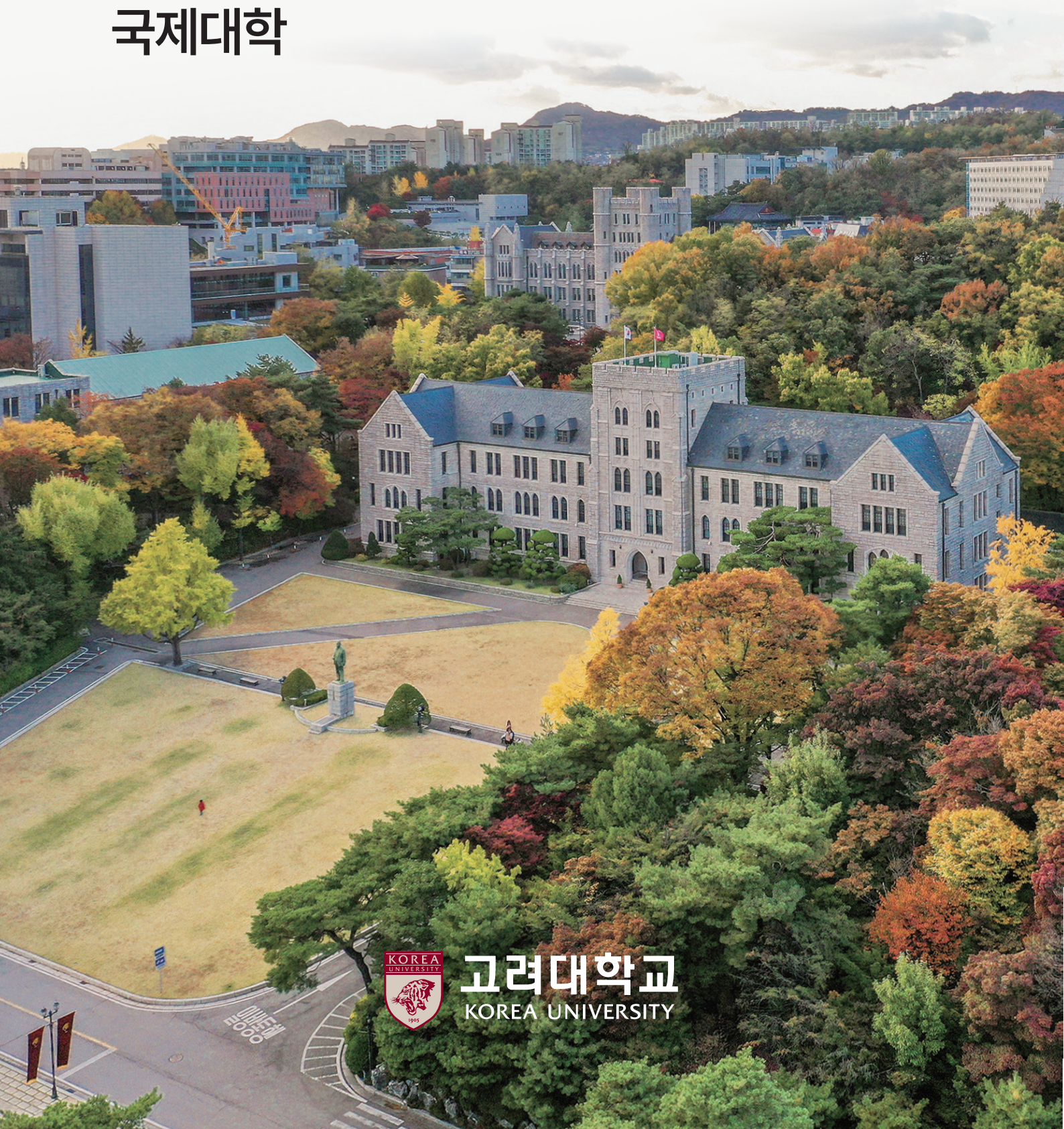


College of International Studies

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KOREA UNIVERSITY

Message from the Dean

Welcome to the College of International Studies at Korea University.

