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Graduate School of International Studies

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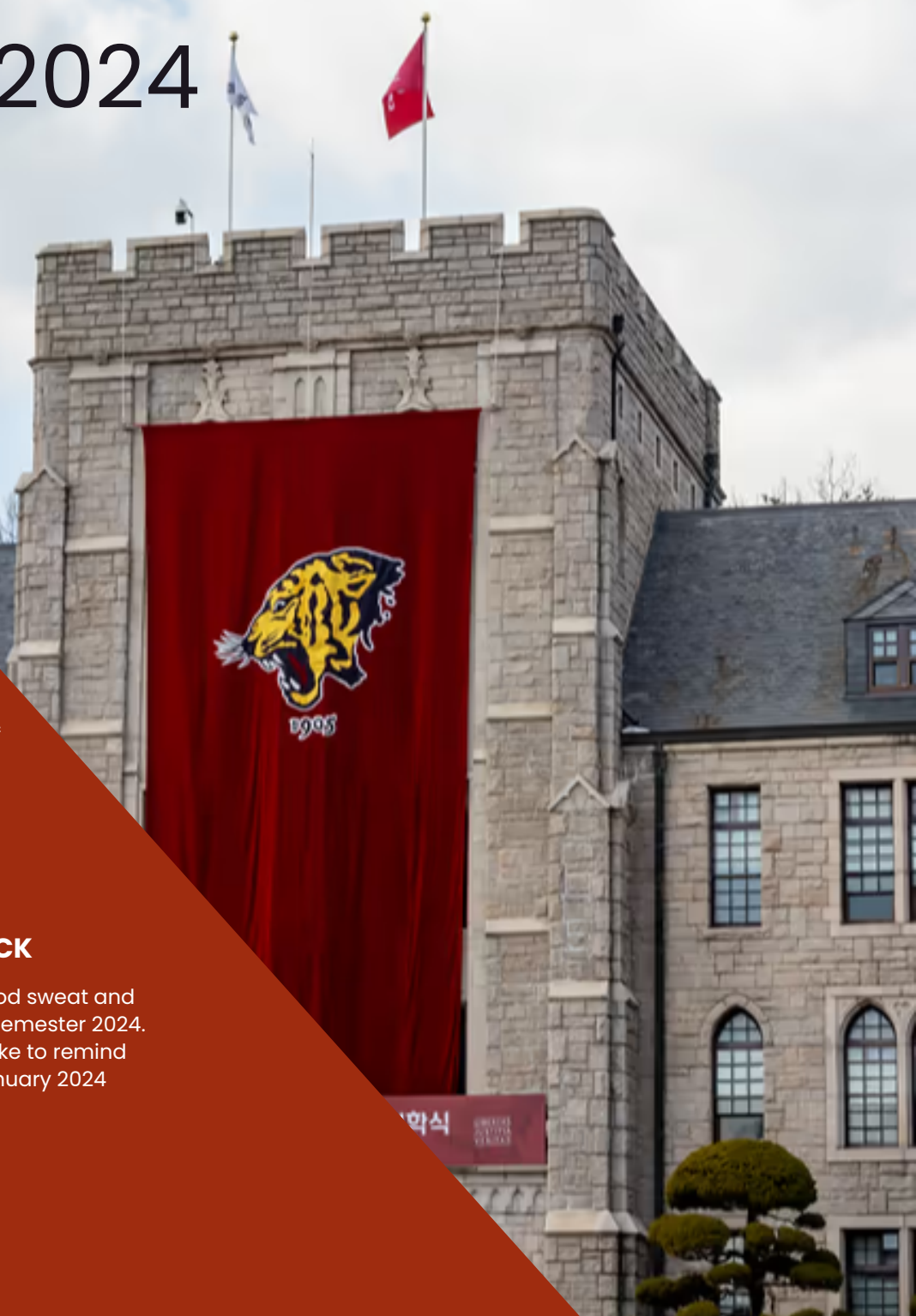
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THE FIRST EDITION

This booklet is a concentrated version of what we wish we had known when we first started our life at KU GSIS.

THE ULTIMATE STARTER PACK

This booklet was made with the blood sweat and tears of the student council spring semester 2024. As this is the first edition we would like to remind you that this information is from January 2024 and may need updating.





HELLO KUGSIS

Founded in 1991, Korea University's Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) provides interdisciplinary programs covering International Development & Cooperation, International Commerce, International Peace & Security, Area Studies, and Korean Studies. The program's interdisciplinary nature fosters strong connections not only within Korea University but also with leading international universities overseas, as well as other universities in Korea. Among other things, GSIS also offers dual degrees at overseas institutions, internship opportunities, summer programs abroad, and executive programs for corporate clients, presenting enticing prospects for high-calibre students from all parts of the world. It is with great honor, that we welcome you aboard on your journey at KU!

