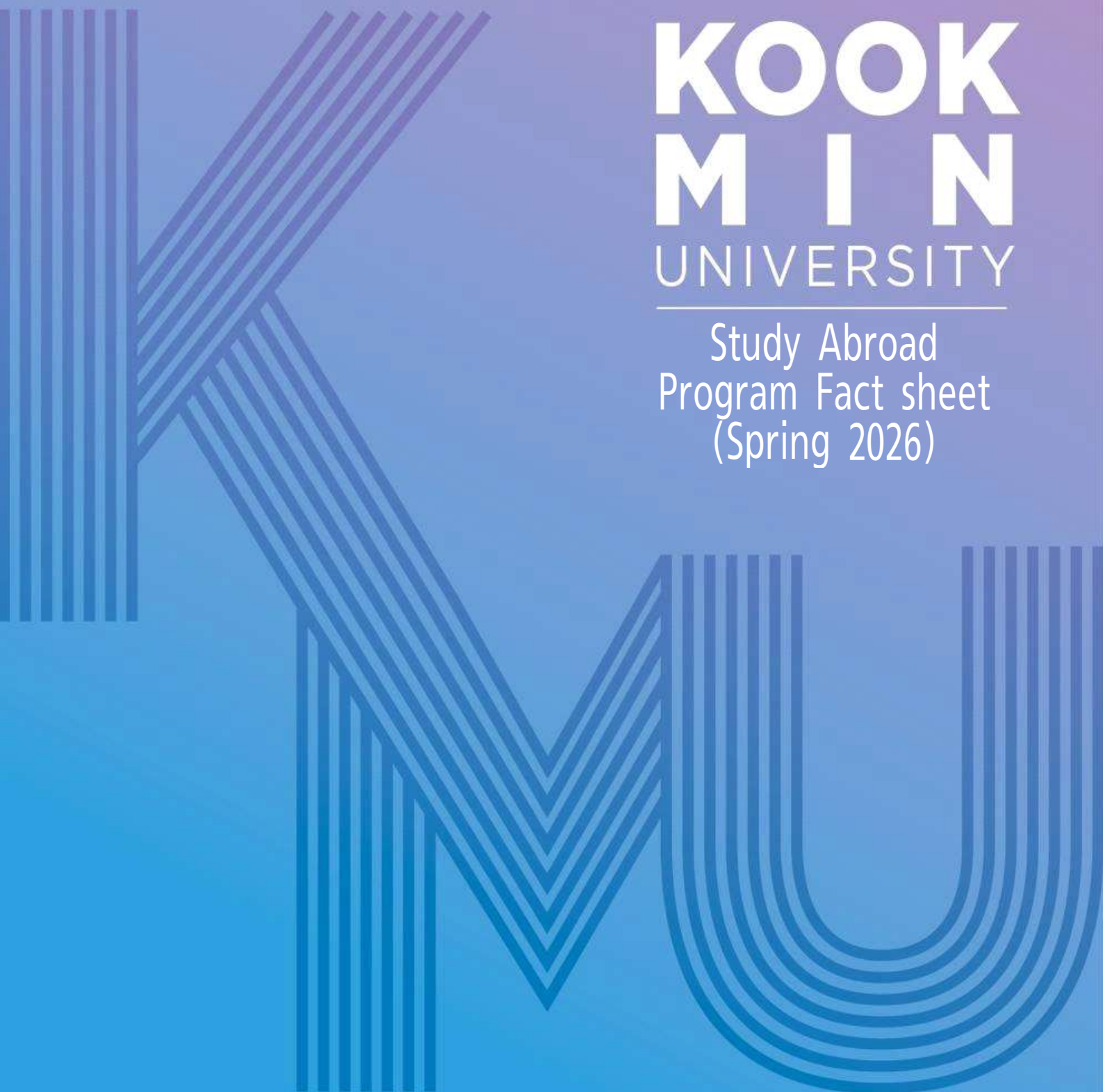




KOOK M I N UNIVERSITY

Study Abroad
Program Fact sheet
(Spring 2026)

