SOONGSIL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FACT SHEET 2023

General Information

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Nomination & Application Deadline

	Fall Semester (Semester 2)	Spring Semester (Semester 1)
Nomination Deadline	May 1	November 1
Application Deadline	May 15	November 15

Soongsil University only accepts online applications only. Partner institutions and applicants(students) are *not* required to submit any original copies of application materials through post.

Nomination & Application Process

Nomination (March 1 – May 1)	Students must be nominated by their home institutions officially.
Application (March 15 – May 15)	When officially nominated by their home institutions, students could access Soongsil's application system and create their own account with student's email address. https://study.ssu.ac.kr/en/main/main.do

Phase 1 (Deadline for Spring: November 15, **Fall: May 15)**
1. Application Form
2. Housing Application Form
3. Official Academic Transcript
4. Statement of Purpose
5. Copy of identity page of Passport
6. Recent Color Photo (JPG File)
Phase 2 (Deadline for Spring: February 1, **Fall: August 1)**
1. Arrival Information Form
2. Medical Certificate
3. Health Insurance Application Form (With an insurance certificate copy)

Eligibility

GPA Requirement	There is no minimum GPA requirement to participate in the exchange program. However, students must meet the standards set by their home institution to study abroad.
Language Requirement	**Courses taught in English** Students are not required to submit proof of English Language Proficiency. However, students from non-English speaking countries are recommended to have English proficiency scores equivalent to or higher than TOEFL iBT 70, IELTS 5 or TOEIC 750. **Courses taught in Korean** Students are not required to submit proof of Korean Language proficiency. However, it is highly recommended that students have Korean Proficiency equivalent to or higher than TOPIK level 4, in order to take courses conducted in Korean.

Academic Calendar

	Fall Semester (Semester 2)	Spring Semester (Semester 1)
Academic Schedule	Academic Calendar	
Semester Dates	September 1 - Third week of December	March 2 – Third week of June
Arrival Date	On-campus Housing Check-in : 2-3 days before the start of the semester	
Orientation	Usually 1-2 days before the start of the semester * All incoming students are required to attend the Exchange student Orientation organized by the OIA.	

Academic Information

Level of Study	Both undergraduate and graduate levels, depending on exchange agreement
Course Load per Semester	Undergraduate: 3-19 credits (minimum-maximum) Graduate: 3-15 credits (minimum-maximum) • In general, courses at Soongsil are three-credit courses. 1 Credit hour indicates 15 classroom hours per semester. • In general, a 3 credit course is converted to 5~6 ECTS.
Courses taught in English	Around **15%** of the courses are taught in English. • Students can take courses across all majors with an exception to courses that are specifically restricted to exchange students. • Undergraduate students are not allowed to take graduate courses. However, graduate students are allowed to take both undergraduate and graduate courses, and need to get permission from professor in advance to take graduate courses.

Course Catalog	http://ecc.ssu.ac.kr/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/zcmw2100?sap-language=KO How to check the syllabus - How to check syllabus Students could check the exact course lists around early August for Fall and early February for Spring semester.
Course Registration	Course registration is done online, on a first-come, first-served basis. Specific dates for course registration will be announced to students by email. • Fall semester: early August • Spring semester: early February
Transcript	Transcripts will be issued about a month and a half after the end of the semester. Copy of the transcript will be uploaded to student's account. • Fall semester: mid-January • Spring semester: mid-July
Grading System	Soongsil adopts a 4.5 point grading system. Soongsil Grading System

Academic Information

Study Areas Offered to Exchange Students (Undergraduate Programs)	
College of Humanities	Department of Christian Studies *(limited number of English courses)* Department of Korean Language & Literature Department of English Language & Literature Department of German Language & Literature Department of French Language & Literature Department of Chinese Language & Literature Department of Japanese Language & Literature Department of Philosophy *(Very limited number of English courses)* Department of History *(limited number of English courses)* Department of Lifelong Education
College of Natural Sciences	**Department of Mathematics** Department of Physics *(limited number of English courses)* Department of Chemistry *(Very limited number of English courses)* Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science *(limited number of English courses)* School of Medical-biosystematics *(Very limited number of English courses)*
College of Law	Department of Law *(limited number of English courses)* **Department of Global Law**
College of Social Sciences	Department of Social Welfare *(Very limited number of English courses)* School of Public Administration *(Very limited number of English courses)* Department of Political Science & International Relations *(limited number of English courses)* Deparment of Information Sociology *(Very limited number of English courses)* **Department of Mass Communication**
College of Economics and International Commerce	Department of Economics **Department of Global Commerce**
College of Business Administration	**School of Business Administration** Department of Venture & Entrepreneurship *(Very limited number of English courses)* Department of Accounting *(Very limited number of English courses)* School of Finance *(Very limited number of English courses)*
College of Engineering	Department of Chemical Engineering *(limited number of English courses)* Department of Organic Materials and Fiber Engineering *(Very limited number of English courses)* School of Electrical Engineering Department of Mechanical Engineering *(Very limited number of English courses)* **Department of Industrial & Information Systems Engineering** School of Architecture *(limited number of English courses)*

College of Information Technology	School of Computer Science and Engineering *(limited number of English courses)*
	School of Electronic Engineering *(Very limited number of English courses)*
	Global School of Media
	School of Electronic and Information Engineering

- Registering courses could be very competitive. <u>Students must be aware that they are not guaranteed to secure their requested courses.</u> So it is highly advised that students be flexible with their course selections.
- There are several programs in which a large majority of the classes are taught in English: Global Law, Global Commerce, Business Administration and English Language and Literature.
- English courses offered in department could be changed every semester. Please refer to last semester's course lists.

