



Study Abroad in South Korea



Higher Education in South Korea

- Higher Education institutions are divided into Junior Colleges (with programmes lasting 2-3 years) Universities (with undergraduate degrees lasting 4 years) and graduate schools.
- Seoul is ranked as one of the top 10 student cities in the world.
- The Government is aiming to attract 200,000 international students by 2023.
- There are over 370 higher education providers with 6 in the top 100 universities in the QS World rankings.

Fees

- One of the good things about studying in South Korea is that tuition fees are the same for domestic and international students, as part of the national plan to bring more international students to the country. These fees will vary depending on the course and university.
- An undergraduate course at a public university costs around US\$ 1,600 to \$10,800 per semester (with humanities subjects at the lower end and medicine at the top).
- Scholarships for international students are widely available from individual universities, covering between 30% and 100% of tuition fees. In addition, a number of governmental scholarships are available, which may also cover air fares and living expenses.

Visa

To study in South Korea as an international student, you will require a 'D-2 visa', which can be gained from a South Korean embassy or consulate in your home country.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

The admissions process differs from university to university but, in general, you can apply directly to your chosen university by post or online. Be aware that the South Korean academic year begins in March, although many schools take on new students twice a year in March and September. Deadlines for March applications are typically set between September and November and September between May and June.

Highest Ranked Universities

Seoul National University (36)

KAIST (41)

Korea University (74)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Working

You will need to check the conditions of your visa to determine if you are able to work whilst studying.

Further Information

QS world rankings study guide for South Korea <https://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/asia/south-korea/guide>

Comprehensive Guide

https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/overseas_info/allnew_admissionProcedures.do#