College of International Studies (CIS) offers innovative curricula and leads cutting-edge research to foster a deep understanding of global issues and deliver practical solutions. With more than 600 students from diverse national and cultural backgrounds and more than 50 lecturers with outstanding academic and field expertise, our programs are truly international in scope.

In 2002, the Division of International Studies (DIS) was launched to cultivate high-caliber students equipped with a global perspective for the 21st century. The Division of Global Korean Studies (DGKS) and the Global Open Major Division (GOMD) were established in subsequent years under KU CIS, making significant contributions in research, education and social engagement.

Today's global political economy is at a crossroads, marked by rising nationalism, protectionism, and regional security threats. Emerging challenges such as climate change, artificial intelligence, and sustainable development demand creative and forward-thinking approaches. International studies must advance across research, education, and social impact to meet these demands.

KU CIS will continue to address global challenges, shaping the future of international education and policy. I invite you to follow our journey and be part of a vibrant academic community that makes a difference.

Thank you very much.

Why Korea University CIS?



Multicultural and globally oriented learning environment



English-based education with diverse academic pathways



Distinguished faculty with global expertise



Strong opportunities for interdisciplinary learning



Access to Korea University's extensive resources and global network



Dynamic student life in the heart of Seoul

KU CIS provides an educational environment that helps students develop a global perspective and interdisciplinary thinking, preparing them to become future leaders.

Through a multicultural student community, internationally engaged faculty, English-based instruction, and diverse academic programs, students develop critical thinking, cross-cultural understanding, and excellent communication skills.

Drawing on Korea University's rich academic resources, global networks, and dynamic Seoul campus environment, KU CIS cultivates students' ability to understand, engage with, and lead the world.

World-Class Faculty

Drawing on expertise across global affairs, Korean studies, development, and security, KU CIS faculty combine academic excellence with practical insight to foster students' critical thinking and global awareness.



More than 50 lecturers with
a wide range of expertise

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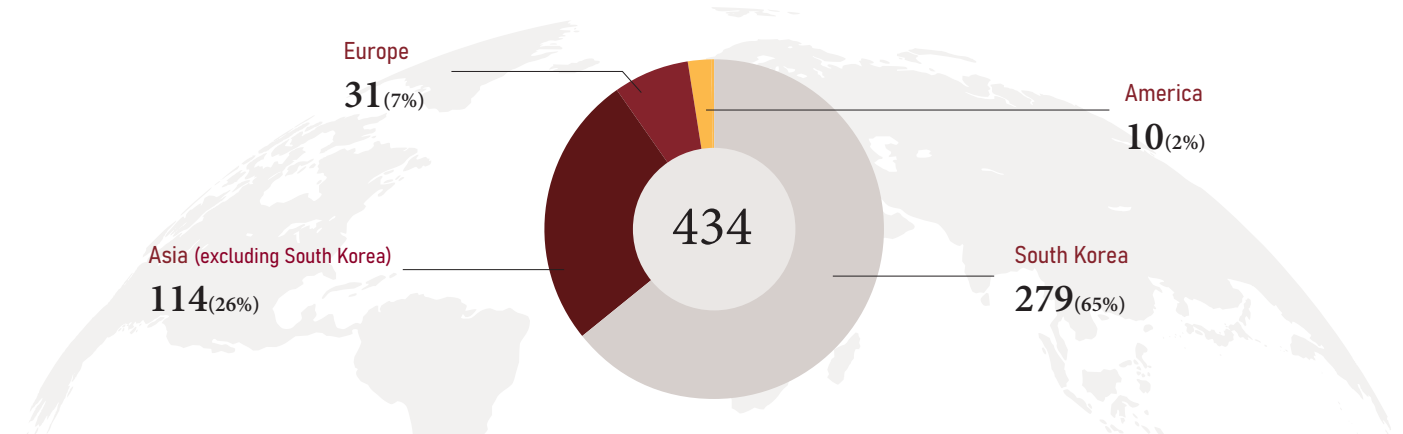


Full time professors

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Number of Students (DIS & DGKS)



Division of International Studies (DIS)

Educational Goal		
Innovative Talents to Pave the Way for the Post-Globalization Era	Leaders Who Transcend Boundaries	Analytical Minds Interdisciplinary Skills

DIS Concentration

The concentration system was introduced in 2023 to strengthen both basic competency and specialized, in-depth education.