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University Information

Name	Kookmin University
Address	77 Jeongneung-ro, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul, 02707
Homepage	https://english.kookmin.ac.kr
Faculties Cooperative to study abroad students	Most faculties which are not mentioned below * Students should choose a major/department which is most relevant to their major/department at home university
Faculties LIMITED to study abroad students	School of Fine Arts, College of Architecture, College of Creative Engineering, College of Design, College of Science and Technology, College of Computer Science, College of Automotive Engineering * Courses in foreign languages are limited and/or require major/department approval
Faculties CLOSED to study abroad students	School of Music, School of Performing Arts
Number of Students Enrolled	18,604 students (Undergraduate/Graduate)
Percentage of International Students	11.6%
Academic Calendar	See below (page 5)
Available courses	Courses from School/department assigned at Kookmin University and General Education courses including Korean Language. Courses from other departments may be restricted * List of courses offered in English will be sent to students
Semester Dates for 1 st Semester (Spring) 2026	Tue, March 3 rd , 2026 ~ Mon, June 22 nd , 2026
Exam Dates	Midterm: Tue, Apr. 21 st , 2026 ~ Mon, Apr. 27 th , 2026 Final: Tue, June. 9 th , 2026 ~ Mon, June 15 th , 2026 * Exams can be taken during the course make up week (16th week)
Orientation Dates	To be decided (Normally just before the beginning of the semester)
Available Exchange Semesters	1 st semester (Spring), 2 nd semester (Fall) * Summer/Winter sessions not available
Language of Instruction	Korean, English (Limited), Korean Language (Limited)

Life around Kookmin University

Climate	Seoul(Republic of Korea) has four distinct seasons and the temperature difference between summer and winter is extreme. Spring and Fall is a good time to stay in Seoul but Summer is hot and humid and Winter can be snowy with occasional cold wave.
Tourism Information	Seoul Tourism: https://english.visitseoul.net/ Korea Tourism: http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/
Public Transportation	Students will be able to visit many places of interest by taking the public transportation which is very convenient. Light rail Jeongneung (Kookmin University) and Gireum (Line #4) Stations are close from campus. There are buses to major districts from our campus as well. Students are recommended to purchase a transportation card(T-money). (Students can add value to T-money at convenience stores on campus)
Transportation fare	Subway: Basic fare KRW 1,650won (T-money: KRW 1,550won) * Additional fare applied by distance travelled City Bus: Single journey KRW 1,500won (Same for Cash/T-money) * Certain buses(routes) do not take cash and using a T-money card is recommended
University Location Information	Our campus, located in the Northern part of Seoul, is surrounded by Bukhansan National Mountain Park. As our local community is mostly residential area, we provide safe environment for students. While students study at an independent campus setting, students can visit Gyeongbokgung palace/Bukchon Hanok Village, Daehakro (Center of performing arts and culture) and Dongdaemun Design Plaza during their free time. (Above place of interests are approx. 30 minutes by public transportation)



Requirements & Deadlines

Nomination/Application Deadline	Nomination: Friday, Oct. 31st, 2025 Application: Friday, Nov. 28th, 2025 * Student applications can be reviewed after the application deadline
Academic Requirements	Applicant should have completed at least one semester at their home university before applying and should have a Grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.5 scale. * If the GPA requirement differs in the agreement, the requirement stated in the agreement will be applied.
Language requirements	Study abroad students attending Kookmin University should be fluent enough to take University Courses in Korean or English. Students are required to submit a language proficiency score or verification from their home university. • Korean: TOPIK Level 3 or above • English: TOEFL iBT 72, IELTS 6.0, TOEIC 800 or above * If the language requirement differs in the agreement, the requirement stated in the agreement will be applied.
Proof of funds	Kookmin University needs to verify the availability of funds before issuing the Certificate of Admission and the estimated total for the study abroad is as below. • One semester: KRW 5,000,000won ~ (for 4 months) • Two semesters: KRW 12,000,000won ~ (for 10 months)
Online Link for Student nominations	Will be sent directly to the coordinators
Application Process	1. Home coordinator nominates the student to Kookmin (Online) 2. If nomination is received(accepted), student submits the application 3. Application review and department assignment * <u>Application will be reviewed after Nov. 28th</u> (After receiving the majority of applications) * Study abroad can be canceled if rejected by the department 4. If admitted, submit additional documents (e.g. Proof of Insurance) 5. Visa documents processed and sent to home university 6. Student ID# issued, register for courses 7. Arrive according to the Orientation/Beginning of the semester
Certificate of Admission issuance	Certificate of Admission (COA) and documents needed for visa application will be issued after the student is admitted and all documents (including the original documents) have been submitted. (Estimated to be issued from early July)
Visa	Students studying in Korea according to the agreement between their home university and Kookmin University needs to apply for the student visa(Type: D-2-6) with the Certificate of Admission issued by Kookmin University before arriving at Korea.

