beneficiary (only for graduate students doing research)
- - Transcript with cumulative academic records for all courses taken
- - Certificate of scholarship beneficiary (Only for graduate students doing research)
- - Letter of support from an SKKU academic who has agreed to be supervisor during the student's stay (only for graduate students doing research)
- - Certificate of insurance, which can cover possible medical costs during student's study period

Acceptance Package

SKKU's Office of International Affairs will send each accepted exchange student a package which includes a Certificate of Admission and invitation letter (for visa issuance), a handbook for exchange students, an International Summer Semester brochure, and additional useful information and materials

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Resources

[Airport Pickup Application](#)

Survival Kit

- - [Humanities and Social Sciences Campus](#)
- - [Natural Sciences Campus](#)

[Korean Language Program](#)

[Dormitory Application Form](#)
[Off-Campus Housing Information](#)