



**KOOK
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UNIVERSITY**

Study Abroad
Program Fact sheet
(Fall 2026)

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University Information

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| Name | Kookmin University |
| Address | 77 Jeongneung-ro, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul, 02707 |
| Homepage | https://english.kookmin.ac.kr |
| Faculties Cooperative to study abroad students | Most faculties which are not mentioned below * Students should choose a major/department which is most relevant to their major/department at home university |
| Faculties LIMITED to study abroad students | School of Fine Arts, College of Architecture, College of Creative Engineering, College of Design, College of Science and Technology, College of Computer Science, College of Automotive Engineering * Courses in foreign languages are limited and/or require major/department approval |
| Faculties CLOSED to study abroad students | School of Music, School of Performing Arts |
| Number of Students Enrolled | 18,064 students (Undergraduate/Graduate) |
| Percentage of International Students | 11.95% |
| Academic Calendar | See below (page 5) |
| Available courses | Courses from School/department assigned at Kookmin University and General Education courses including Korean Language. Courses from other departments may be restricted * List of courses offered in English will be sent to students |
| Semester Dates for 2 nd Semester (Fall) 2026 | Tue, Sept. 1 st , 2026 ~ Mon, Dec. 21 st , 2026 |
| Exam Dates | Midterm: Tue, Oct. 20 th , 2026 ~ Mon, Oct. 26 th , 2026 Final: Tue, Dec. 8 th , 2026 ~ Mon, Dec. 14 th , 2026 * Exams can be taken during the course make up week (16th week) |
| Orientation Dates | To be decided (Normally just before the beginning of the semester) |
| Available Exchange Semesters | 1 st semester (Spring), 2 nd semester (Fall) * Summer/Winter sessions not available |
| Language of Instruction | Korean, English (Limited), Korean Language (Limited) |

Life around Kookmin University

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| Climate | Seoul(Republic of Korea) has four distinct seasons and the temperature difference between summer and winter is extreme. Spring and Fall is a good time to stay in Seoul but Summer is hot and humid and Winter can be snowy with occasional cold wave. |
| Tourism Information | Seoul Tourism: https://english.visitseoul.net/ Korea Tourism: http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/ |
| Public Transportation | Students will be able to visit many places of interest by taking the public transportation which is very convenient. Light rail Jeongneung (Kookmin University) and Gireum (Line #4) Stations are close from campus. There are buses to major districts from our campus as well. Students are recommended to purchase a transportation card(T-money). (Students can add value to T-money at convenience stores on campus) |
| Transportation fare | Subway: Basic fare KRW 1,650won (T-money: KRW 1,550won) * Additional fare applied by distance traveled City Bus: Single journey KRW 1,500won (Same for Cash/T-money) * Certain buses(routes) do not take cash and using a T-money card is recommended |
| University Location Information | Our campus, located in the Northern part of Seoul, is surrounded by Bukhansan National Mountain Park. As our local community is mostly residential area, we provide safe environment for students. While students study at an independent campus setting, students can visit Gyeongbokgung palace/Bukchon Hanok Village, Daehakro (Center of performing arts and culture) and Dongdaemun Design Plaza during their free time. (Above place of interests are approx. 30~40 minutes by public transportation) |



