

Soongsil University

S o o n g s i l U n i v e r s i t y

International

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01 Welcome

Dear Students;

It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you on your journey. Studying abroad cannot only be challenging but also an extremely rewarding experience, and one you will never forget.

You probably have many questions about coming to study in a new country. Therefore, this guide has been designed to answer your many questions and help you prepare for your journey at Soongsil. We want to assure you that both the university staff and students will be available to assist you.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Office of International Relations

Soongsil University International Programs

02 Soongsil University

Soongsil University is a private, Christian university located in Seoul, Korea. Since its establishment in 1897 in Pyongyang by an American missionary, Dr. William M. Baird (1862-1931), Soongsil University has played a leading role in the Korean national movement while also serving as a pioneer in the specialization and diversification of Korean education.

Throughout Soongsil University's over one hundred and ten year history, it has endeavored to preserve its founding philosophy of 'Truth and Service.' A philosophy derived indirectly from its name; Soong (崇), roughly meaning revering God with Sil (實), truth and integrity. Starting from its roots in Dr. Baird's residence, Soongsil University strives to make every effort to provide quality education and services to its students, focusing specifically on cultivating global leaders and competent professionals who can lead Korea into the twenty-first century. It is under this guiding principle that Soongsil's tradition is cemented.





Location



Quick Facts

School Motto Truth and Service

Established 1897

Student Enrollment Undergraduate: 14,000,
Graduate: 3,000, International Students: 2,000

