

Bilateral Exchange: Sungkyunkwan University Seoul, South Korea

Specifics of the North Park Exchange

Dates

Fall semester, spring semester, or full year

Eligibility

- 45+ credit hours by start of program
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- GPA of 2.5 in semester preceding program
- Attendance at NPU for at least two semesters by start of program
- 18 years of age

Chance of Placement

Chance of placement is excellent for qualified candidates.



Courses Offered

Course offerings in English vary by year. See the University website for more information: www.skku.edu/new_home/eng/International/ex_course.jsp. In the past, North Park students have taken the following types of courses:

Politics and Society in Contemporary Korea	Managerial Accounting	Consumer Behavior and Brand Marketing	Counseling Psychology
Sociology of Marriage and Family	Social and Political Philosophy	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	History of World Theater

Costs

Student pays North Park the current rate for full-time tuition. All financial aid applies. Student pays room and board in host country. For more information on the cost of living in South Korea, check: http://www.skku.edu/new_home/upload/eng/2012_FALL_ESP_Handbook.pdf.

Additional Fees

Airfare	Passport Fees	Residence Permit/ Visa Fees	International Student ID Card
Textbooks	Health Insurance	Discretionary Spending	

About Sungkyunkwan University

- The mission of SKKU is to educate students to become cultivated persons, creative and challenging specialists, and global leaders.
- The University's motto—*Humanity, Righteousness, Propriety, Wisdom*—reflects the basic spirit of Confucianism. These four cardinal virtues express humankind's four inherent elements of spirit, action, conscience, and intellect.
- The two giant ginkgo trees on campus (National Monument No.59) were planted in 1519 by Yun-tak, the former president of the Old Sungkyunkwan. They hold symbolic meaning in Confucianism because Confucius is said to have loved reading, pondering, and teaching his disciples under a ginkgo tree. These trees also represent longevity and enlightenment, both held important in Korean culture.
- In 1964, the University Museum opened on the Humanities and Social Sciences Campus with five exhibition halls. It quickly became the hub of Korean studies, archeology, anthropology, and studies of Confucian culture.

For more information: www.eng.skku.edu

A survival guide for International Students, available online, provides helpful information on courses, housing, cost of living, and social activities: :

http://www.skku.edu/new_home/upload/eng/2012_FALL_ESP_Handbook.pdf

About South Korea and Seoul

- Seoul, the capital of South Korea, is located on the Han River and has a population of over 10 million. It has special status equivalent to that of a province. The political, commercial, industrial, and cultural center of the nation, Seoul is by far the most important city in the country, containing almost one quarter of its citizens. In the 15 years between 1970 and 1985 the population grew by over 4,000,000 and Seoul modernized dramatically, becoming one of the world's major cities.
- There are 25 official districts in Seoul and nearly all of the inhabitants are Korean. Only about 2% of the country's population is non-Korean.
- Daehak-ro, a particularly well-known quarter in Seoul, features lively arts, theatres, music, and restaurants. The famous street Insa-dong is lined with traditional tea shops, art galleries, antique shops, restaurants and ceramic dealers.
- Size-wise, South Korea is slightly larger than Indiana. The South Korean unit of currency is the won (W), which comes in W10, W50, W100 and W500 coins.
- South Korea has the world's highest estimated national IQ, with leading rankings in mathematics, science, problem solving and reading.
- Korea has 6,228 km of coastline and nearly 3,000 islands located mainly in the Yellow Sea and Korea Strait.
- Confucianism, shamanism (traditional spirit worship), Christianity, Buddhism and Chondokyo (Religion of the Heavenly Way) are all practiced in South Korea.

Please consult the Study Abroad Handbook for information on how to apply for this program.