Application Submission

No.	Document	How to submit	Notes
1	Kookmin University Study abroad application	Online form	Link to the application will be sent at a later time ¹⁾
2	Statement of Purpose	submit softcopy	Fill in our university's form ²⁾
3	Official Transcript from home university	submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾	
4	Certificate of Enrollment with Apostille or Consular Verification	submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾	Consular Verification should be applied to the Korean Consulate where the University is located
	(Option for students in China) Online Verification Report of Student Record issued by the Education verification agency operated by the Ministry of Education	submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾	Issued from CHSI(学信网)
5	Confirmation of Language Skills	Scanned file	Fill in our university's form ²⁾
6	Passport Bio page	Scanned file	
7	Student Photo (suitable for IDs)	submit softcopy	jpg format preferred
8	(for Art/Design departments) Portfolio	submit softcopy	PDF file less than 5mb
9	Personal Information Consent form	Original or scanned copy	Fill in our university's form ²⁾

Documents to be submitted after being admitted to Kookmin University⁴⁾

10	Financial Statement for Study Abroad Students	submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾	Fill in our university's form ²⁾
11	Proof of funds for student exchange	submit scanned copy and then the original ³⁾	such as Bank Statement
12	Proof of International Student Insurance (Insurance Policy)	Original or scanned copy	Should cover both disease and accident

1) Link to the application will be sent to students

2) Forms will be sent to students at a later time

3) Depending on the student's nationality, scanned copy can be received or the submission may be waived (for example: Students from OECD member countries)

※ Students are recommended to check with the program coordinator before gathering the documents

※ If original document submission is needed, the hardcopy must be sent by post

4) For documents which needs to be submitted to the Korean Consulate, issue two (2) copies

Semester Dates (Semester 1(Spring), School Year 2026)

Preferred Arrival Date	To be decided (Recommended to arrive 2~3 days prior to the beginning of the semester)
Orientation Day	To be decided (before the beginning of the semester on the first day of the semester)

1st (Spring) semester 2026

• 1 st (Spring) semester begins	Mar. 3(Tue)	
• Course add & drop period	Mar. 3(Tue) ~ Mar. 9(Mon)	
• Mid-term examination	Apr. 21(Tue) ~ Apr. 27(Mon)	Week 8
• Children's Day	May 5(Tue)	
• Buddha's Birthday	May 24(Mon) * Holiday observed on May 25	
• 2026 Local Election	June 3(Wed)	
• Memorial Day	June 6(Sat)	
• Final examination	June 9(Tue) ~ June 15(Mon)	Week 15
• Make-up week (& Final examination)	June 16(Tue) ~ June 22(Mon)	
• Grade posting for Spring semester	June 16(Tue) ~ June 26(Fri)	
• Summer vacation begins	June 23(Tue)	
• Summer session period	June 23(Tue) ~ July 13(Mon)	
• Course registration for Fall semester	Aug. 12(Wed) ~ Aug. 26(Wed)	
• Independence Day	Aug. 15(Sat) * Holiday observed on Aug. 17	
• Commencement	Aug. 19(Wed)	

Academics

System of Assessment	Letter Grade	G.P.A.	Percentage
	A+	4.5	(95-100)
	A ⁰	4	(90-94)
	B+	3.5	(85-89)
	B ⁰	3	(80-84)
	C+	2.5	(75-79)
	C ⁰	2	(70-74)
	D+	1.5	(65-69)
	D ⁰	1	(60-64)
	F	0	(below 59)
Course Components	Lecture, Seminar, Lab/Studio, Field work, Project/Presentation, Production		
Language of Instruction	Korean, English (Limited), Korean Language (Limited)		
Restrictions for International Students	Students will need to select a major/department at Kookmin and will need to be approved by the major/department in order to Study at our university. (The department/major may reject the application) Students must register their courses online and the courses should be mainly chosen from the assigned major/department and electives. (Courses from different major/departments may be restricted)		
Standard Credit Load for a Semester (Spring, Fall)	We recommend that exchange students take 12~15 credits during one semester. The minimum course load is 10 credits and maximum course load is 17~19 credits depending on the assigned major.		
Standard Course Load for an Academic Year	With 12~15 credits per semester, a full course load for an academic year would be 24~30 credits.		
Important Notes About Classes / Courses	Students may register courses with prerequisites during the add & drop period (first week of the semester) with a confirmation from the department. (up on availability of the course)		
	If there are not enough students registered for a certain course after the Course registration or Add & drop period, <u>the course may be canceled.</u>		
	<u>Language of instruction may change to Korean</u> if the demand for a course is low.		
Division of Academic Year	Semester 1: Spring (March to June) Semester 2: Fall (September to December)		
Course Registration	Students need to register for courses online before coming to Kookmin University. (Normally 2~3 weeks before the beginning of the semester) As Course registration in Korean Universities are very competitive and courses in high demand will fill up within seconds, it is important for students to follow our guide and register for courses. The International Affairs Division can not register courses on behalf of the students and taking a certain course is not guaranteed. (Students are advised to have a back-up plan in case the first choice courses are not available and are recommended to take mandatory courses for graduation at their home university.)		

