



# NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

## Yonsei University, South Korea

### Fast Facts:

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="#">General university website</a> <a href="#">Exchange student website</a>
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English and Korean
<b>Semester dates:</b>	Semester 1 (Fall): September to December <i>This is semester 2 in South Korea</i> Semester 2 (Spring): March to June <i>This is semester 1 in South Korea</i>
<b>Number of students currently enrolled</b>	>40,000
<b>Academic restrictions at a glance</b> <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	At Yonsei University, certain subject areas are competitive or restricted and entry is subject to meeting strict prerequisite study requirements, as well as available space. The most up to date list is <a href="#">available online</a> .
<b>General Costs</b>	Estimated cost of KWR 4,700,000 per semester. This does not include flights, visas, insurance, or personal expenses.
<b>About the University</b>	Since its creation in 1885, Yonsei University has been synonymous with international education and exchange in Asia. As the most internationalized and liberal institution of higher learning in Korea, Yonsei enjoys by far the longest history of international education in Korea with the most extensive network of exchange partners world-wide. Exchange students at Yonsei University's extensive have the opportunity to receive the best international education in Asia through its globally renowned faculty and innovative and extensive curriculum, with over 1,200 courses taught in English. Yonsei University is particularly fortunate to be situated in a spacious, quiet, and well-wooded environment with a mountain, located just inside in the centre of Seoul's metropolitan area.

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## What to expect

### Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Yonsei University, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

### Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Academics	
<b>Course Load and Credit Load</b>	<p>You are normally <b>required</b> to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the <b>International Exchange Credit Requirements</b>. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p><a href="#">Academic matters   The University of Edinburgh</a></p>
<b>Courses</b>	<p>Courses in the following faculties are available to exchange students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Liberal Arts</li><li>- Commerce and Economics</li><li>- Business</li><li>- Science</li><li>- Engineering</li><li>- Life System</li><li>- Theology</li><li>- Social Science</li><li>- Human Ecology</li><li>- Sciences in Education</li><li>- Underwood International College</li></ul>

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	<p>- Korean Language (KLI)</p> <p>More information on courses can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</b></p>
<b>Academic Restrictions</b>	<p>Students are not permitted to take courses within the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medicine / Dentistry / Nursing / Pharmacy</li> <li>- Music</li> <li>- MBA</li> <li>- Law</li> <li>- Courses offered in Songdo International Campus</li> </ul> <p>Business courses are restricted to business majors only and business students can take a maximum of four courses under the College of Business.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> These are guidelines. It is <b>your</b> responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. <b>Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</b></p>
<b>Orientation</b>	<p>Orientation usually happens in the last week of August.</p>

## Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

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**University Accommodation**

Students interested in staying at on-campus housing must submit a separate housing application as soon as it opens online. Please note that housing is not guaranteed due to limited spaces. Rooms will be served on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please refer to [this link](#).

## Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

**Tuition Fees**

While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.

Consult our webpage [here](#) and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.

**Estimated Cost of Living**

Estimated budget per semester in KRW

Housing: KRW 1,854,000

Meals: KRW 2,000,000

Books and supplies: KRW 400,000

Transportation: KRW 400,000

Personal expenses: varies, but consider mobile phone, recreation, etc.

Flights: varies

Korean national health insurance: around KRW 43,500 per month

Visa costs: varies

Total for one semester: Over KRW 4,700,000

You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.

<p><b>Insurance</b></p>	<p>All students must own health insurance that covers the period during their stay in Korea. Yonsei University does not offer health insurance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proof of health insurance must be submitted to Yonsei University. <b>Students without health insurance will not be given access to course registration.</b></li> <li>- The proof of health insurance should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Name of the insured</li> <li>▪ Period of coverage - must be valid during visiting period</li> <li>▪ Place of coverage - must be valid in Korea</li> </ul> </li> <li>- All students in Korea with the student visa (D-2) will be required to purchase the Korean National Health Insurance in addition to the travel insurance. Estimated cost is 30-40 USD/month. Detail information will be provided to the students with the admission announcement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Student Loans and Grants</b></p>	<p>Consult our <a href="#">funding webpages</a> for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>

## Other

<p><b>Passports</b></p>	<p><b>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</b></p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
<p><b>Visas</b></p>	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p><b>Yonsei advises that exchange students must apply for a “D-2-6” exchange student visa.</b></p>

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	<p>Students must submit the following documents to a local Korean Embassy or Consulate. Additional documents may be required depending on the place of residence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certificate of Admission (to be sent by Yonsei)</li> <li>2. Yonsei Business Registration Certificate (to be sent by Yonsei)</li> <li>3. Passport</li> <li>4. Visa application form</li> <li>5. Bank statement</li> <li>6. Other documents as indicated by the local consulate</li> </ol> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
<p><b>Disability Statement and Accessibility</b></p>	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: <a href="mailto:international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk">international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>