We, your Spring Semester 2024 Student Council, made this booklet to help you, the new students, get started smoothly. This is a guidebook with information about the university and campus life. Our goal is to make sure you feel welcomed and help you navigate your new adventure here. Enjoy your time at KU GSIS !

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SCHOLARSHIPS

There are two main types of scholarships in GSIS, BK21 & the grades based scholarship are available for both Korean and foreign students.

1. BK21:

This program offers three types of titles which one can apply to, with various levels of reward.

- *Participants*
 - Do not receive scholarship from the program
 - However, can claim financial aid from the program regarding academic endeavors. For example: when attending a conference in Busan one can ask the BK21 program to pay for the train ticket to the location.
- *Virtual Writing Clinic Editors*
 - “Job-like” title where one is asked to proofread and edit various academic papers for peers and academics alike
 - High levels of English required and/or native speaker
 - Will receive 1 000 000 ₩ a month for 6 months for a total of 6 000 000 ₩ (is supposed to be nearly the same amount as the tuition fee)
- *Fellowship*
 - Very competitive. Two ways to obtain it:
 - Get recommended by a BK21 Professor (1 recommendation per professor)
 - Compete in the application for a spot (based on GPA & previous attendance to BK21 lectures & events)
 - Will receive 1 000 000 ₩ a month for 6 months for a total of 6 000 000 ₩ (is supposed to be nearly the same amount as the tuition fee)
 - In order to receive this one cannot leave the country for more than 1 month, must write a thesis and must complete either an internship or attend five BK21 special lectures & write a report.

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2. Grades Based Scholarship

Depends on GPA usually above 4.2 some scholarships will be awarded

- i. Depends mainly on how much funding the GSIS gets
- ii. An email will be sent a week before tuition payment detailing your scholarship status (if you got it and how much percentage you received)
- iii. Will be automatically deducted during the tuition payment time
- iv. Foreign language courses offered by KU GSIS curriculum will not be counted in the GPA calculation.



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CLASSES

The Graduate School of International Studies is comprised of two tracks (Thesis & Non-thesis) and five majors:

- **IDC:** International Development and Cooperation
- **IC:** International Commerce
- **IPS:** International Peace and Security
- **AS:** Area Studies (Europe or South East Asia)
- **KS:** Korean Studies

The majors are further differentiated into two categories: *International studies* track and *Korean Studies* track. This will determine what kind of classes you can take and what will be written on your diploma. In the International Studies track there is IDC, IC, IPS & AS whilst the Korean Studies track only comprises KS.

Courses:

The year is divided into two semesters and some classes are only offered in one of the two semesters, therefore be careful when selecting your classes as they may not be available during the following semester. This is particularly relevant for the mandatory courses which must be completed during your first academic year (1st & 2nd semester). Many courses in the international studies track are available across majors and can therefore be taken even if the course code does not belong to your specific major.

Before the start of your third semester you will decide on your specialization (you are allowed to not have a specific major until this point, but make sure to fulfil the major requirements). You will also be selecting thesis or non thesis track, which for the former you will need to have selected a thesis advisor as well.



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Thesis track

The graduation requirements for the International Studies track are to have completed 3 of mandatory courses, acquire a minimum of 40 credits which include two Area Studies courses (and for Area Studies major any 2 courses from the other International Studies majors) & along with your Thesis Submission.

The graduation requirements for the Korean Studies track is to have completed the 2 mandatory courses, either take Korean Language I, II and III or get "A" grade in one of these three courses: Korean Language III, Readings in Korean, Advanced Readings in Korean or pass an equivalent language test (TOPIK). And with acquiring a minimum of 40 credits & along with your Thesis Submission.

Master's Degree International Studies

Classification	Course Code & Course Name	Credits
CORE Common Requirements	IRC010/013 Research Methods / II	3
	IRC011 Thesis Research I (3 rd Semester) ¹⁾	3
	Subtotal	6
CORE Common Electives <i>Choose 3</i>	IRC020 International Business	3
	IRC030 International Economics	3
	IRC040 World Politics	3
	IRC070 Introduction to International Development and Cooperation	3
	Subtotal	9
Major Courses ²⁾	IIC IDC IPS IAS xxx Major Courses	15
	Subtotal	15
Area Studies ³⁾	IAS xxx IAS Courses for IC, IDC, IPS Major	6
	IIC IDC IPS xxx IIC, IDC or IPS Courses for Area Studies Major	6
	Subtotal	6
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (3 Credits) - IRC010/013/020/030/040/050/060/070/901/902 - International Studies (IICxxx, IDCxxx, IPSxxx, IASxxx) - Korean Studies (IKSxxx) * International Students: Korean Language Courses of KU GSIS or Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS, Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.	4
	Subtotal	4
Total		40

Thesis Track Graduation Requirements

- The track is changeable before the 4th Semester.