Faculty Approximately 1,200

Location Seoul, Korea

Website www.ssu.ac.kr



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Korea and Seoul

● Korea

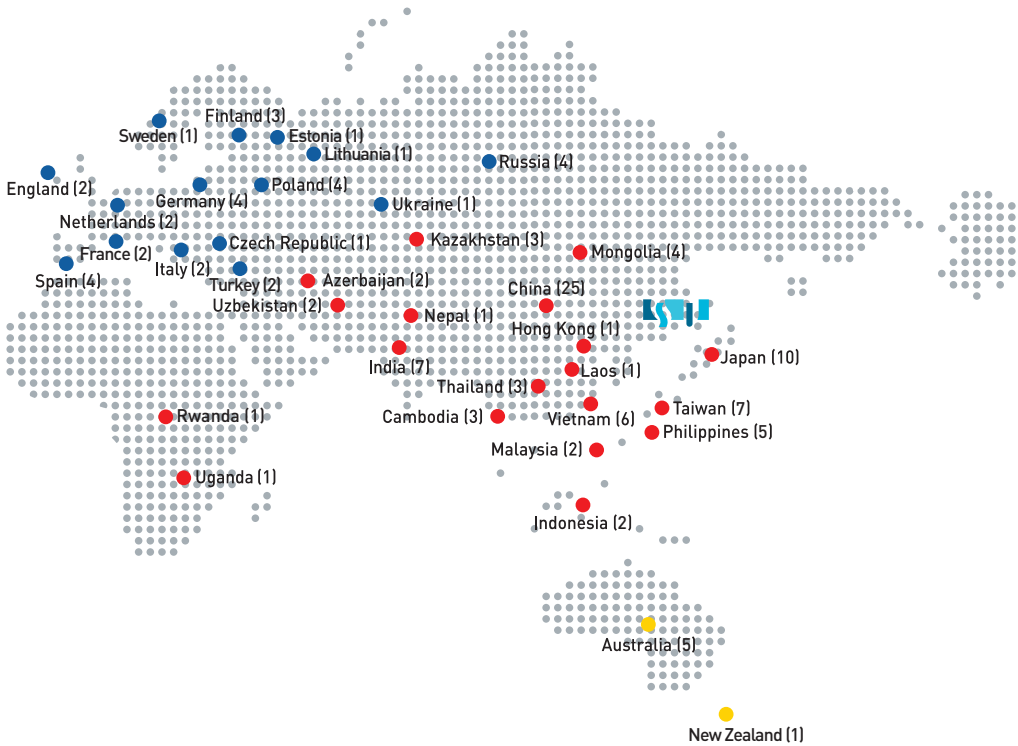
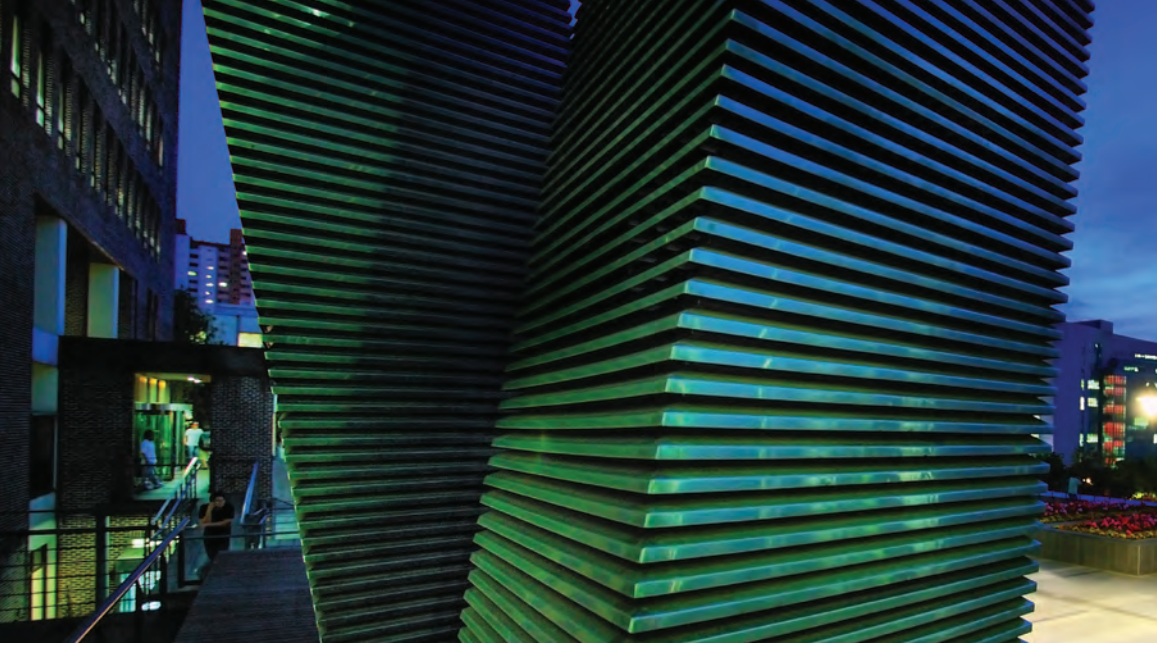
Part of the beauty of Korea is provided by its history. Squeezed as it is between its bigger neighbors, Korea has survived invasions, wars and colonial rule, while remaining fiercely distinct. In modern times, the peninsula was first known as the Hermit Kingdom because of its nineteenth century policy of retreating from foreign investment. It was not until the 1988 Summer Olympics, in Seoul, that Koreans burst into the international scene as a world player. In two short weeks, millions of viewers around the world saw Korea as it is – a modern and vibrant nation, with a long and rich cultural heritage, coming of age as an economic and political power. Today, part of Korea's attraction is its pulsating modernity. In Seoul, the country's capital for 600 years, skyscrapers reach towards the heavens and traffic jams stall the human race below. Yet, South Korea is also a country swathed in green, with numerous mountains scattered across the peninsula.



● Seoul

The city was founded in 1394, when it became the capital of the Chosun Dynasty (1392-1910). Traces of the Chosun Dynasty, honored for its cultural achievements and other accomplishments, are still prominent features of the city's landscape and add to the color and charm of this thriving cosmopolitan city. As the financial, political, commercial, recreational, educational, and cultural center of Korea, Seoul is home to major domestic and international corporations, banks, government offices, leading schools and universities, theaters, and entertainment facilities. Thus, Soongsil University's location in Seoul gives students an excellent opportunity to learn about Korea in many different contexts.