Korean Language Course

Scholarship	The OIA offers scholarships to exchange students who wish to take Korean Language course at Institute of International Education, Soongsil University. Exchange students from partner universities are provided with **50%** tuition fee waived scholarship.
Curriculum	**Program Curriculum**

Class Schedule	Mon-Fri (5 times a week), *** 10 weeks, 200 hours**
Class Size	Around 15 students
Levels	1 - 6 (1 is the lowest levels; beginner)
	- Morning Class (Lv.3-6): 09:00 – 13:00
	- Afternoon Class (Lv. 1-2): 13:30 – 17:30
Fee	745,000KRW (1,490,000 KRW *50%)
	50% tuition fee waived

* Students who take Korean Language Program must register for at least one regular course (3 credits) from the university to maintain their visa status as an exchange student.

Website	Korean Language Course

Housing

On-campus Housing	**Residence Hall** Website
	Application
	Students who wish to live on-campus must apply for housing during the online application period. Students who apply for on-campus housing are required to submit a Medical certificate, officially signed or stamped by a doctor. <u>Housing is not guaranteed for all inbound exchange students.</u>
	Room Rate

	16 weeks (Semester only)	**25 weeks (Semester+Vacation)**
Fee	1,361,500 KRW	2,037,200 KRW
Address	Soongsil Residence Hall, Soongsil University, 369 Sangdo-ro, Dongjak-gu, 06978, Seoul, (서울시 동작구 상도로 369 숭실대학교 레지던스홀)	

*The price could be changed. (tentative)

Room Type
Double Room with bathroom (2 students in 1 room)

Room Facilities
Single bed, wardrobe, desk, chair, bathroom with a shower, air conditioner, wireless internet access, 220 volt outlets (bring adaptor for appliances)

	*Students must bring their own beddings (duvets, pillows and sheets) or buy beddings from dormitory. **Housing Assignment** After reviewing housing applications, we will announce the housing assignment results in mid-January for the Spring semester and in mid-July for the Fall semester. Please note that students might not be assigned to the housing of choice based on availability. You will need to pay a housing fee within the first week of the semester by wire transfer. (Cash only)
Off-campus Housing	Students could find their own housing if they want to. Please send the address of your residence to OIA by email. (studyabroad@soongsil.ac.kr)

Estimated Cost of Living

Below is an estimate of the cost of living in Korea per month. The actual cost can differ depending on the student's life style. Please note that all costs below are subject to change without prior notice.

Housing	KRW 400,000 to KRW 1,000,000
Meals	KRW 500,000
Transportation	KRW 100,000
Books & Supplies	KRW 100,000
Miscellaneous	KRW 150,000

Visa / Immigration

Visa to Korea	Exchange students have to apply for a visa (D-2-6) prior to their arrival in Korea. Students need to take the documents included in their acceptance package to the local Korean Embassy or Consulate and apply for visa. Required documents for visa application • **Certificate of Admission** • **Letter of Acceptance** • **Certificate of Business Registration of Soongsil University** Additional documents may be required depending on the student's place of residence. Please contact the local Korean Embassy or Consulate and check the documents required for visa application. It is strongly recommended that students plan ahead and apply for their visa as soon as they receive their acceptance packages. Without a valid visa, students may have to cancel their exchange semester at Soongsil University.
Alien Registration	Upon arrival, all exchange students must apply for Alien Registration. All foreigners intending to stay in Korea for more than 90 days are subject to Alien Registration. Soongsil OIA will assist students with Alien Registration when the semester begins.

Additional Information

Insurance **** Government insurance policy has been changed from March 1st, 2023.**	1. Exchange students at Soongsil University have a D-2 visa and must have two insurances: Korean National Health Insurance and Private Insurance. 2. All exchange students(D-2 Visa) will be required to sign up for the national health insurance from the alien registration issuance date. - National Health Insurance fee is around KRW 72,000 per month. - The bill will be sent to the address listed on student's alien registration card every month. 3. Even if students are covered by the National Health Insurance, they must purchase an overseas insurance from their home country or a private insurance guided by Soongsil University. Koreans also subscribe both private insurance and national health insurance because there is a

coverage that the national health insurance cannot cover. Exchange students also have to sign up for **both**.

4. If you want to purchase private insurance in Korea, you can find more information on the following website:
http://n.foreignerdb.com/DF0001.php?sn=ssu
The fee will be around 100,000won for 6 months.
(Spring: March 1st – August 31th, Fall: September 1st – February 28th)

Health Insurance Minimum Coverage

Accidental Death and Disability	200,000,000 KRW
Accident Hospitalization (in Korea)	50,000,000 KRW
Sickness Death	50,000,000 KRW
Sickness Hospitalization (in Korea)	50,000,000 KRW
Medical Reimbursement (Outpatient)	250,000 KRW
Medical Reimbursement (Prescription)	50,000 KRW
Personal Liability	10,000,000 KRW
Repatriation	10,000,000 KRW

Buddy Program (SISO)	Soongsil has a very active student organization called Soongsil International Student Organization(SISO). Buddies from SISO are Soongsil students who help international students adjust smoothly into the life and culture of Korea. SISO organizes different field trips, parties, and many cultural activities. 30 Students will be advisors, helpers, and most importantly good friends to exchange students. SISO TUBE: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvD5jDuVLlF-whvJg1x5ZOA Instagram: soongsil_oia_siso
How to get to Soongsil	It is very easy to get to Soongsil from the airport, so we do not offer an airport pick-up service. There are several ways to come to Soongsil. Please see below. It will take approximately one hour to arrive depending on the traffic. https://study.ssu.ac.kr/en/life/airport.do