Facts

- Language of instruction: English & Korean
- Number of students enrolled: 35,295
- Number of campuses: 1
- Academic year: September - June
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September - December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: March - June

Things to do

Seoul is a city of 10.5 million people, and has been the Korean capital for 600 years. Popular tourist spots include the ancient palaces and royal shrines of the Joseon Dynasty, the historic Namhansanseong Fortress, the Han River which runs to North Korea, and the Seoul World Cup and Olympic Stadia.

Top Attractions: Bukchon Village, Gyeongbok Palace, Shinsegae Department Store, Bugaksan mountain trails, N Seoul Tower, Itaewon district and Namdaemun Market

According to Lonely Planet, “An old Korean proverb goes, ‘Even if you have to crawl on your knees, get yourself to Seoul!’ It’s a view that the New York Times recently concurred with by tipping the South Korean city as one of its top places to visit for 2010.”

Travel opportunities

Seoul is within comfortable flying distance of Japan and China, with Tokyo, Beijing and Shanghai all less than three hours flight away. The Haerang Rail Cruise offers an unrivalled tour through the whole country, while South Korea also boasts a number of beautiful mountain ranges. The lakeside city of Chuncheon, a popular tourist destination, is also within travelling distance.

Climate

Seoul has hot, humid summers, with temperatures exceeding 35°C, and very cold winters, when temperatures can drop below -10°C. The most pleasant seasons are Autumn and Spring, which offer comfortable temperatures and blue skies.

Finance 2017/18

Bursaries from the University of Nottingham available for those accepted to study abroad at KU:

- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classified as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)

- KU Universitas21 scholarship: The U21 scholarship is given to exchange students from Universitas 21 universities, including the University Of Nottingham, studying at Korea University. Students don’t need to apply for the scholarship since it’s automatically provided. For students studying at U21 member universities outside Asia, including

Nottingham, the amount of scholarship available is 500,000 Won (approximately £300).

Further information: http://www.korea.edu/

Approximate living costs per semester.

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

Accommodation

- On-campus accommodation: Korea University has two excellent quality international dormitories, Anam Hall 2 and CJ International House. Rooms are not guaranteed to exchange students.
- Private sector accommodation: For those who do not find on-campus housing or who prefer to live in the private sector, advice and assistance is available from:
  http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=cts_3_1

Further information is available from:
http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=cts_1_4_1

Further information

The Office of International Affairs welcomes and supports exchange students.
http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=ecg_1

Application success rate

2014/15 = 50%
2015/16 = 50%
2016/17 = 13% (percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)