Choosing Your Major

Korean Language Track

 Guaranteed acceptance to your chosen major when you achieve a Korean proficiency score (TOPIK level 5 or higher), or demonstrate equivalent excellence in KU Korean language courses

When to Choose Your First Major

Upon completing the second semester of your first academic vear

English Language Track

Guaranteed acceptance to your chosen English-track major when you meet the predetermined requirements set by each major

You are eligible to apply for any major, except those in the College of Medicine, Nursing, Education; School of Smart Mobility; and the Cyber Defense, Semiconductor Engineering and Communications Engineering. (Check the list of majors available for English-track students on our webpage)

Admission Timeline (Planned)



Spring (August) Fall (February)



Document Submission

Spring (August)

Fall (February)

Spring (November) Fall (June)

Notice of

Acceptance



Spring (January) Fall (July)



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KU Global Open Major

New Division Specially designed for International Students

- Ground your studies through foundational courses designed specifically for first-year international students
- Choose your major from a wide variety of disciplines, ranging from liberal arts and social sciences to natural sciences and engineering, upon the completion of the first-year foundational courses

You Will Be

- Experienced with working in multicultural work environments
- Equipped with a profound understanding of the rapidly changing global environment and have the capacity to address global issues using inclusive and creative approaches
- Prepared to proactively engage with problems affecting the international community based on your academic expertise

Tailored foundational education for international students in their first year, followed by freedom to select a major that aligns with their interests You can select from over 60 diverse majors across a wide spectrum of disciplines Students can select either the Korean Language Track or the English Language Track Korean language courses available for various levels for the first year before choosing your major Intensive Korean writing training offered to students who choose the Korean Language Track Major Exploration Program available as part of the First-Year Foundational Courses to help students identify the right major Tailored administrative services for international students in the first year before selecting a major, as part of the Global Open Major Division Networking with students from the College of International Studies (First-year Global Open Major students belong to the Global Open Major Division, where the proportion of international students is high.)

What is Special about the 'Global Open Major'

Why Korea? Why Korea Univ.?

Why Korea?

Strong industries in the electronics, semiconductor and (military) defense

Rapidly growing cultural and arts industries (K-Pop, K-Drama, etc.) Globally recognized
economic development
success

Why Korea University?

Ranked **74**th in the QS World University Rankings

Abundant scholarship opportunities for international students



One of the strongest alumni networks in the nation

Wealth of extra-curricular events for students such as the Annual Ko-Yon Games and Ipselenti (annual university-wide festival), plus KU Global Leadership Program (utbound), and exchange student program with 1000+ universities across the globe

Specialized Academic Curriculum

- Korean I, II, III and IV are offered as elective courses for students whose proficiency in the Korean language is equivalent to TOPIK Levels 3. 4. 5 and 6
- Korean writing courses for various levels, intensive Korean reading courses covering various topics and majorspecific Korean language courses (humanities/social sciences or natural sciences/engineering) are all offered
- Exploration courses are offered so students can get a taste of majors of interest before making a final decision
- Freshman Seminars are offered to facilitate interaction between faculty members and students, ensuring that students hit the ground running.