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International Partner Universities

175 Partner Universities in over 50 Countries Partnership with 7 Organizations

Partner Universities

Asia [86]: China (25), Japan (10), Taiwan (7), India (7), Vietnam (6), Mongolia (4), Kazakhstan (3), Cambodia (3), Thailand (3), Philippines (5), Malaysia (2), Azerbaijan (2), Uzbekistan (2), Indonesia (2), Hong Kong (1), Nepal (1), Laos (1), Turkey (2)

Europe [31]: Russia (4), Poland (4), Finland (3), The Netherlands (2), Germany (4), Spain (4), Italy (2), Lithuania (1), England (2), Ukraine (1), Czech Republic (1), France (2), Sweden (1),

North America [42]: America (38), Mexico (2), Canada (2)

South America [8]: Brazil (4) Ecuador (2), Argentina (1), Peru (1)

Oceania [6]: Australia (5), New Zealand (1)

Africa [2]: Uganda (1), Rwanda (1)

Partner Organizations:

- ACUCA (Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia)
- UMAP (University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific)
- SAF (Study Abroad Foundation)
- IIE (Institute of International Education)
- PresNet (President Network)
- UB (United Board of Christian Higher Education)
- ISEP (International Student Exchange Program)



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Undergraduate and Graduate Programs



Undergraduate

College	Majors
Humanities	Christian Studies, Korean Language & Literature, English Language & Literature, German Language & Literature, French Language & Literature, Chinese Language & Literature, Japanese Studies & Linguistics, Philosophy, History, Lifelong Education, Creative Writing, Sport for All Studies
Natural Sciences	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Statistics and Actuarial Science, Bioinformatics & Life Science, Medical-biosystematics
Law	Law, Global Law
Social Sciences	Social Welfare, Public Administration, Political Science & International Relations, Information Sociology, Journalism, PRs and Advertising
Economics and International Commerce	Economics, Global Commerce
Business Administration	Business Administration, Entrepreneurship & Small Business, Accounting
Engineering	Chemical Engineering, Organic Materials and Fiber Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Industrial & Information Systems Engineering, Architecture
Information Technology	Computer Science and Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Media
Finance	Finance
Core & Specialized Education	Division of Arts & Sciences Major (Self-directed Studies Program), Division of Sciences & Engineering Major (Self-directed Studies Program)



Graduate (Masters/Doctorate)

College	Majors
Humanities & Social Sciences	Korean Language & Literature, English Language & Literature, German Language & Literature, French Language & Literature, Chinese Language & Literature, Japanese Studies & Linguistics, Philosophy, History, Lifelong Education, Sport for All Studies, Creative Writing, Christian Studies, Law, Social Welfare, Public Administration, Political Science & Diplomacy, Journalism, PRs and Advertising, Information Sociology, Business Administration, Project Management, Economics, International Trade, Accounting, Venture & Entrepreneurship
Natural Sciences	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Statistics and Actuarial Science, Bioinformatics & Life Science, Chemistry (Collaboration with Korea Research Institute of Chemical Technology)
Engineering	Chemical & Environmental Engineering, Organic Materials and Fiber Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Industrial & Information Systems Engineering, Architecture, Information & Telecommunication Engineering, Interior Design, Computer Science and Engineering, Digital Media, Digital Broadcasting
Interdisciplinary Studies	IT Policy Management, Cultural Contents
Specialized Graduate Program	Industry, Small Business, Information Sciences, Labor & Industrial Relations, Social Welfare, Education, Christian Studies, Global Business



◎ Exchange Student Program

Soongsil University accepts students from over 170 international partner universities for up to 2 semesters. The program provides international exchange students with a unique opportunity to continue their current studies at their home university in either English or Korean overseas. In addition, students can take leveled evening Korean language classes and participate in a monthly cultural event both of which aim to help students gain more knowledge and insight into their host country. Finally, with the addition of the Soongsil International Student Association (SISO), international exchange students are well equipped to adjust easily to Korean culture and the hectic pace of life in Seoul and studying abroad.

