SKKU will become an innovative and sharing university creatively challenging, communicating and cooperating to achieve 'Student Success' and 'Future Value' based on 624 years of history and tradition.

Sungkyunkwan University is a nationally leading university with 624 years of glorious history and shining tradition. The university has led the development of higher education in Korea by challenging and innovating with a mind for sharing and coexistence. We will make a leap forward to become a ‘Global Leading University’ and contribute to the prosperity and development of humanity along with other prestigious universities in the world.

We will share the founding Confucian philosophy of our university (仁義禮智, Benevolence, Righteousness, Propriety, Wisdom) to create a united campus community that values togetherness and coexistence.

Dong Ryeol Shin, Ph.D.
President of Sungkyunkwan University
The campus is located inside the original city wall, which defined the boundaries of the old capital during the Joseon Dynasty. It is overlooking Changdeokgung, the UNESCO World Heritage Site and the most well preserved royal palace in Korea. Like Seoul, our university grew rapidly, and an expansion was needed to build the modern campus. When expanding, the science programs were moved to Suwon and the humanities and social sciences programs remained at this campus.

SKKU’s modern Natural Sciences Campus was established in Suwon in 1978. It is accessible via shuttle bus and public transit in a little less than an hour. When the new campus was built, the idea of a dual campus system was revolutionary in Korean higher education. Some comprehensive universities located in big cities have tried to meet the need for expansion by founding a separate, usually smaller school in an outstanding rural area.
Sungkyunwan University (SKKU) is a world-class center of higher education with over six centuries of tradition and excellence. Since its founding at the dawn of the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910), SKKU has produced countless graduates that have influenced Korea’s development and history. Contemporary SKKU has embraced globalization and emerged as a leading university in Asia and the world, due in no small part to its close partnership with Samsung. SKKU actively encourages global research and collaboration through academic exchange of students and faculty as well as the development of innovative research and education programs with its global partners.

### SKKU History

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**Partnered with Leading Corporation, Samsung**

**Facts & Figures**

- **17,146 / 8,142** Undergraduate Students / Graduate Students
- **4,197** International Degree-seeking Students
- **100** Over 100 Student Clubs & Organizations
- **1,000** Inbound Exchange Students
- **1,400+** International Summer Semester (ISS) Students

**SALAM! ciao! Hola! Bonjour Hello! Guten tag!**

**1st Korean university to build a Student Success Center that provides customized academic mentoring services**
Computing

The College of Computing and Informatics is SKKU's newest college. Due to the growing importance of the software field, recently SKKU has begun developing interdisciplinary education programs for students in other departments. It provides software courses to students in every major at SKKU. Furthermore, internationalization is a big part of this innovative school's curriculum which is why a majority of its courses are conducted in English and 10% of its students are from abroad.

Energy Science

The Department of Energy Science (DOES) has some of SKKU's most revolutionary and important academic programs. It is home to several world-class multidisciplinary faculty members who are teaching students how to develop the next generation of new and renewable energy sources. Another one of SKKU’s most internationalized departments, the DOES conducts 100% percent of its lectures in English and works with top institutions throughout the world.

Core Strengths

Confucian Studies & Eastern Philosophy

For centuries, Sungkyunkwan was Korea’s foremost institution in the field of Confucian studies. That legacy lives on today in the College of Confucian Studies & Eastern Philosophy. The curriculum has been developed to focus on Confucianism through the study of a wide range of Oriental philosophies as well as an in-depth exploration of Western philosophy.

Business

SKKU’s AACSB accredited Business School is an innovative, enterprising, and forward-thinking school that offers a supportive collegiate learning environment in keeping with the university’s vision to provide high-quality education and world-class research. It is one of SKKU’s most internationalized schools, with 100% English programs and partnerships with top universities such as the National University of Singapore, Fudan University, Peking University, and Tsinghua University.

Engineering

The College of Engineering is SKKU’s largest college. It has some of the University’s highest internationally ranked departments by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS): Mechanical Engineering (47th), Chemical Engineering (38th), and Materials Science (25th). QS also ranked SKKU 55th in the world in Engineering and Technology. Many of its programs are industry-tailored and numerous students graduate each year with straight tracks into employment at leading companies.

Medicine

The School of Medicine is one of SKKU’s most prestigious and selective schools. It is the top private medical school in Korea and was ranked 41st in the world by Times Higher Education (THE). Only the top 0.01% of scorers on the national college entrance exam may enter the school. It also works with Samsung Medical Center, the top research hospital in Korea.