- ☒ Enroll for at least 4 semesters within 6 years of admission
- ☒ Minimum of 40 Credits
- ☒ Research Proposal Presentation
- ☒ Pass (or Exempt) Qualification Exam
 - ☐ General Exam
- ☒ Thesis Submission

¹⁾ Must take Thesis Research I in your 3rd Semester.

²⁾ International Commerce Course Code → IICxxx
International Development & Cooperation Course Code → IDCxxx
International Peace & Security Course Code → IPSxxx
Area Studies Course Code → IASxxx
※ The List of KU GSIS Master's Major Courses for Cross-Major Recognition is available on the KU GSIS Homepage.

³⁾ IC, IDC or IPS Major: Must take IIC, IDC or IPS Courses.
Area Studies Major: Must take IIC, IDC or IPS Courses.
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Master's Degree Korean Studies Major

Classification	Course Code & Course Name	Credits
CORE Common Requirements	IRC010/013 Research Methods / II	3
	IRC011 Thesis Research I (3 rd Semester) ¹⁾	3
	IRC050 Modern History of Korea	3
	IRC053 Korean Language I	9
	IRC052 Korean Language II	
	IRC051 Korean Language III	
	IRC060 Contemporary Korean Society	3
	Subtotal	21
Major Courses ³⁾	IKS xxx Major Courses	9
	Subtotal	9
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (9 Credits) - IRC010/013/020/030/040/050/060/070/901/902 - International Studies (IICxxx, IDCxxx, IPSxxx, IASxxx) - Korean Studies (IKSxxx) * International Students: Korean Language Courses of KU GSIS or Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS, Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.	10
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- ☒ Thesis Submission

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²⁾ The Waiver Conditions of Korean Language
- Lower level Korean Language courses can be waived if students achieve 'A' or above on upper level courses.
<LEVEL> (Lower) Korean Language I → II → III → Readings → Advanced readings (Upper)
e.g. a. If you get an A in Korean Language III → Korean Language I, II can be waived.
b. If you get an A in Readings or Advanced readings in Korean → Korean Language I, II, III can be waived.
- If you are exempted from the following courses, you need to take IKS courses for the remaining credits.
- To gain approval of other major courses instead of IKS to substitute credits, the course MUST be related to Korean Studies.

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Non-Thesis track:

The graduation requirement for International Studies non-thesis track is to have completed 3 of mandatory courses and acquire a minimum of 43 credits with an average GPA of 3.0 or higher. These 43 credits include two Area Studies courses (and for Area Studies major any 2 courses from the other International Studies majors).

The graduation requirement for Korean Studies non-thesis track is to have completed the 2 mandatory courses along with the required language level explained above and have acquired a minimum of 43 credits with an average GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Master's Degree International Studies

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CORE Common Requirements ¹⁾	IRC010/013 Research Methods / II	3
	Subtotal	3
	IRC020 International Business	3
	IRC030 International Economics	3
	IRC040 World Politics	3
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	Subtotal	4
	Total	43

Non-Thesis Track Graduation Requirements

- The track is changeable *before* the 4th Semester.

- ☒ Enroll for at least 4 semesters within 6 years of admission
- ☒ Minimum of 43 Credits
- ☒ Accumulative average GPA of 3.0 or higher

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Master's Degree Korean Studies Major

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CORE ¹⁾ Common Requirements	IRC010/013 Research Methods / II	3
	IRC050 Modern History of Korea	3
	IRC053 Korean Language I	9
	IRC052 Korean Language II	
	IRC051 Korean Language III	
	IRC060 Contemporary Korean Society	3
Major Courses ³⁾	Subtotal	18
	IKS xxx Major Courses	15
	Subtotal	15
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (9 Credits) - IRC010/013/020/030/040/050/060/070/901/902 - International Studies (IICxxx, IDCxxx, IPSxxx, IASxxx) - Korean Studies (IKSxxx) * International Students: Korean Language Courses of KU GSIS or Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS, Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/ other GSIS in Korea, etc.	10
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	Total	43

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A decorative banner runs diagonally across the top right and bottom right of the page. It features two red and white flags with the KUST logo and the motto 'LIBERTAS JUSTITIA VERITAS'. One flag also mentions '2024학년도 입학식' (2024 Academic Year Admission Ceremony). In the bottom right corner, there is a stone lion sculpture on a pedestal, surrounded by trees and a stone wall.