◎ Dual/Joint Degree Program

Soongsil University offers several dual or joint degree programs with its partner universities in the United States of America; New York State University at Stony Brook, the University of Cincinnati, Towson University, and Washington University; as well as China's Tianjin Normal University, Shandong University of Science & Technology, and Yanbian University. Soongsil University plans to offer more dual or joint degree programs to its students in the near future.



◎ Cultural Exchange Programs

■ Korean Studies Program

Every summer since 1995, about 20 Meiji Gakuin University students have attended a 4-week Korean language program on Soongsil campus. Students from Soongsil are paired with visiting Japanese students and help them understand and learn Korean language and culture better.

■ International Student Seminar

Soongsil University runs an International Student Seminar with three countries and three universities such as Osaka University of Economics & Law (Japan), Fudan University (China), and Far Eastern National University (Russia). All participants are given opportunities to understand current Asian issues, and are exposed to one another's culture through discussions and experiences by visiting two or three of the countries taking part in the program.

■ Soongsil – Cincinnati Program

Honors students from the University of Cincinnati visit Soongsil University for 8 days during the summer break. Along with current Soongsil students, they discuss current issues, attend lectures, and visit industrial and cultural sites, aiming to build stronger ties and understanding between the two nations.

■ Soongsil International Ambassadors (SIA)

Soongsil International Ambassadors are current Soongsil student volunteers, who provide a variety of services to international visitors while they are visiting Soongsil's campus. They assist visitors with transportation needs and provide them with answers to everyday questions such as cultural clarification during their time at Soongsil.

■ Soongsil International Student Organization (SISO)

This organization has been designed to help all exchange students adjust to a new academic environment and Korean culture. It is composed of 40 current Soongsil students, whose main goal is to function as a resource for all international students both on and off campus. They are willing and able to answer all types of questions from obtaining a cell phone to figuring out where classes are on campus, and at your disposal.





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Exchange Student Program

Application Process

Required Documents

- Application for Admission
- Three passport sized photos (color)
- A transcript of academic records
- Copy of your passport identity page
- Statement of Purpose

Application Deadline

- Spring Semester : November 15
- Fall Semester : May 15

Academics

Academic Year

The Academic year starts on March 2 and ends mid December. It is divided into a Spring and Fall semester.

	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Classes start	March 2	September 1
Add/Drop Period	The first week of March	The first week of September
Drop Period	The third week of March	The third week of September
Mid-term week	8th week of Semester (mid April)	8th week of Semester (mid October)
Final week	16th week of Semester (mid June)	16th week of Semester (mid December)

Credits

Exchange students can take up to 19 credits per semester. Normally, one course is awarded 2 to 3 credits.

■ Korean Language Course

All international students are offered leveled Korean language classes in the evening free of charge. These classes provide students with an excellent opportunity to improve their Korean language skills and understand Korean culture. They will help students understand and use familiar expressions in everyday situations, which will help them make real life connections in Korea outside of the classroom.

■ Courses in English

Approximately 15% of all courses taught at Soongsil University are in English. While, Korean is used in the majority of departments, there are several programs in which a large majority of the classes are taught only in English: Lifelong Education, Christian Studies, English Language and Literature, Business Management, and Media.

■ Asian Studies Program

The Asian Studies Program has been developed specifically with international students in mind. It is designed for those students who are interested in learning or increasing their knowledge of Asian culture and history. Focusing specifically on Korean history and culture both past and present, students will gain a greater understanding of Korea; its people and history, thus encouraging students to experience Korea from the inside. Students are offered courses at no extra cost. All courses are taught in English, and are offered both Spring and Fall Semesters. Upon completing a minimum of six courses, students, who have obtained a GPA of 2.5, will be awarded a certificate.

