**Exchange Student Program**

SNU Student Exchange Program is for students from SNU's partner universities who wish to study at SNU for one or two semesters and transfer credits to their home university program. The first official student exchange started in 1995 with the University of Tokyo, Japan, and for the last 30 years, the number of student exchange partners has increased to 245 institutions (university-wide) in the globe (as of April 2019).


**Visiting Student Program**

SNU Visiting Student Program is for students who are from SNU's non-partner universities but wish to study at SNU for one or two semesters. To apply for visiting student program, students must apply directly to Office of International Affairs (OIA), through the website ([http://oia.snu.ac.kr](http://oia.snu.ac.kr)).


"Exchange Student" vs “Visiting Student”

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**Academics**

- **Course Credit Transfer**: Students can choose courses even outside their major/department at SNU
  - *Note: Some courses may have restrictions*

- **Scholarship**
  - **Eligible**
  - *Scholarship availability might vary by department.*
  - **Post to home university**
  - Ineligible
  - Issuable upon request (fee-paying)

- **Korean Language Program**
  - **Fee-paying; full or partial financial support to be provided**
  - *Korean studies major: 100% tuition fee waiver*
  - The rest: Partial reimbursement (30-50%)
  - Fee-paying; no financial subsidy available

**Student Life**

- **Visa and Immigration**
  - Exchange Student Visa (D-2-6)
  - Short-term Study Visa (D-2-8)
  - *Maximum 1 years; part-time jobs and internships may not be permitted.*

- **On-campus Housing**
  - Eligible
  - Ineligible

- **Student Services and Support**
  - Various types of health care and student support services, including buddy program, are available.
Application

1. Eligibility

1) Qualification
- Applicants must currently be enrolled in at least second semester of the home university program (= have completed at least one semester before they apply)
  * We cannot thus accept graduate students who are enrolled in the first semester of the Master’s program at their application stage.
- Applicants must fulfill the following GPA requirement. (from Fall 2020’s admission)

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- Fluent level of either English or Korean language proficiency is highly recommended, but no certification is required.

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2) Academic Programs
All applicants for exchange/visiting program must choose one college and department as their affiliation and in general, applicants choose one that most suits their academic background or study abroad purpose. Students can, however, take other unrestricted courses from different colleges and departments.
- Applicants from SNU’s university-wide partners can in principle apply for any academic program. Please, however, note that applicants must read the restrictions below thoroughly before making a department choice and applicants may be required to change their choice if SNU finds it difficult to accommodate it.
- Applicants from SNU's college/department-level partners must choose the specific college and department.

More information:
- Undergraduate http://en.snu.ac.kr/undergraduate-programs

3) Restriction
* Applicants who wish to study in the discipline of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Nursing, Music, Fine Arts, and MBA must, in advance, be advised of the program availability by SNU exchange program coordinators.

- College of Business Administration is restricted to students who are currently majoring in business or economics at home university.

Considering the current lack of course capacity for exchange students, CBA has decided that from Fall 2019’s admission, they will strictly control the number of accepted exchange students to CBA to provide quality education and better administrative support. In this regard, it is more likely than the past that students who apply for CBA might get rejected during the screening procedure.

- Undergraduate applicants for Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering must have earned at least 15 credits in CSE-related courses (one credit corresponds to 15 lecture hours or 30 lab hours). This must be explicitly shown on the official transcript; if not, additional proof must be presented by the student.

Starting from Spring 2020’s admission, CSE has decided to control the number of accepted exchange students on the undergraduate-level, due to lack of course capacity and placement. During the
screening procedure, various criteria (including GPA) could be used in determining acceptance.

- Dept. of Korean History/Psychology/Statistics/Pharmacy requires applicants to provide a proof of Korean language proficiency. A satisfactory level of Korean language ability should be Level 5 or above of the official Korean Language Proficiency Test, TOPIK.

- College of Law is NOT available to undergraduate level students from Spring 2018.
  * School of Law, a specialized law school for graduate level students, instead, will be open to undergraduate students from Fall 2018. Please note that these undergraduate students will be enrolled as graduate (Master’s) students in SNU law school during their study.

- Dept. of Vocal Music is restricted to students who are currently studying vocal music at home university.

- College of Medicine is available to students who are currently studying vocal music at home university.

- Graduate School of Business (MBA program) is restricted to current full-time MBA applicants at home university. Applicants must be aware that the academic system of MBA program differs from that of other programs (Details to be individually announced from the MBA coordinator). For further information about MBA courses, please visit SNU GSB website at gsb.snu.ac.kr or contact MBA Office at mba@snu.ac.kr.

2. Application Procedure

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3. Document Submission

- **Important Notes:** Exchange program applicants can complete application by online submission of the required documents. However, visiting program applicants must complete both online and postal submission of the documents.

- All documents should be submitted in original or verified as an official copy (stamped), and should be in Korean or in English. If the documents are not in Korean or in English, applicants must have them translated in Korean or in English and certified and sealed by the authorized body.

- Application documents are non-returnable once submitted to SNU.

- Please be aware that SNU cannot process applications if there is any missing document or information.

The required documents for applicants are as follows:

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4. Screening Procedure

SNU OIA initially receives and reviews all applications to see if all the requirements have been met. The applications are then forwarded to the screening committee of each department that applicants chose to apply for. During the assessment, not every nominee will be successful; some may be rejected if their credentials do not meet the committee’s expectation. When the decisions are made, OIA will announce the acceptance results to all applicants and home university. Please note that OIA is not responsible for the selection process and its results.