SUNBAE'S TIPS – 선배 꿀팁

- You can choose to do Quantitative Research Methods during the summer or winter break instead of during the semester and lessen your workload BUT it will be intensive (3 weeks instead of a semester) it costs around 350 000₩
- You should follow the recommended course plan and finish the core classes first. Not only do you need to finish your core classes by the end of the 2nd semester but the more core classes you have finished the higher the chance to get scholarships in the first two semesters
- If you plan to write a thesis it will be in your best interest to get 5 courses each semester in your first year in order to have more time to write your thesis in your second year
- If you aren't certain about which major you are interested in, and let's say you are interested in 2 majors but cannot choose, it would be smart to choose cross-major courses of the majors that interest you. Then, in your 3rd semester you can choose either one without having taken classes that won't be recognized later (a lot of people decide to change major in their 3rd semester and then need to compensate with extra classes)
- Don't worry too much about the first course application period, apply to courses you might be interested in, check them out during the first week and if you don't like them you can change them all during the add/drop period. Before the add/drop period professors don't take attendance so you can walk into most classes in order to check them out even if you didn't apply for them.
- You can take courses in other university's GSIS programs but you must make sure that the classes are in English and that you have approval from the other university's professors. Be careful because different universities have **different application periods**. You can only take **one** non KU GSIS course per semester for a total of **two** semesters (so 2 non KU GSIS courses in total).
- You can also audit (attend classes without without officially taking the course), some courses as long as you get permission from the professors.

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BECOMING A TA

Korea University offers graduate students enrolled in the KU GSIS program the opportunity to become teaching assistants, supporting professors in various tasks.

The responsibilities of teaching assistants vary by professor but typically include preparing technical facilities before each lecture, facilitating communication between the professor and students, and handling administrative duties.

The compensation for these roles is usually set at the minimum wage, which, as of 2024, is 9,860 Won per hour, for 10 to 20 hours of work per week.

To apply, students should regularly check the main page of Korea University GSIS website for announcements regarding teaching assistant positions.

학장님 조교 모집(~2/26)

2024.02.23

(~3/1) Robert Rudolf 교수님 조교 모집

2024.02.22

The announcement will provide comprehensive details and application requirements for the specific position, including Korean proficiency (usually requiring fluency), transcript of grades, and CV.

Some important considerations:

- While not explicitly expressed in the announcement, Korean students are preferred for most TA positions (this is why the announcement itself is offered in Korean language only).
- Students further along in their studies are favoured over freshmen.
- Strong academic performance is a plus.
- Applicants should have research interests that align with those of the professor they are applying to assist.
- Often, the professor may serve as the academic advisor during the TA's thesis writing period.

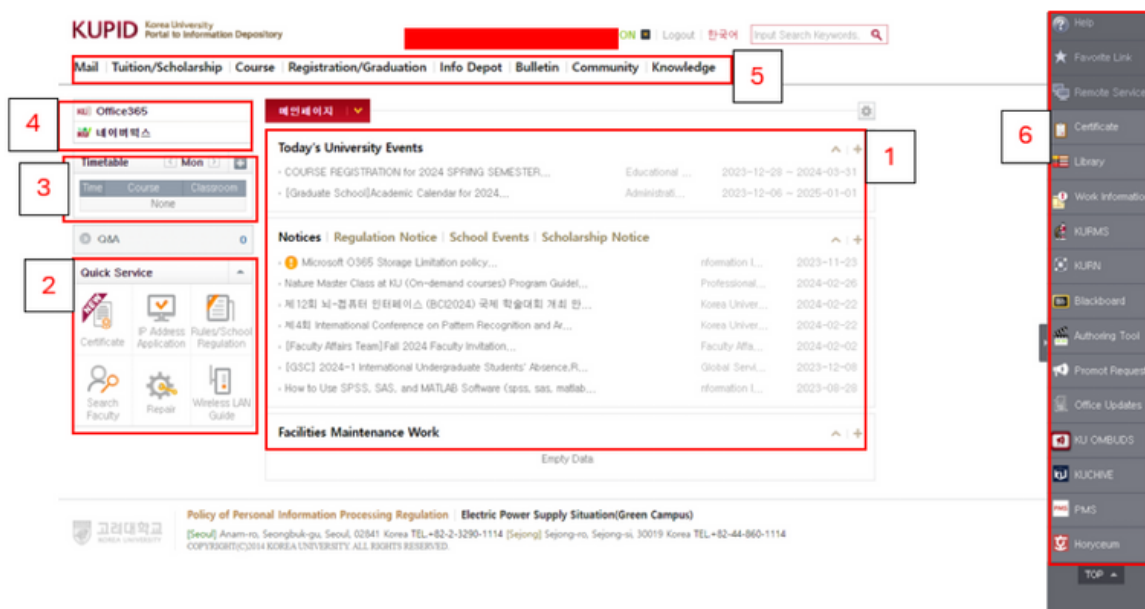
SUNBAE'S TIPS – 선배 꿀팁

- Constantly check the GSIS homepage for TA listings
- Ask the GSIS office directly if TAs are needed at the moment
- Often the teacher will announce in class that they are looking for a TA
- Often the professors will tell their TA to look for their replacement, so befriend them or ask them if there are any availabilities
- You need to have your CV & transcript ready for the application
- Usually, professors recruit people from their department