Course list:

- Understanding Korean Society
- Korean Arts and Culture
- Introduction to Politics in East Asia
- History of Korea
- Applying Introductory Economics to the Real World
- Social Networking and Popular Culture
- Global Issues
- Introduction to Management
- Understanding East Asian Culture



■ Grading System

The Grade Point Average is the weighted sum of the grade points earned, divided by the number of courses in which the grade points were earned. The cumulative grade point average, which normally appears at the end of a transcript, is based on all courses taken at the University for which grades have been assigned. Generally, individual courses are graded as follows:

Letter Grade	Grade Point Value	Percentage	Description
A+ / A0 / A-	4.5 / 4.3 / 4.0	100-97 / 96-94 / 93-90	Excellent
B+ / B0 / B-	3.5 / 3.3 / 3.0	89-87 / 86-84 / 83-80	Good
C+ / C0 / C-	2.5 / 2.3 / 2.0	79-77 / 76-74 / 73-70	Adequate
D+ / D0 / D-	1.5 / 1.3 / 1.0	69-67 / 66-64 / 63-60	Marginal
F	0	59-0	Inadequate

■ Transcripts

Final grades will be available within one month of classes finishing. The official transcript will be mailed to the International Office at your home university.



◎ Exchange Student Scholarship Program

■ Soongsil Exchange Student Scholarships

Since studying abroad can be a financial burden for some students, we have developed several scholarships to counterbalance this. The scholarships not only aim to relieve some of your burden but also provide you with some practical experience.

Housing Waiver	Living in the apartment or Soongsil Residence Hall for a semester Up to 1,150,000 Korean Won
Peer Mentoring	Passing on their native language skills and culture to fellow classmates 96 hours per semester (6 hours/week) for up to 5 Soongsil students 1,440,000 Korean Won
Internship	Working in one of several offices on campus for a semester 160 hours per semester (10 hours/week) 800,000 Korean Won

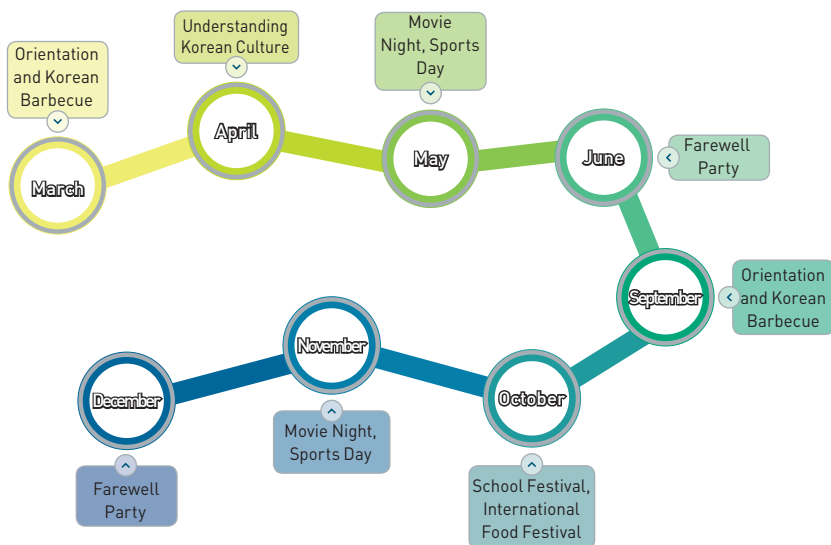
■ ASEM DUO scholarship (DUO-Korea)

Established in 2001, the DUO-Korea Fellowship Program was developed to promote exchanges between Korea and European countries on a balanced basis, and thus require two students to be involved in the exchange, one Korean national student from Soongsil and another from a sister university in Europe. Students may either be an undergraduate or a graduate student, who are currently enrolled in the universities participating. Application period is usually mid-April through mid-May for the following year, and allow for only a single semester exchange. See the website for further information on how to apply, however, please be aware that applications must be submitted but Soongsil University's International Relations Office on behalf of the students and both institutes. <http://www.asemduo.org/>



◉ Monthly Cultural Activities

To help you make the most of your experience at Soongsil, we have planned monthly informal hands-on activities for you to get the most out of your stay and engage more in Korean culture and enjoy some of the best of Korea.



