# DEAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Division of International Studies (DIS) at Korea University. In view of training experts for the intellectual demands of the global era, DIS of Korea University was launched in 2002. It is now one of the major programs at the university, with nearly 400 students and 40 faculty members, including adjunct professors.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



One of the most appealing aspects of DIS at Korea University is that it is an interdisciplinary program encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including International Commerce, International Development & Cooperation, and International Peace & Security as well Regional Studies and Korean Studies. The world faces many challenges, including global warming, global financial crisis, widening income gap, military conflicts and terrorism, and the interdisciplinary nature of DIS allows students to deepen their global perspective and gain valuable insights into the workings of global processes, international relations, global governance, international trade and business, and development organizations. Also, the 3+2 combined/dual degree program with GSIS provides opportunities for students to complete both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in five years, while giving the benefits of expanding knowledge in diverse areas. Furthermore, DIS' cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will provide students with experience and knowledge essential in the area of diplomacy and international organizations.

> Our program is designed to meet the high demands of the most talented students from all over the world, and I am privileged and thrilled to welcome those who are motivated and who are determined to be future leaders to become part of our exciting program.

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Korea University, founded in 1905, is widely acknowledged as one of the oldest, largest and top-ranked universities in Korea. Its reputation for quality is based on excellence in teaching, research and service to Korean society. Eminent faculty, outstanding students and internationally recognized research programs all contribute to Korea University's academic fame. As a major comprehensive university, KU offers a rich variety of courses in liberal arts sciences as well as in professional fields, such as law, medicine and business administration. The KU campus covers over 182 acres and is home to more than 35,000 students from Korea and all over the world. With its stately stone architecture, sprawling lawns, seasonal trees and natural flora, KU is known to have one of the most beautiful campuses in Korea. The students at KU represent Korea's dream as being among the nation's brightest and most ambitious. KU is nationally recognized for its commitment to teaching and academic excellence. The university's academic breadth is extensive with its 81 departments in 19 colleges and divisions, and 18 graduate schools and it has over 1,500 full-time faculty members with over 95% of them holding a Ph.D. or equivalent qualification in their field. KU has particularly strong Humanities and Asian Studies Departments along with the recently established Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS). KU is also renowned for its professional schools of Law, Medicine and Business Administration. In research, KU is an internationally recognized leader with over 100 research centers, including the East Asiatic Research Centre and the Korean Cultural Research Centre. Furthermore, Korea University Business School (KUBS) is the first and only business school in the country to have acquired both European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) accreditation in combination with accreditation granted by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Unlike many universities in Korea, KU prides itself not only in being a progressive and globally conscious institution but one that plays a role in preserving and developing Korea's unique culture.





Division of International Studies at Korea University prepares undergraduate students with interdisciplinary knowledge of global development, international relations, and societies combined with experiential learning in a culturally diverse global context. Students will be geared to work in the areas of economics, business and trade, politics, security, human rights, development, environment and international organizations. In accordance with the global standards, courses are conducted in English.



COURSES AND PROGRAMS

## **Core Courses**

All Students are required to take the following courses:

- ► Principles of International Commerce
- Principles of International Relations
- ► Globalization and Beyond: Culture, Society, and Political Economy

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# **Degree Programs**

DIS offers a wide range of program choices in five main areas of international studies: International Commerce, International Peace and Security, International Development and Cooperation, Area Studies, and Korean Studies. Professional experiences and specializations are integral aspects of these

The goal of this program is to provide students with a better understanding of international commerce in the course of globalization. Relevant courses will equip students with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary in the fields of trade, finance, business and marketing. A wide range of relevant courses includes: Understanding Economics, Multinational Corporations, International Finance: Theory and Practice, International Economic Cooperation, International Economic Institutions and Policy, East Asian Economies, Trade Policies of Korea, Digital Economy and E-Commerce, and Intellectual Property for Business.