GETTING AROUND

KUPID

The Korea University Portal to Information Depository (KUPID) provides students at Korea University with access to key information regarding their study curriculum, tuition, certificates, and much more. The platform is available in both Korean and English. However, the Korean version may contain more comprehensive school notices.



Explanation of the KUPID website:

1. This section provides students with information on important events such as tuition payment schedules, course registration deadlines, and the release of the academic calendar. Additionally, the "Notices" section covers various other important topics. *Please note that the Korean version of this section may contain more detailed information.
2. Students can access essential services quickly in this section:
 - a. Certificate Service Allows access to certificates of enrollment, transcripts, registration among other things, and, is available in both Korean and English
 - b. Wireless LAN Guide: Information on registering for on-campus Wi-Fi.
 - c. Search Faculty: Enables students to search for faculty members and professors.

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3. View daily class schedules on a day-by-day basis. Note: This feature becomes available after course registration and is set automatically.
4. Download a free version of Office 365, available while registered at Korea University. Moreover, in this section, “네이버웍스” will redirect the student towards Naver Works, which is the email platform of Korea University.
5. This section offers access to a wide range of information:
 - a. Mail: Direct access to the Naver Works (school email) platform.
 - b. Tuition/Scholarship: Details on tuition payments, scholarship notices, and options for instalment payments and student loans.
 - c. Course: Information on courses, locations, and access to the course registration platform (sugang.korea.ac.kr).
 - d. Registration/Graduation: information on exams, student status, and procedures for leaves of absence or returns.
 - e. Info Depot: Access to various services like Wi-Fi settings and certificates.
 - f. Bulletin: Access to school and campus life notices, including second-hand items and general Q&A. *Please note that except the school notices, all the other notices are outdated and not used.
 - g. Community: Offers a platform for student communities. *Please note that the community tool is outdated and not used.
 - h. Knowledge: Information on off-campus affairs. *Please note this tool is outdated and not used.
 - i. Research Portal: Access to the Research Management System for insights into research projects. *Please note this tool is only needed if the student is actively conducting academic research outside any course.
6. Access to further services, which include the Korea University Library (for book rental and booking of study places), Blackboard (for access to course materials and information on the courses taken) and others.

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Card Registration:

After enrolling at Korea University, students are encouraged to obtain a student ID card, which grants access to various facilities on campus.

Students can **pre-apply** online for the student ID card. For each semester, please wait for the notice of the online registration on the Korea University GSIS website, which will be released around 1-2 weeks before the start of the semester.

There are **2 types** of student cards:

- *Student card **with** financial function* (Student ID & Debit card) – available only for Korean students.
- *Student card **without** financial option* (Student ID only) – available for both international and Korean students.

Application can be done by mobile phone or PC during the given time period given in the announcement.

The pickup of the student ID without financial option will be in the GSIS administration office.

The pickup of the student ID with financial option will be at the Hana Bank branch present on campus. *Please note at the pickup, students have to identify themselves through a valid ID (ARC or Passport)

If students did not apply for the pre-registration, students can directly issue the student ID card at the One-Stop service centre on campus (B111 Central Plaza), 2 weeks after the start of the semester.

*Please remember that during the in-person application, a valid ID and a passport picture is needed.

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ONE STOP CENTRE

For all official copies of university documents you need to drop by the One Stop Center. It is also where your university ID card will be issued. It is located in SK Hall in the underground (B1).



- 1) **One- stop service center, Health center:** Central Plaza, Floor B1
- 2) **Hana Bank:** Goryeodaero Building 1, Floor 2
- 3) **Global Service Center:** Dongwon Global Leadership Hall, Floor 2, Door #201

More information on our Instagram page:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/C39c9IVPRSA/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

Opening hours:

One-stop service center: Monday to Friday, 9am – 5.30pm (lunch break: 12.00am – 1pm)

Health center: Monday to Friday, 9am – 5.30pm (lunch break: 12.00am – 1pm)

Hana bank: Monday to Friday, 9am – 4pm

Global Service Center: Monday to Friday, 9am – 5.30pm (lunch break: 12.00am – 1pm)

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HOW TO BOOK STUDY ROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES

Korea University enables students to reserve facilities for both individual and group study in advance through the Korea University Library website or the KLIB 2 mobile application. Both platforms can be viewed in Korean and English language.