International Commerce (IC)

The International Commerce concentration aims to train international trade experts by providing an innovative and specialized curriculum to explore topics such as international trade and finance, international management and investment, and economic development through international economic cooperation.

International Politics (IP)

The International Politics concentration provides rigorous policy-related courses in global politics. The IP concentration covers foreign policy, conflict and security studies, and international cooperation. Students also explore human rights, humanitarianism, and global challenges such as climate change and the environment.

International Development & Cooperation (IDC)

The International Development & Cooperation concentration provides students with a strong foundation in development studies and global cooperation. Through courses on issues such as poverty, inequality, education, gender, human rights, sustainability, climate, and international law, students gain both professional knowledge and a broad understanding of how global actors address today's development challenges.

Division of Global Korean Studies (DGKS)

Educational Goal



A deep understanding and reflection on contemporary Korea within the world and the world within contemporary Korea



Creative and interdisciplinary exploration of Korean Studies based on humanities literacy and social science analytical skills

Korean Politics and External Relations

Students examine Korea’s political development and its role in regional and global affairs. Through the study of institutions, diplomacy, and security, they gain a deeper understanding of Korea’s evolving place in the world.

Korea’s Economy and Trade

Students explore Korea’s remarkable economic transformation and its expanding presence in the global economy. By studying trade, investment, and industrial development, they develop insight into Korea’s economic dynamism and international relevance.

Korean Society and Culture

Students engage with the richness and complexity of Korean society through the study of history, culture, media, and social change. By exploring the interplay between tradition and modernity, they gain a broader understanding of Korea in a global context.



GOMD (Global Open Major Division)

Educational Goal

International students in Global Open Major can explore diverse academic fields during their first year before choosing a major. The Division offers specialized courses, cultural learning, departmental workshops, and academic advising to help students decide their majors.

Students can experience a multicultural learning environment, hands-on student activities, and access to KU’s extensive global network, while living in a dynamic city of Seoul where tradition, technical innovation, and globalization meet.

Major Application Process

First-year Global Open Major

First-year tailored foundational education for international students before major assignment



Program (DIS & DGKS)



Microdegree

Microdegree programs upon completion of a minimum of 12 credits

- International Organizations and Governance
- Data Science for International Studies
- Global Financial Markets
- Global Digital Trade
- Environment and International Development

Internships

KU CIS actively coordinates internship opportunities for students. The internship program offers placements across a variety of institutions and corporations such as UNICEF, UNDP and international NGOs as well as other public and private agencies. Students are able to gain firsthand experience in the working of government and business organizations. Students who participate in and meet a minimum number of working hours can be awarded academic credits.

Combined Bachelor's-Master's Degree Program

KU CIS offers a combined bachelor's-master's degree program through which its undergraduate students can complete their master's degree six months earlier than the standard duration.