◉ Soongsil International Student Organization (SISO)

The SISO was established to help facilitate and provide international exchange students with a more dynamic Korean experience. By separating the organization into four specific teams (planning, on-campus support, off-campus support, and public relations), we are able to provide exchange students with much more precise information, and can then cater and broaden programs as needs arise.

⦿ Before Departure

Visa Issuance

Please make sure that you have obtained your D-2 visa from the Korean consulate or embassy in your home country.

To apply for a D-2 student visa, you must submit:

- Application form (available at www.hikorea.go.kr)
- Passport
- Visa processing fee
- Certificate of Admission
- Bank Statement or a scholarship certificate proving that you maintain a minimum balance or have a scholarship certificate to receive visa
- Two color photos of the applicant (3.5cm X 4.5cm)
- Other documents required by the Korean consulate

■ Health Insurance

Health Insurance is mandatory for all international exchange students. You are required to have health insurance which covers the entire length of your stay in Korea.

It is also important to make sure that all of your immunizations are up to date. Please visit your health care provider before coming to Korea to check and update as needed.

■ Airport Pick-up Service

Please inform us at least two weeks prior to your departure when you will arrive in Seoul, so we can make all the necessary arrangements. A member of the Soongsil International Student Organization (SISO) will meet you at the airport and accompany you to your accommodation. We suggest you follow the dormitory (Soongsil Residence Hall) or apartment move-in-schedule, which is generally 3 or 4 days before classes begin.





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Life at Soongsil



◉ Accommodation

All exchange students are advised to live in either the Soongsil Residence hall or one of the Asian-style apartments available within walking distance from campus.

■ Dormitory [<http://ssudorm.ssu.ac.kr>]

The new state-of-the-art dormitory offers single sex housing, meaning one side is female and the other is male with separate entrances, on 12 floors of modern living and accommodates over 1,400 students. The choices range from single to shared rooms with en suite bathrooms, and common rooms on each floor. Other on-site facilities include a small gym, a cafeteria, a convenience store, laundry facilities and a post office. All rooms have direct internet access.



◎ Room Type

■ Single Occupancy



■ Double Occupancy



Dormitory Schedule

Spring	Fall	Vacation
Late February ~ Mid June	Late August ~ Mid December	Summer: Late June ~ Mid August Winter: Late December ~ Mid February

Dormitory Fees

(unit: Korean won)

	Semester (16weeks)			Semester + Vacation (24weeks)		
	Dorm Fee	Deposit	Total	Dorm Fee	Deposit	Total
Single	1,900,000	100,000	2,000,000	2,850,000	100,000	2,950,000
Doubles	1,160,000	100,000	1,260,000	1,750,000	100,000	1,840,000
Quadruples	935,000	100,000	1,035,000	1,400,000	100,000	1,500,000

■ Apartment [Off-Campus Housing]

There are several apartments available for sharing within a short walking distance from campus. They provide all the essentials for self-catering and a more Korean style of living as the sleeping areas do not contain western style beds but rather the more traditional sleeping mat and bedding with shared bathroom facilities.

Accommodation Schedule

Spring	Fall	Vacation
Late February ~ Mid June	Late August ~ Mid December	Summer: Late June ~ Mid August Winter: Late December ~ Mid February

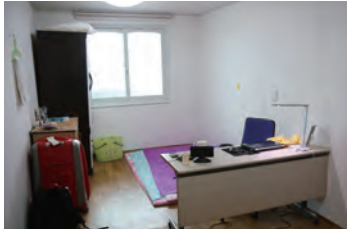
Accommodation Fees

(unit: Korean won)

Semester (16weeks)	Semester + Vacation (24weeks)
700,000	1,100,000

◎ Room Type

Four Bedrooms



Desk, Chair, Wardrobe racks

Living Room



Sofa, TV, Air Conditioner, Wireless Router

Kitchen [Dining Area]



Table, Chairs, Microwave, Stove top, Refrigerator, Dishes, Utensils, Washing Machine, Trash Can