### **International Peace & Security**

This program provides rigorous and policy-relevant courses in global politics with a special focus on international peace and security. A series of courses on international peace and security include: Understanding Political Science, International Organizations, International Negotiation, War and Peace, International Political Economy, Politics of Global Governance, Human Rights in a Global World, and Energy and International Relations.

### **International Development & Cooperation**

This program examines the relevant issues in international development. Students will explore diverse aspects of interactions among states, international organizations, and individuals in reducing poverty, tackling ecological challenges, and providing sustainable development. The courses on offer include: International Law, Economic Development in a Globalized World, International Economic Law, International Economic Cooperation, Environment and International Relations, Resources and Global Development, and Issues in Sustainable Development.

### **Area Studies**

The Area Studies program offers students with a list of courses that are developing broad and good understandings of current global issues related to various countries. Some exemplary courses are: Contemporary North America, Contemporary East Asia, Contemporary Europe, Understanding East Asian Civilization, East Asian Economies, The U.S. Economy, European Economies, International Relations of North America, International Relations of East Asia, International Relations of Europe/Russia, and Korea-U.S. Relations.

### **Korean Studies**

This program aims to equip International and Korean students with a deep understanding of Korea, including its contemporary social modernization and economic development. Recent courses include: Contemporary Korea, Modern History of Korea, Civil Society and Democracy in Korea, Rethinking Korean Culture, Religion and Korean Society, Korean Economy in a Globalized World, and Trade Policies of Korea.

### **International Commerce**

# **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

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# 3+2 Program with the Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS)

DIS encourages undergraduate students to pursue further postgraduate study closely affiliated with the Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) at Korea University. DIS & GSIS offer a combined program of a three year Bachelor's degree with a two year Master's degree which can be completed in five years.

### **Combined/Double Degrees**

All DIS students are encouraged to consider the benefits of completing a combined major referred to as a double degree. Double degrees allow students to further expand their knowledge and acquire skills in diverse areas. Two main types of double degree programs are offered for students at DIS: a four-year full-time extended program and a five/six-year full time prolonged program. More detailed information is available at the Academic Affairs Department or the DIS homepage. Graduates of double major programs emerge in an enviable position, having added an extra dimension to their potential for future employment.

### **Internships**

DIS actively coordinates internship opportunities for students. The internship program offers placements across a variety of institutions and corporations such as the UN, IAEA, the Asian Development Bank, and international NGOs as well as other public and private agencies. Students are able to gain firsthand experience in the workings of government and business organizations. A full-time internship with completion of a minimum of 120 working hours will be awarded course credits.

### **Tutorial Seminars**

All new students commencing DIS courses are required to take tutorial seminars. Tutorial seminars seek to assist students who are eager to discuss and consult with DIS faculty members about their study visions and career objectives. The main goal is to facilitate closer interactions between students and faculty members.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### **Korea Model United Nations (KMUN)**

Closely cooperating with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), DIS annually hosts an international conference, 'Korea Model United Nations', whereby around 200 high-school and college students participate at the negotiation table. Student participants are assigned a number of positions to roleplay, ranging from committee chairs, international press reporters, and delegates of different nations. Such experience will serve to develop negotiation skills and knowledge essential in the area of diplomacy.

### **Cooperation with World Intellectual Property Organization**

DIS, in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), offers a class focusing on intellectual property rights every semester. The WIPO, an international organization promoting intellectual property rights, issues certificates to students, and provides internship at the WIPO Summer School in Geneva, Switzerland,

### **Korea University Debate Championship (KUDC)**

DIS annually hosts the Korea University Debate Championship (KUDC), which is an intensive competition for high school debaters. All debates are held in English and each team can submit a squad of three to five students to debate on the international, social, political, and economic

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

All students applying for the Bachelor of International Studies degree must meet the admission requirements set by the DIS admission committee. Various entry channels are offered all-year-round for domestic and international students:

- ► Standard Admission
- ► Special Admission(International)

For more information on the admission qualifications and application process, please visit KU Admission website (http://oku.korea.ac.kr).