1) **Seat Assignment for reading room (열람실)**

In this section, students can book their personal study space in one of the many reading rooms present in Korea University.

Korea University Library
Facility/Seat Reservation System

Seat Assignment / Status Facility Reservation / Status

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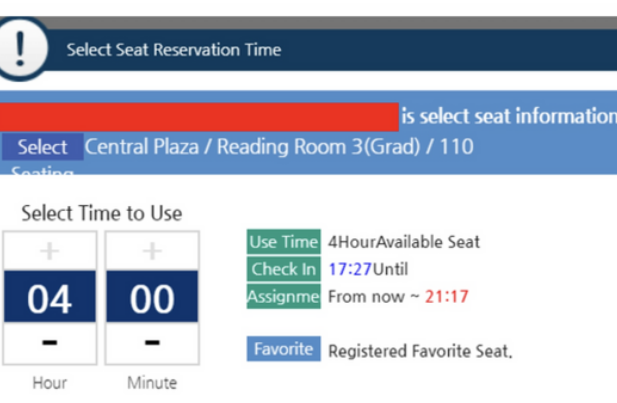
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Reading Room 2	326(326)	47	279	00:00 ~ 24:00 14%		24
Reading Room 3(Grad)	120(120)	12	108	00:00 ~ 24:00 10%		24
TOTAL	704(704)	110	594	16%		

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1) This section of the website allows you to choose the building in which the reading room is located.

2) This section specifies the type of reading room and shows its size, availability, opening hours, and the most important information, such as if computers are allowed and whether the chosen reading room is open 24/7.

ired reading room, students can view the room's
available seat (indicated in blue), a message will pop
up to specify the duration of use (up to 4 hours,



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Select Central Plaza / Reading Room 3(Grad) / 110

Select Time to Use

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Seat Allot CANCEL

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Central Plaza / Reading Room 3(Grad) / 110

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Seat Allot

CANCEL

After selecting a time, the seat is temporarily reserved. The student must confirm this reservation within 10 minutes, either at a kiosk near each reading room (using their student ID) or through the KLIB 2 application, with Bluetooth enabled and connected to the university's Wi-Fi network. *If the registration is not confirmed within the time, the registration is cancelled and the selected seat is free again.

More information on what libraries KU has and their location is found in this video on our Instagram:https://www.instagram.com/reel/C3_y3XnPRqX/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

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2) Facility Reservation (group study rooms)

In this section, students can reserve study rooms for group studies and other collaborative activities across various facilities at KU. These can only be booked with a minimum of three people.

The student can choose the preferred date, library and room in which the study room is located. Afterwards, it can choose the preferred room, according to the size of the group and the time of usage (up to 3 hours).

Korea University Library
Facility/Seat Reservation System

Seat Assignment / Status Facility Reservation / Status

100% TOTAL

Search Date

DATE	Select Library	Group	Facility	Use Time
Feb 27 / Tu	Central Plaza CCL	F1 C-Lounge Group Study Room	108-A (Capacity 4)	30Minute
Feb 28 / We	Centennial Digital Library	F1 D-Lounge Group Study Room	108-B (Capacity 4)	1Hour
Feb 29 / Th	Science & Engineering Library	F2 Presentation Room	108-C (Capacity 4)	1Hour30Minute
Mar 1 / Fr	Hana Square	2F G-Lounge Study Room	108-D (Capacity 4)	2Hour
Mar 2 / Sa		2F G-Lounge Carrel		2Hour30Minute

1. Centennial Digital Library / F1 D-Lounge Group Study Room / 108-A (Capacity 4)

Options

Maximum Available Time	180Minute	Max Personnel / Min Personnel	4/2 Persons
Select Time		Total Member	1Persons

Input Participant

Representative

Reservations Information

Purpose Of Use

Input information

Enter the ID

Participant registration

Attendees will receive a SMS when they register.

Reservation

After finalizing the selection, users will receive a detailed overview of the booking and its specifics. For group study rooms, the system will request additional details about the meeting's purpose and the participants, requiring their student ID numbers. Once all information is submitted, a confirmation SMS will be sent to each attendee.

*Please note that the information desk during the check-in period will provide you with the keys to the study room after checking your student ID.

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FUN PLACES

Anam neighborhood has many great places to have fun during your free time. We encourage you to walk around the campus near Anam Station, and these are some of our recommendations:

CHUNJA/춘자

Favorite place for GSIS students to go eat delicious food and drink with friends.