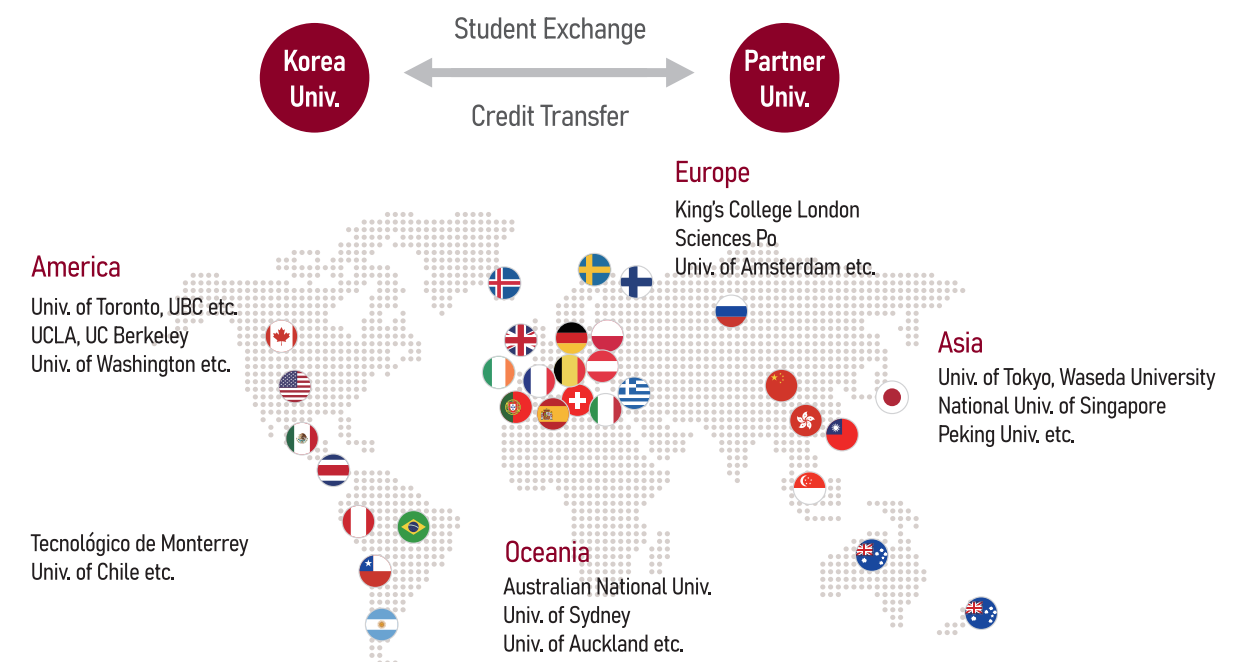
Freshman Mentoring Seminar

All CIS freshmen are assigned to a mentoring seminar, where a faculty member serves as their personal mentor. This allows students to discuss and consult with KU CIS faculty members about their study visions and career path.

Student Exchange Program

Through Korea University's Student Exchange Program (SEP), students can study at a partner university for one semester up to one year. During this time, students pay KU tuition, remain officially enrolled, and earn academic credits toward their KU degree.

KU has made Student Exchange Agreements with many prestigious universities in the world, approximately 1,000 partner schools in over 100 countries. KU's SEP helps students develop global competencies by providing a unique opportunity to live and study overseas.



Scholarships

KU CIS guarantees equal educational opportunities to help all students achieve their dreams and realize their full academic potential. Our comprehensive scholarship system offers practical assistance to students facing financial difficulties.

CIS Students can apply for a variety of scholarships, including university scholarships, external scholarships, and endowment scholarships based on factors such as household income bracket and academic performance.

CIS Exclusive Scholarships

Seongjae Scholarship

A fixed amount of 3,500,000 KRW and a scholarship certificate will be awarded to a maximum of two students per semester.