5. Acceptance Package

Acceptance package encloses a Certificate of Admission (CoA, for non-Korean nationals), an official Letter of Acceptance, and other information necessary for pre-arrival. The package will be electronically sent to the accepted students shortly after the acceptance announcement.
Academics

1. Academic Calendar

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More information: [http://en.snu.ac.kr/academic-calendar](http://en.snu.ac.kr/academic-calendar)

2. Courses

Regular Curriculum
- The majority of courses are taught in Korean but each college and department offers some courses in English as well. The course catalog for the new semester is available at the beginning of January and July each year. Until then, applicants will have to refer to the previous year’s catalog.
- Undergraduate students can take courses up to 18 credits and graduate students can take up to 12 credits. There is no minimum credit requirement that SNU imposes on exchange students.
- Korean universities use a credit system based on the number of lecture hours and 1 credit usually amounts to 15 lecture hours. For credit transferability and conversion criteria, applicants must refer to their home university’s academic policy on study abroad.
- Course registration is held online a month before the semester begins; it is on a first-come first-served basis and exchange/visiting students are not guaranteed with registering courses they wish to take.

More information: [http://sugang.snu.ac.kr](http://sugang.snu.ac.kr)

Korean Language Program (KLP)
SNU Language Education Institute (LEI) offers credit-bearing Korean Language Programs (KLP) on a fee-paying, extracurricular basis. For exchange students taking KLP, SNU OIA will provide financial support to encourage international students to learn Korean language and culture.


3. Academic Transcript

For exchange students, SNU OIA will post one official academic transcript to home university by the end of July and January for each semester. Visiting students, however, must request for its issuance in person at SNU Division of Educational Affairs.
Student Life

1. Visa & Immigration

Student Visa
A student visa (D-2) is required for every non-Korean student who will be studying in Korea, and it must be acquired before entering Korea. In most cases, exchange/visiting students can acquire their D-2 visa easily when they present the Certificate of Admission (CoA), issued by SNU, to the relevant officials in home country. For detailed information on the visa application process, students must contact the nearest Korean embassy/consulate or refer to http://www.hikorea.go.kr

Alien Registration
After arrival in Korea, all international students who stay for more than 90 days are required to apply for alien registration through Korean immigration office. More detailed information will be provided before arrival.

2. Housing

On-Campus Housing
Exchange students can apply for on-campus housing, and there are two types of residence halls available on the main campus. More information: http://dorm.snu.ac.kr/eng/
- Gwanak Residence Halls: Double rooms or shared flats (double rooms) available for undergraduate students; single or double rooms available for graduate students
- Global Residence Halls: Double rooms or shared flats (single rooms) available for undergraduate and graduate students

Off-Campus Housing
Off-campus housing is available around the campus. It is students’ own responsibilities to find accommodation outside the campus. More information: http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/c_housing_off.php

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*Note: The estimation above may vary depending on personal budget.

3. Health Care & Well-being

Health Insurance
It is mandatory for every exchange/visiting student to obtain a travel/study abroad medical insurance that covers the entire period of their stay in Korea, which should cover potential medical expenses incurred by sickness and accident during the stay in Korea. No additional financial assistance can be provided by SNU.
From March 2021, all non-Korean international students will be mandatorily and automatically subscribed to Korea’s National Health Insurance. We will send out detailed information on the impact of this new policy and changes made to our student exchange program on a separate note.

SNU On-campus Health Service Center (SNUHSC)
Conveniently located in the center of the campus, SNUHSC runs a comprehensive primary care clinic and various specialty clinics in cooperation with SNU Hospital (SNUHC) and SNU Dental Hospital (SNUDH). It also provides a range of health checkup, immunizations, and medical tests, including Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Ear/Nose/Throat, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Gynecology, Orthopedics, Smoking Cessation Clinic, and Dentistry. More information: http://health4u.snu.ac.kr/en/home.do

Mental Health
- SNU Health Service Center: SNUHSC offers multiple therapeutic programs, including stress clinic, neurofeedback, biofeedback, and group therapy, along with various campaigns and education programs.
- SNU Center for Campus Life & Culture: The center offers a variety of types of professional counseling programs, including English counseling services for international students.
More information: http://snucoop.snu.ac.kr/psyhealthup/foreignerCounsel.do

Disabilities
SNU Center for Students with Disabilities, located in the campus center, facilitates academic accommodations and services for students with disabilities so that these students have equal access to any on-campus facilities and offerings and fully immerse themselves into campus life. It is strongly advised that students with disabilities contact SNU OIA as early as possible to inform their necessities.

4. Student Support & Activities

S-CARD
With a student ID card, namely S-CARD, exchange/visiting students can take advantage of access to on-campus facilities and get a discount at designated cafeterias.

SNU Buddy Program
SNU Buddy was established in 2005 to help international exchange and visiting students settle in SNU and to build a real friendship and network. SNU domestic and international students by themselves organize intercultural events activities throughout the semester. Sign-up notice will be e-mailed to all incoming exchange/visiting students before the semester starts.

Student Club/Society
There are a number of student activities and sports clubs at SNU, including musical bands, choir, orchestra, dance, painting, photography, student newspaper, traditional Korean music, travel clubs and SNU International Students Association (SISA). Sports clubs ranging from fencing, golf, basketball, rugby, scuba-diving, snowboard, ski, horse riding, baseball, yacht, judo, kendo, soccer, taekwondo, tennis, etc. More information: http://sisa.snu.ac.kr / http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/c_student_activities.php

Contact Information
Student Exchange Program: http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/exchange_program.php
Contact Persons for University-wide Partnerships:
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  Asia, America, Oceania: Ms. Joo Hyun PARK, Office of International Affairs (jd4ever@snu.ac.kr)
Contact Persons for College or Department-level Partnerships:
  Each college and department has its own international office or a staff assigned for it.

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