Requirements & Deadlines

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| Nomination/Application Deadline | <p>Nomination: Thursday, Apr. 30th, 2026 Application: Friday, May 29th, 2026 * Student applications will be reviewed after the application deadline</p> |
| Academic Requirements | <p>Applicant should have completed at least one semester at their home university before applying and should have a Grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.5 scale.</p> <p>* If the GPA requirement differs in the agreement, the requirement stated in the agreement will be applied.</p> |
| Language requirements | <p>Study abroad students attending Kookmin University should be fluent enough to take University Courses in Korean or English. Students are required to submit a language proficiency score or verification from their home university.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Korean: TOPIK Level 3 or above · English: TOEFL iBT 72, IELTS 6.0, TOEIC 800 or above <p>* If the language requirement differs in the agreement, the requirement stated in the agreement will be applied.</p> |
| Proof of funds | <p>Kookmin University needs to verify the availability of funds before issuing the Certificate of Admission and the estimated total for the study abroad is as below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · One semester: KRW 5,000,000won ~ (for 4 months) · Two semesters: KRW 12,000,000won ~ (for 10 months) |
| Online Link for Student nominations | <p>Will be sent directly to the coordinators</p> |
| Application Process | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home coordinator submits student nominations online 2. If nomination is received(accepted), student submits the application 3. Application review and department assignment * <u>Application will be reviewed after May 29th</u> (After receiving the majority of applications) * Study abroad can be canceled if rejected by the department 4. If admitted, submit additional documents (e.g. Proof of Insurance) 5. Visa documents processed and sent to home university 6. Student ID# issued, register for courses 7. Arrive according to the Orientation/Beginning of the semester |
| Certificate of Admission issuance | <p>Certificate of Admission (COA) and documents needed for visa application will be issued after the student is admitted and all documents (including the original documents) have been submitted. (Estimated to be issued from early July)</p> |
| Visa | <p>Students studying in Korea according to the agreement between their home university and Kookmin University needs to apply for the student visa(Type: D-2-6) with the Certificate of Admission issued by Kookmin University before arriving at Korea.</p> |

Application Submission

| No. | Document | How to submit | Notes |
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| 1 | Kookmin University Study abroad application | Online form | Link to the application will be sent at a later time ¹⁾ |
| 2 | Statement of Purpose | submit softcopy | Fill in our university's form ²⁾ |
| 3 | Official Transcript from home university | submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾ | |
| 4 | Certificate of Enrollment with Apostille or Consular Verification | submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾ | Consular Verification should be applied to the Korean Consulate where the University is located |
| | (Option for students in China) Online Verification Report of Student Record issued by the Education verification agency operated by the Ministry of Education | submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾ | Issued from CHSI(学信网) |
| 5 | Confirmation of Language Skills | Scanned file | Fill in our university's form ²⁾ |
| 6 | Passport Bio page | Scanned file | |
| 7 | Student Photo (suitable for IDs) | submit softcopy | jpg format preferred |
| 8 | (for Art/Design departments) Portfolio | submit softcopy | PDF file less than 5mb |
| 9 | Personal Information Consent form | Original or scanned copy | Fill in our university's form ²⁾ |

Documents to be submitted after being admitted to Kookmin University⁴⁾

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| 10 | Financial Statement for Study Abroad Students | submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾ | Fill in our university's form ²⁾ |
| 11 | Proof of funds for student exchange | submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾ | such as Bank Statement |
| 12 | Proof of International Student Insurance (Insurance Policy) | Original or scanned copy | Should cover both disease and accident |

1) Link to the application will be sent to students

2) Forms will be sent to students at a later time

3) Depending on the student's nationality, scanned copy can be received or the submission may be waived (for example: Students from OECD member countries)

※ Students are recommended to check with the program coordinator before gathering the documents

※ If original document submission is needed, the hardcopy must be sent by post

4) For documents which needs to be submitted to the Korean Consulate, issue two (2) copies

Semester Dates (Semester 2(Fall), School Year 2026)

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| Preferred Arrival Date | To be decided (Recommended to arrive 2~3 days prior to the beginning of the semester) |
| Orientation Day | To be decided (before the beginning of the semester on the first day of the semester) |

2nd (Fall) semester 2026

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| • 2 nd (Fall) semester begins | Tue, Sept. 1, 2026 | |
| • Course add & drop period | Sept. 1(Tue) ~ Sept. 7(Mon) | |
| • Thanksgiving (Chuseok) holiday | Sept. 24(Thu) ~ Sept. 26(Sat) | |
| • Foundation Day | Oct. 3(Sat) * Holiday observed on Oct. 5th | |
| • Hangeul Day | Oct. 9(Fri) | |
| • 80 th Anniversary of Kookmin Univ. | Oct. 18(Sun) | |
| • Mid-term examination | Oct. 20(Tue) ~ Oct. 26(Mon) | Week 8 |
| • Course registration for Winter sessions | Nov. 24(Tue) ~ Nov. 26(Thu) | |
| • Final examination | Dec. 8(Tue) ~ Dec. 14(Mon) | Week 15 |
| • Make-up week (& Final examination) | Dec. 15(Tue) ~ Dec. 21(Mon) | |
| • Grade posting for Fall semester | Dec. 15(Tue) ~ Dec. 28(Mon) | |
| • Winter vacation begins | Dec. 22(Tue) | |
| • Winter session period | Dec. 22(Tue) ~ Jan. 13(Wed), 2027 | |
| • Course registration for Spring semester | Feb. 11(Thu) ~ Feb. 24(Wed) | |
| • Commencement | Feb. 17(Wed) | |