Address: 서울 성북구 고려대로26길 45-4 지하1층
45-4, Koryo-daero 26-gil, Seongbuk-gu



PLAN B. STUDIO / 플랜B스튜디오

The most famous Photobooth among KU students. It is located very close to Anam Station, and is known for having university-themed photo frames, tiger stuffed animals, and student spirit accessories. You can even have your photo taken with your favorite players from KU sports teams.

Address: 서울 성북구 고려대로26길 42-1
42-1 Koryo-daero 26-gil, Seongbuk-gu

Here is a glimpse of what the KU GSIS life is:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/CzLPyVfRIPC/utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRlODBiNWFiZA==

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DISCOUNTS

Our favorite part of being a student! Around the Anam area there are several restaurants that have discounts for KU students. You just have to look for those that have this logo on the outside, and by showing your student ID you can enjoy a discount on your food.



There are other discounts for students, such as the student discount for the new Climate Card for public transport.

You can find out about this and other discounts on sites like JoongAn Daily (K-Campus).

Among other discounts that we think are good for you to know, on the last Wednesday of each month, all museums and palaces are completely free. We recommend taking advantage of these opportunities to explore more about Korean culture!

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SOCIETIES



EU SOCIETY

@KUGSIS_EUSOCIETY

We aim to enhance interest about Europe and the European Union through academic lectures and cultural experiences. Activities include but are not limited to student lead presentations/discussions, language exchange, excursions, special lectures, among other things.



SOCIETY OF CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

@SCCSD_KUGSIS

We aim to promote, educate, and raise awareness on the topics of climate change, environment and sustainable development. Participants have the opportunity to attend insightful lectures and seminars, engage in lively discussions and games, and present a topic of their choosing. Whether you are interested in learning more about climate change or simply want to meet new people.

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SOCIETIES



SOUTHEAST ASIA SOCIETY **@SEAS_KUGSIS**

We are interested in the Southeast Asian region, including its culture and arts, politics, economy, and current issues. In this society, you will have the opportunity to make a presentation on the topic of your choice and lead an active discussion with the society's members.



HUMAN RIGHTS SOCIETY **@HRS_KUGSIS**

We host weekly meetings with member-led presentations, roundtable discussions, and critical analysis of current human rights issues, media, and policy initiatives. We pride ourselves in adopting an intersectional framework and strive for inclusivity. We welcome different perspectives and encourages people to engage in our insightful discussions.

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국제관
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES HALL

OUTSIDE OF GSIS

LECA – LANGUAGE EXCHANGE COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION @KU_LECA



LECA is a KU central language exchange club since 1982, which provides a free and interactive environment for Korean and foreign students who want to learn and practice various languages. It is a club where students from various countries become real friends and experience different cultures.

We have regular language exchange sessions every Thursday, pm 6:00-7:00. After the exchange of languages, we usually have dinner together and go drinking. However, nothing is mandatory, so each member can freely go to whatever session they want!

There are various fun activities planned, such as going to watch IPSELENTI (KU festival), MT, Han River picnic, etc. Not only will you improve your English or language skills that you want to learn, but you will also enjoy these fun activities!

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FESTIVALS

KOYEONJEON – 고연전

A regular university sports competition held annually by Korea University and Yonsei University. It is usually held over two days (Friday and Saturday) in September. All five sports are baseball, basketball, ice hockey, rugby and soccer.

Every year the universities take turns to host the games, therefore the name can be seen as 고연전 or 연고전. This is one of the most awaited and enjoyed competitions during the year, since not only the players participate in the game, but also current students, graduates, and the school headquarters cheer with enthusiasm.

Since this event occurs during the last weeks of summer, we recommend you to bring sunscreen and wear light clothes!



Here is a short reel of what you can expect:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/CxFj0WyR0St/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

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FESTIVALS

IPSELENTI – 입실렌티

Ipsilenti is usually held at the end of May. This event is held in three parts: part 1 is cheering, part 2 is celebrity performances and student participation content, and part 3 is fireworks. As it is the largest festival representing Korea University, the pride of KU students is at stake, because most universities compete about which stars perform in their festivals. In the past few years famous artists have performed in the festival, such as PSY, Red Velvet, and (G)I-DLE, Bol4, BoA, among others.



Ipsilenti is an event held with ticket prices paid by individual students without financial support from the school.

The after-party after the event is quite famous. Current students, graduates, and students from other universities gather together to cheer on the streets, which is held every year from 3 to 4 a.m. You can see that the Anam bar is filled with people wearing red clothes, and when the bar plays the Korea University cheering song, everyone gets up and cheers while drinking.

