

Incoming Exchange Students FAQ

Office of International Affairs

Seoul National University

1. HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM?

To apply for SNU student exchange program, your home university must first nominate you to SNU. Once nominated, SNU or your home university will provide you with the details about the application procedure. Please visit the following website to have more information.

http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/exchange_program.php

2. WHY DO I HAVE TO CHOOSE A PREFERRED DEPARTMENT DURING THE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS?

Once we receive all your application materials, we will forward it to your preferred department (that you have selected during the online application process). The department's committee will review your credentials on the basis of the submitted documents and will make a decision whether to accept you. You have to be accepted and admitted to your preferred department at SNU to obtain a status as an exchange student.

3. HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THE ON-CAMPUS DORMITORY? IS DORMITORY SPACE GUARANTEED?

Dormitory application guide will be provided to the students who are offered acceptance letter from SNU. While all exchange students can apply for the on-campus dormitory, the dormitory assignment is not guaranteed due to limitation in dormitory spaces. Please visit the following website to know more information about dormitory.

<http://dorm.snu.ac.kr/en>

4. HOW CAN I FIND AN OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING IN CASE I AM NOT ASSIGNED ON-CAMPUS DORMITORY?

You can request for information on off-campus housing to the Office of International Affairs or ask your SNU buddy for help. While SNU will assist you in searching for housing, it is your own responsibility to obtain and maintain the off-campus housing contract.

http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/c_housing_off.php

5. HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR COURSES?

A course registration guide will be provided to the students who are offered acceptance letter from SNU. In general, a course registration period is scheduled at the end of July for Fall semester courses and at the end of January for Spring semester courses.

6. WHERE CAN I FIND THE COURSE LIST AND SYLLABI?

You can find the course list and syllabi on SNU course registration website. Please note that the final course catalog is updated online every July and January. You should refer to the catalogs of the previous semesters before the updates.

<http://sugang.snu.ac.kr>

7. CAN I TAKE COURSES OUTSIDE OF MY DEPARTMENT?

Yes, you can take courses that are provided outside of your department. However, please note that some courses are restricted.

8. HOW CAN I OBTAIN SNU TRANSCRIPT?

OIA will send one original copy of the transcript to your home university by the end of July and end of January for Fall and Spring semester, each.

9. IS THERE A KOREAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS?

Exchange Student can enroll in a Korean Language Program provided by the SNU Language Education Institute, on a fee-paying basis. The course registration guide will be provided to the students after acceptance. OIA will subsidize a portion of the tuition fee for the exchange students. To exchange students with Korean Studies Major at home university, OIA offers a full tuition fee waiver. Please visit the following website to see the program information.

<https://lei.snu.ac.kr/mobile/en/klec/main/main.jsp>

10. WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR A VISA?

You can apply for the student visa (D-2) after you receive your acceptance packet from SNU. You have to visit a Korean embassy/consulate in your home country with the Certificate of Admission which will be enclosed in the packet along with other supporting documents requested by the embassy/consulate. Please contact your nearest Korean Embassy/Consulate for more details on the visa application process.

11. CAN I STUDY IN KOREA WITH A TOURIST VISA?

No, it is illegal for you to participate in student exchange program with a tourist visa. You must obtain a student visa (D-2) to study at SNU. If you have already obtained a different type of visa, you must check with the Korean Immigration Office in advance to know if your existing visa type is applicable for student exchange program. <http://hikorea.go.kr>

12. DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT GROUP WHICH HELPS EXCHANGE STUDENTS? HOW CAN I JOIN THE GROUP?

SNU runs a program called *SNU buddy*, a student group helping exchange students' settlement at SNU. SNU buddy organizes various events and activities throughout the semester as well. All exchange students offered acceptance will have an invitation e-mail to join the SNU buddy before the beginning of the semester.