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Graduate School of China (SKK GSC)
Founded in 2005, SKK Graduate School of China is Korea’s first educational institution specializing in Chinese business studies (Chinese Finance, Chinese Marketing, Chinese Entrepreneurship & Strategy). It has student exchange programs and dual degree programs based on strong collaborative partnerships with leading Chinese institutions, including Peking University and Fudan University. It has a pioneer program that involves visiting local Chinese companies for business insights, and a preparatory program to meet the different needs of new students. The GSC also invites renowned professors or specialists to give lectures and hold joint academic forums.

Graduate School of Governance
The Graduate School of Governance has educated future leaders including public officials, lawyers, computer engineers, and consultants from numerous countries. Its Global MPA program is sponsored by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The school also has the KF Global e-School program with real-time online video lectures with offline programs including workshops and seminars conducted by leading professors in their fields.

Law School
The Law School has grown in strength and reputation over the years. Highly qualified legal experts have been recruited to its faculty, and it has become well known as one of the top law schools in Korea with a number of judicial officials and lawyers being produced every year. Under the auspices of the Samsung Foundation, the Law School is committed to educating highly competent and civic-minded legal professionals who will be the global leaders of the future.

Graduate School of Business (SKK GSB)
SKK GSB is home to world-renowned MBA programs. Its Global MBA program has been ranked number one in Korea by the Financial Times (FT) for nine consecutive years. A majority of the school’s students and faculty members are international. Also, all GSB students have the opportunity to study at prestigious international schools including MIT Sloan School of Management, Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, UCI Paul Merage School of Business, EDHEC Business School, IE Business School, ESMT, WHU, CEIBS, HKUST, and Peking University Guanghua School of Management.

Applied Data Science
The Applied Data Science program is a great example of SKKU’s current focus on the Fourth Industrial Revolution education. It empowers its students by operating academic schedules and curricula customized for them with AI and Big Data-based data analytics that provide hands-on training in relevant fields. With a wide range of applications and industry tailored courses, this dynamic data analysis program is designed to prepare students for careers in leading companies.

Graduate School of Artificial Intelligence
The Graduate School of Artificial Intelligence is SKKU’s newest graduate school. Focused on the cutting edge and influential field of AI, the school was initiated through specialized funding from the Korean Ministry of Science and ICT. The school aims to cultivate leaders that will become key innovators in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.
The SKKU Advanced Institute of Nanotechnology (SAINT) is focused on every area of nanoscience and technology, including Nanophysics, Nano Chemistry, Nano Devices, Nano Materials, and Nanomechatronics. This large and comprehensive institute works on convergent research with a number of other institutes to develop cutting edge materials and technologies that can be applied to a broad range of fields from electronics to medicine and beyond.

SKKU’s Academy of East Asian Studies (AEAS) has four core research institutes: the Institute of Confucian Philosophy and Culture, Daedong Institute for Korean Studies, the Institute of East Asian Regional Studies, and the Survey Research Center (SRC). These institutes and the sixteen interdisciplinary research clusters generate over two-thousand publications annually.

SKKU is a national leader in medical research. Through its partnership with Samsung Medical Center, SKKU’s substantial production of important research papers and development of revolutionary life-saving technologies has placed the university among the top-ranked institutions in the world. Furthermore, SKKU’s institutes conduct research with convergent mindsets that incorporate knowledge and skills in a variety of disciplines.

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SKKU has over twenty research institutes in the field of engineering. The institutes are focused on an extensive variety of areas, including but not limited to robotics, environmental engineering, advanced machinery, advanced materials, smart city, and smart appliances. SKKU’s engineering research output is simply staggering, with thousands of high-impact publications and hundreds of patents being made every year.

SKKU is highly motivated to advance the understanding of this influential field due to the onset of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. SKKU’s research in the field of information and communication encompasses a wide range of areas, such as industrial electronics applications, semiconductor systems and display, wireless communication, game technology, green car electrotechnology, intelligent systems, and ubiquitous computing.

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International Programs

Sungkyun Language Institute (SLI)
The SLI offers 6 sessions of Korean language programs every year at both campuses. Each session is 8 weeks long and the minimum time required for beginners to complete all 6 levels straight is 12 months. The SLI also provides various cultural activities (field trips) during each session so students will have an unforgettable experience in Korea. For more information, please scan the QR code on the right-hand side, or visit the official website at https://koreansli.skku.edu.