DIS Endowment Scholarship

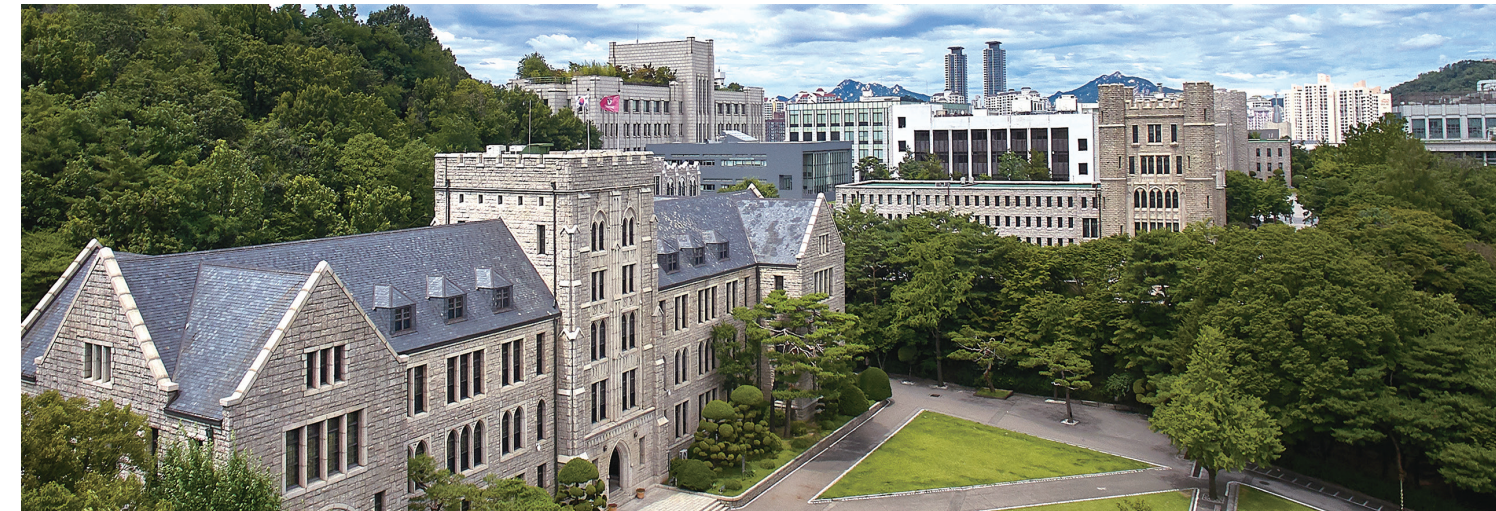
A fixed amount of 2,500,000 KRW

Student Activities

Learning at KU CIS extends beyond the classroom. Students from diverse national and cultural backgrounds participate in seminars, special lectures, academic events, student-led projects, and cultural activities.

Through these experiences, students expand their knowledge, exchange perspectives on global issues, and develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. Student councils and societies also offer valuable opportunities to build lasting friendships with students from around the world.

KU CIS is a dynamic community where students learn, connect, and grow together.



Alumni Pathways

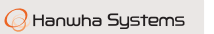
Graduates of KU CIS build careers across the public sector (government, public agencies, international organizations), the private sector (Trans-National Corporations, financial companies, consulting firms), research (universities, think tanks), and media and NGOs.

Gyubin Cho | Kia Corporation



“KU CIS provided a warm and welcoming community that truly felt like family. The professors were incredibly supportive and always encouraged me to visit during office hours with any questions. My classmates were equally kind and approachable, making it easy to form meaningful and lasting friendships with students from around the world.”

Chae Hyun Yoo | Hanwha Systems



“KU CIS opened my eyes to the diverse landscape of international conflicts and global relations, giving me a foundation that continues to shape me in the corporate world.”

Sang-min Lee | Ministry of Foreign Affairs



“I believe one of the most meaningful aspects of my education at DIS was that it helped me maintain and strengthen my foreign language skills while preparing for a career in diplomacy, where language proficiency is critically important.”

Lee Ga-hee, DIS Alumna | AMAZON



“One of the greatest strengths of the Division of International Studies was the flexibility it offered. Students could choose tracks and courses based on their interests and gradually shape their own path through graduation.”

Admissions

Korea University offers a range of admission pathways throughout the year for both domestic and international applicants.

For more information on admission eligibility and application procedures, please visit the Korea University Admissions website or QR codes below.

Standard Admission



<https://oku.korea.ac.kr>

Special Admission
- International Students



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