Academics

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| System of Assessment | Letter Grade | G.P.A. | Percentage |
| | A+ | 4.5 | (95-100) |
| | A ⁰ | 4 | (90-94) |
| | B+ | 3.5 | (85-89) |
| | B ⁰ | 3 | (80-84) |
| | C+ | 2.5 | (75-79) |
| | C ⁰ | 2 | (70-74) |
| | D+ | 1.5 | (65-69) |
| | D ⁰ | 1 | (60-64) |
| | F | 0 | (below 59) |
| Course Components | Lecture, Seminar, Lab/Studio, Field work, Project/Presentation, Production | | |
| Language of Instruction | Korean, English (Limited), Korean Language (Limited) | | |
| Restrictions for International Students | <p>Students will need to select a major/department at Kookmin and will need to be approved by the major/department in order to Study at our university. (The department/major may reject the application)</p> <p>Students must register their courses online and the courses should be mainly chosen from the assigned major/department and electives. (Courses from different major/departments may be restricted)</p> | | |
| Standard Credit Load for a Semester (Spring, Fall) | We recommend that exchange students take 12~15 credits during one semester. The minimum course load is 10 credits and maximum course load is 17~19 credits depending on the assigned major. | | |
| Standard Course Load for an Academic Year | With 12~15 credits per semester, a full course load for an academic year would be 24~30 credits. | | |
| Important Notes About Classes / Courses | <p>Students may register courses with prerequisites during the add & drop period (first week of the semester) with a confirmation from the department. (up on availability of the course)</p> <p>If there are not enough students registered for a certain course after the Course registration or Add & drop period, <u>the course may be canceled.</u></p> <p><u>Language of instruction may change to Korean if the demand for a course is low.</u></p> | | |
| Division of Academic Year | Semester 1: Spring (March to June) Semester 2: Fall (September to December) | | |
| Course Registration | <p>Students need to register for courses online before coming to Kookmin University. (Normally 2~3 weeks before the beginning of the semester) As Course registration in Korean Universities are very competitive and courses in high demand will fill up within seconds, it is important for students to follow our guide and register for courses.</p> <p>The International Affairs Division can not register courses on behalf of the students and taking a certain course is not guaranteed. (Students are advised to have a back-up plan in case the first choice courses are not available and are recommended to take mandatory courses for graduation at their home university.)</p> | | |

Financial Information

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| Application Fee | Not applicable |
| Tuition | <p>1. Exchange student: Paid at home university and does not pay to Kookmin University</p> <p>2. Visiting student: Needs to pay the tuition at Kookmin University during their studies.</p> |
| Textbook and materials | <p>A textbook is normally KRW 30,000 ~ 50,000won and can be purchased at the book store on campus. (Students spend approx. KRW 150,000 ~ 300,000won/semester for textbooks)</p> <p>* Not all courses require a textbook</p> <p>* Used textbooks are not common in South Korea</p> <p>Students at the College of Design, School for Fine Arts, may need to provide their own supplies and pay for materials used in their courses</p> |
| Housing (Dormitory) | <p>Students should pay for their housing directly. Especially if staying at an off-campus housing, all payment should be made directly to the landlord or the residence office.</p> <p>Dormitory fee will be waived for students coming from partner universities with a housing fee waiver agreement.</p> |
| Foods | <p>Student cafeteria: Approx. KRW 4,000 ~ 7,000won per meal</p> <p>* There is no University-wide meal plan</p> <p>Restaurants near campus: Approx. KRW 8,000 ~ 12,000won per meal</p> |
| Insurance | <p>National Health Insurance</p> <p>International students (D-2 visa holders) are automatically enrolled in the National Health Insurance at the time of Foreign resident registration.</p> <p>* Certain nationals can be exempted from the Insurance and the student will need to apply for the exemption</p> <hr/> <p>Private Insurance (International Student Insurance)</p> <p>Students will be treated for minor illness such as cold, fever with a small fee when enrolled in the NHI. However students are asked to have a private insurance during their stay in case of unexpected accidents.</p> <p>The private insurance, submitted before the visa documents are processed, must cover both accident and diseases.</p> |
| Other expenses | Students will be responsible for all additional costs needed for their studies in Korea |