This is a short reel of what you can expect:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cs8ldjIuBSP?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

FOREIGNER STARTER PACK

ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD

1. What is ARC

- a. Alien Registration Card (ARC) is an identification card for foreigners living in Korea. Think about it as your national ID. It is the single most important document to have in Korea and therefore the faster you obtain it the easier your life will be.

2. Booking

- a. Go to the website => <https://www.hikorea.go.kr/Main.pt> (click english at the top right corner)
- b. Reserve a time slot **as soon as possible**
- c. Download the application form, fill in your information.

3. On the day of the appointment bring:

- a. A filled in application form
- b. Your passport & a scan of your passport & passport size ID picture
- c. Certificate of enrollment (pick up at one stop centre)
- d. Proof of residency (if you live in the dorms it's your housing contract)
- e. 30 000 ₩ cash (35 000 ₩) if you want express delivery of your ARC to your house (we recommend this)

4. Expiry date & renewal

- a. Depending on your country of origin you may need to renew your visa after 1 year
- b. If this is your case you will receive a letter asking you to renew your visa about 3/4 months before its expiry and you will have to go through most of the process again.

5. After graduation, you can change from a D2 "studying visa" to a D10 "looking for work visa". This visa officially lasts 2 years but after the first 6 months proof of job search and bank statements will be required to renew the visa.



FOREIGNER STARTER PACK

BANK ACCOUNT

1.Types of Banks

- a. There are various banks one can choose from but the most famous ones are Kookmin Bank, Shinhan Bank, Hana Bank, and Woori Bank
- b. On campus there is a Young Hana Bank where some of its employees speak a little English. If you choose this they will open a student account for you.

2.Student accounts limitations

- a. Only one savings account is allowed & money will be automatically taken out (around 100 000₩) and put into said savings account for the first few months
- b. Limitations of 300 000 ₩ daily for the first 3 months until you ask to increase the daily limit.

3.GO WITH A KOREAN OR FLUENT SPEAKER (the student council cannot assist you <3 make Korean friends :)) 파이팅!!)



WOORI BANK



Shinhan Bank



KB



Hana Bank

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HEALTH INSURANCE (NHIS)

- **General information:**

- All D2 visa holders must sign up for the Korean National Healthcare Insurance Service (NHIS). This will be automatically done for you when you apply for your ARC
- It automatically gives you discounts when you present your ARC at the doctors
- Students pay half of its original price but it increases every year
- The first bill will make you pay for two months in one time, and then you will start paying monthly. This process will repeat if you leave the country for more than 1 month.
- The letter arrives and must be paid around the 20-25th of each month

- **Payment methods:**

- a. Presenting the letter & the necessary cash to a convenient store & asking them to do it for you
- b. Bank transfer by sending to one of the bank account numbers shown on the letter
- c. Monthly automatic payments are also feasible through the app or by calling 033-811-2000 for foreign language and 1577-1000 for Korean.
- d. If you miss the payment date you will get a small fine



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HOUSING

- On-campus housing:
 - As graduate students we have access to the Anam Global House Dormitory which is a 5 min walk away from the GSIS building.
 - The application periods are July and January of every year and lasts around 1 week.
 - There are 2 types of stays: 6 months and 4 months
 - There are 3 types of rooms:
 - "single rooms" where there is a private bedroom with a lock but with shared bathroom & shower with 1 other person
 - double rooms where there is one room containing two beds and a shared bathroom / shower with the roommate
 - triple room same thing but for 3 people
 - More information & photos can be found at <https://dorm.korea.ac.kr/front/content/11>
- Off-campus housing:
 - Finding housing off campus can be difficult especially during the peak periods (Jan - Feb) & (Jul - Aug).
 - Commonly used apps to find housing are:
 - **Dabang 다방** (<https://www.dabangapp.com>)
 - **Zigbang 직방** (<https://www.zigbang.com>)
 - Going directly to a real estate agent in the area where you want to live is recommended
 - A common technique is to look at rooms on these apps and then look at what real estate agency has the room & ask for a viewing directly to the real estate agency
 - Tip: be very careful as scams are common and make sure to bring a Korean friend with you. PS: check for mould (seriously)
 - Some KU students have taken it upon themselves to make housing for students more accessible and have created a website which gives information & listings for housing. Search "Homier" on Kakao or email at homierkorea@gmail.com

GSIS STUDENT COUNCIL CONTACT INFO

As the Spring 2024 Student Council at the Korea University Graduate School of International Studies, we hope that this booklet has been helpful in your adaptation to life in Korea and to the faculty. Throughout the semester we will be available to answer your questions and support you when necessary.



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On behalf of the student council we wish you a pleasant semester and a wonderful start to your KU GSIS adventure!

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