Financial Information

Application Fee	Not applicable
Tuition	1. Exchange student: Paid at home university and does not pay to Kookmin University 2. Visiting student: Needs to pay the tuition at Kookmin University during their studies.
Textbook and materials	A textbook is normally KRW 30,000 ~ 50,000won and can be purchased at the book store on campus. (Students spend approx. KRW 150,000 ~ 300,000won/semester for textbooks) * Not all courses require a textbook * Used textbooks are not common in South Korea Students at the College of Design, School for Fine Arts, may need to provide their own supplies and pay for materials used in their courses
Housing (Dormitory)	Students should pay for their housing directly. Especially if staying at an off-campus housing, all payment should be made directly to the landlord or the residence office. Dormitory fee will be waived for students coming from partner universities with a housing fee waiver agreement.
Foods	Student cafeteria: Approx. KRW 4,000 ~ 7,000won per meal * There is no University-wide meal plan Restaurants near campus: Approx. KRW 8,000 ~ 12,000won per meal
Insurance	National Health Insurance International students (D-2 visa holders) are automatically enrolled in the National Health Insurance at the time of Foreign resident registration. * Certain nationals can be exempted from the Insurance and the student will need to apply for the exemption Private Insurance (International Student Insurance) Students will be treated for minor illness such as cold, fever with a small fee when enrolled in the NHI. However students are asked to have a private insurance during their stay in case of unexpected accidents. The private insurance, submitted before the visa documents are processed, must cover both accident and diseases.
Other expenses	Students will be responsible for all additional costs needed for their studies in Korea

Accommodation

General Campus Housing Information	Kookmin University has on & off-campus housing (dormitories) and exchange/visiting students can apply for housing. However, due to high demand, housing placement is not guaranteed. If private space is important, we advise students to consider arranging an off-campus housing own their own as space is very limited at the dormitory.
University Housing (Dormitory)	1. On Campus dormitory: 4 buildings are located on campus, mostly Quadruple rooms 2. Jeongneung dormitory: 4 story building located 10 minutes on foot from the rear gate, all Quadruple rooms 3. Gireum dormitory: 12 story building located in front of Gireum subway station exit #8, has limited number of Twin/Triple/Quadruple rooms * Housing is assigned randomly based on availability * There is no common kitchen but refrigerator and microwave are available for residents (for instant cooking)
Residence Application Fee (for university housing)	Not applicable
Residence Deposit (for university housing)	Not applicable
Kookmin University Residence Information	https://dormitory.kookmin.ac.kr/ (Website in Korean)
Cost for University managed housing	On-campus/Jeongneung dormitory (Quadruple): KRW 796,240won/semester Gireum dormitory (Twin): KRW 927,270won/semester Gireum dormitory (Triple): KRW 808,560won/semester Gireum dormitory (Quadruple): KRW 772,720won/semester * Fees are as of Fall 2025 and may change without prior notice * Move-out cleaning fee(KRW 10,000) included * Cost during vacation is paid separately
Meal Plan for residents	Students may purchase the meal plan (for dinner). However, please decide carefully, as it can only be used at the dormitory cafeteria. (1st floor of the On-campus dormitory)
Private Accommodation	Must be arranged by the student. Recently students tend to use online platforms or choose to stay at a Goshiwon near by campus. * Online platforms 1) Airbnb 2) Enkor Stay: https://stay.ankor.kr/ * When finding a Private accommodation, students must check whether the location is eligible for Foreign resident registration

Student Services

Computer Services	There are Computer labs for lectures and Computer labs for general use for students. In addition, most computer labs have a printer, photocopier and scanner. (fees may apply)
Students Support	International Affairs Division Room 202, Global Center Office hour during semester: 9 am to 5 pm (lunch break noon to 1 pm) 02-910-5806, 5807
Careers Center	Career opportunity for International students are limited. (We do not provide information on internship or job placements)
Student Service Center	Certificate of Enrollment, Transcript issuance 1st floor, Administration Building Office hour during semester: 9 am to 5 pm (lunch break noon to 1 pm) 02-910-4046, 4050
Sports Facilities	Wellness Center 2nd floor, Future Hall Opening hours during semester: Weekdays 7 am to 9 pm, Saturday 7am to noon Cost (Student/faculty): KRW 35,000 won/month, KRW 100,000won for 3 months 02-910-4250, 4853
Arts, Events	There are Exhibition and Concerts held by the College of Arts and Myungwon Museum throughout the semester. We may inform students about the events when available.
Student Club & Organizations	There are various student club and organizations and many are also open to study abroad students. (Exchange students mostly join sport clubs such as Taekwondo and hiking)
Airport Pick-up	Not available (Will let student know if changed)