Accommodation

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| <p>General Campus Housing Information</p> | <p>Kookmin University has on & off-campus housing (dormitories) and exchange/visiting students can apply for housing. However, due to high demand, housing placement is not guaranteed.</p> <p>If private space is important, we advise students to consider arranging an off-campus housing own their own as space is very limited at the dormitory.</p> |
| <p>University Housing (Dormitory)</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On Campus dormitory: 4 buildings are located on campus, mostly Quadruple rooms 2. Jeongneung dormitory: 4 story building located 10 minutes on foot from the rear gate, all Quadruple rooms 3. Gireum dormitory: 12 story building located in front of Gireum subway station exit #8, has limited number of Twin/Triple/Quadruple rooms <p>* Housing is assigned randomly based on availability * There is no common kitchen but refrigerator and microwave are available for residents (for instant cooking)</p> |
| <p>Information on University Housing</p> | <p>https://dormitory.kookmin.ac.kr/ (Website in Korean)</p> |
| <p>Cost for University managed housing</p> | <p>On-campus/Jeongneung dormitory (Quadruple): KRW 796,240won/semester Gireum dormitory (Twin): KRW 927,270won/semester Gireum dormitory (Triple): KRW 808,560won/semester Gireum dormitory (Quadruple): KRW 772,720won/semester</p> <p>* Fees are as of Spring 2026 and may change without prior notice * Move-out cleaning fee(KRW 10,000) included * Cost during vacation is paid separately</p> |
| <p>Meal Plan for residents</p> | <p>Students many purchase the meal plan (for dinner). However, please decide carefully, as it can only be used at the dormitory cafeteria. (1st floor of the On-campus dormitory)</p> |
| <p>Private Accommodation</p> | <p>Must be arranged by the student. Recently students tend to use online platforms or choose to stay at a Goshiwon near by campus.</p> <p>* Online platforms 1) Airbnb 2) Enkor Stay: https://stay.ankor.kr/</p> <p>* When finding a Private accommodation, students must check whether the location is eligible for Foreign resident registration</p> |
| <p>Information on Private Housing Provider near campus</p> | <p>Name of Company: Raon-Stay Housing Type: Studio or Share house Location: Mostly with-in 15 minutes from campus (on foot) Features 1) Accepts one or two semester students 2) Rooms are furnished for shorter stays Reservation and Inquiries 1) Website: https://raon-stay.com/#kookmin-univ 2) email: kim89412101@gmail.com ※ The university has no affiliation with the provider and this information is provided for informational purposes only</p> |

Student Services

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| Computer Services | <p>There are Computer labs for lectures and Computer labs for general use for students.</p> <p>In addition, most computer labs have a printer, photocopier and scanner. (fees may apply)</p> |
| Students Support | <p>International Affairs Division Room 202, Global Center Office hour during semester: 9 am to 5 pm (lunch break noon to 1 pm) 02-910-5806, 5807</p> |
| Careers Center | <p>Career opportunity for International students are limited. (We do not provide information on internship or job placements)</p> |
| Student Service Center | <p>Certificate of Enrollment, Transcript issuance 1st floor, Administration Building Office hour during semester: 9 am to 5 pm (lunch break noon to 1 pm) 02-910-4046, 4050</p> |
| Sports Facilities | <p>Wellness Center 2nd floor, Future Hall Opening hours during semester: Weekdays 7 am to 9 pm, Saturday 7am to noon Cost (Student/faculty): KRW 35,000 won/month, KRW 100,000won for 3 months 02-910-4250, 4853</p> |
| Arts, Events | <p>There are Exhibition and Concerts held by the College of Arts and Myungwon Museum throughout the semester. We may inform students about the events when available.</p> |
| Student Club & Organizations | <p>There are various student club and organizations and many are also open to study abroad students.</p> <p>(Exchange students mostly join sport clubs such as Taekwondo and hiking)</p> |
| Airport Pick-up | <p>Not available (Will let student know if changed)</p> |