Sungkyun Korean Writing Contest
Sungkyun Korean Writing Contest is one of SKKU’s international contribution programs that started in 2007. This program not only motivates students to learn Korean writing but also provides educational opportunities to participate in various programs at SKKU. It has been changed to an online competition since 2020 due to COVID-19.
- Period: [Local contest] First half of the year, [World contest] Second half of the year.
- Contest locations: South Korea, China, East Asia, South Asia, Europe, Russia, and Central Asia, the Americas
- Winners’ benefits: Winners can participate in the SKKU Summer & Winter program, Korean Language program, or Visiting student program. If the world contest winner enters SKKU graduate school, SKKU provides full-tuition scholarships.

International Summer Semester (ISS)
International students have the opportunity to attend the International Summer Semester (ISS), which is offered at the end of the spring semester, four weeks from late June into July. The courses offered at the ISS have the same academic standards as those offered during the fall and spring semesters, and they can be used as transfer credits depending on the host universities’ regulations and policies. The ISS offers many interesting courses in different subjects taught by distinguished professors from around the world. For more information, please scan the QR code on the right-hand side, or visit the ISS website.

Winter International Student Experience (WISE)
Winter International Student Experience (WISE) aims to promote Korean studies, spread proper awareness of Korea, and foster experts in Korean Studies. It offers courses with three levels: 1) Advanced Korean Studies Course for students with intermediate to advanced Korean levels, 2) Basic Korean Studies Course for students who are interested in Korean culture but are not familiar with it, and 3) Intensive Korean Language Course for beginners. WISE runs online every January.
SKKU Global Mentoring and Assisting People (SG MAPLE) is a buddy program that matches incoming exchange students with Sungkyunkwan University students. By collaborating with a student organization called GSN HI-CLUB (Global Student Network Help & Information Club), SG MAPLE provides cultural guidance and linguistic support to help exchange students transition to life in Korea. It creates opportunities to build friendships and provides the necessary tools for exchange students to become part of the SKKU community by fostering inclusion and a sense of belonging.

**STUDENT ORIENTATION**
All exchange students are invited to attend student orientations specially designed to accommodate their needs before each semester starts. Through the orientations, exchange students have the chance to meet their buddies for the first time. Divided into two parts, an information session and social event, the orientations provide students with the resources, tools, and information on navigating life at SKKU as well as visa issues. In the second part of the orientations, students are encouraged to spend some quality time with their peers and buddies at a local pub or a restaurant near the school.

**STUDENT MOBILITY FAIRS**
Student Mobility Fairs are events that encourage exchange students to introduce their home universities to other SKKU students. In the past, over 20 universities have been showcased and close to 300 people have attended the events. This provides a wonderful opportunity for SKKU students to learn about schools abroad and ask questions directly to current students.

**GLOBAL BUDDY PROGRAM**
The Global Buddy Program is designed to mutually benefit degree-seeking international students and SKKU students. International students are provided with academic support and diverse cultural activities to help ease their adjustment to campus life and the new surroundings. SKKU students are provided with an opportunity to enhance their global competence by interacting with people from different cultures, customs, and languages.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
Career development programs are offered for international students to receive counseling and employment support. The programs include special lectures to prepare to search for jobs in Korea, writing and editing a job applications, practice for interviews, and more.

**CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**
International students can take advantage of cultural activities that are offered every semester. These activities help students experience the Korean culture and appreciate the beauty and value of the country. While the activities vary from semester to semester, some of the past ones include a temple stay, visiting Namhansanseong Fortress (nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and making songpyeon, a traditional snack eaten during Chuseok, Korea’s autumn harvest festival.
Exchange Nomination Dates
- Spring Semester: October 15th
- Full Semester: May 1st

Exchange Application Period
- Spring Semester: October 1st – November 15th
- Fall Semester: April 1st – May 15th

Academic Calendar
- Spring Semester: Mid Feb to Early June
- Fall Semester: End of August to Mid December

Language Requirement
Students can choose one from TOEFL (iBT 80 / ITP 550), IELTS 6.0) English CEFR (B2), CET (4), and TOPIK (3).

Credits
One SKKU credit requires at least forty-eight hours of study (16 classroom study/contact hours and 32 self-study hours) in a semester.

Exchange/Visiting Application
To apply for SKKU’s exchange or visiting student programs, students must use the online application system. Scan the QR code to the left to access it.

Degree-seeking Application
To apply to SKKU as a degree-seeking student and locate up-to-date information on schedules, eligibility, and requirements, use the online application system on SKKU’s admissions website. Scan the QR code for more information.

Courses
Nearly half of SKKU’s courses are provided in English. Scan the QR code to see the course catalogue.

Dormitories
SKKU provides on- and off-campus accommodation in Seoul and on-campus housing in Suwon. More information can be found by scanning the QR code to the left.