■ **Food on campus**

There are several eating options available on campus for staff and students. The first is the newly designed main cafeteria located in the Student Union Building, which can seat over 700 people, and has a wonderful view of the new outdoor field and stadium. Daily Korean menu choices are displayed in the lobby, and a weekly list can be found on the internet through the cafeteria's website (<http://www.soongguri.com/inc.php?inc=weekly/weekly>). It is open weekly for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Saturdays for breakfast and lunch only, and closed on Sundays. Prices range is from 1,000 KRW to 8,000 KRW. A second choice is The Kitchen located on the first floor of the Computer Science Institute. It offers a more western style menu of pizza, pastas and salads. It is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For those living in the dormitory, there is a smaller cafeteria located on the first floor offering daily Korean menu items for breakfast, lunch and dinner, 7 days a week.



■ **Gyms**

There is a gym located in Jo Man Shik Building. Please inform us in advance if you are interested in using the facilities. It will cost approximately 50,000KRW for a semester. It is open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 9PM and Saturday from 9AM to 6PM. If you are living in the Soongsil Residence Hall, there is a small gym located in the basement. It will cost you 35, 000 won and you can register for it upon your arrival at the office. Check with them for more details on operating hours and access.

■ Student Clubs

There is a great variety of student clubs available on campus ranging from academics, religion, art, creative arts, sports, and volunteerism to name a few. Joining one can provide you with a diverse and rewarding experience outside of your regular school curricula, and is a great opportunity to meet others with similar interests. If you are interested in joining a club, talk to a representative from SISO, and they can help you.

Academic Study Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kyoungkwan ■ Era of National Division ■ Arirang ■ KUSA ■ Korean Society Study Club ■ Young Korean Academy ■ Kiwoo Club ■ Playing Town ■ Dasalisalpan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baramgaebie ■ SALC ■ SSCC ■ Astroscience Study Club ■ TIME ■ HAM ■ AIESEC ■ Soongsil Study Club ■ Multimedia Study club
Collaborative Work Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Cooperation ■ Farming Club ■ Eori Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clubs for Helping Children ■ Howu Club
Performance Art division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dumey ■ Standing people ■ Sorimaeul (SOMA) ■ Soongsil University Drama Club ■ Soongsil Folklore Study Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ English Drama Club ■ Black Saint ■ Pandoori ■ Jeocdaejaebi ■ Damrakjae
Creative art division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dahyung Literature club ■ Bicnuri ■ Silmaek Literature Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Younseo Club ■ Youngsawie ■ Painters' village: Art
Christian Activity Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catholic Students' Club ■ Korea Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (I.V.F.) ■ Navigators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ C.B.A. ■ C.C.C. ■ I.V.F. ■ J.O.Y.
Sports Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Soongsil Amateur Basketball Club ■ Soongsil Shooting Club ■ Hiking Club ■ Skin-scuba Diving Club ■ Amateur soccer Club ■ Soongsil Amateur Baseball club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Taekwondo club ■ Soongsil Tennis club ■ Archery Club ■ Through Rays of Lights ■ Fencing Club
Registered Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Blue Sky ■ Soriboim ■ Rotaract ■ 4S ■ Charisma ■ Hapgido club ■ WEM 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Youth With A Mission ■ CAM ■ Da P.I.S. ■ Youbless ■ Player ■ Jazzle ■ Penjikkos





☉ Climate

Korea has four distinct seasons; spring, summer, fall and winter. Summers are generally hot and very humid with monsoons taking place from June until August. August, the hottest month, has an average temperature of 22°C to 30°C with higher temperatures possible. Winters are often very cold with an average January temperature of -7°C to 1°C and snow is likely to occur and is much drier than the summers.

☉ Public Transportation

Soongsil University has its own designated subway station, and is a convenient and easy way to explore Seoul. There are also numerous buses moving north, south, east and west of campus. Fares for both are very reasonable, 1,100 KRW, and operate from early morning until just after midnight with limited service on major holidays.

Estimated Living Expenses

Budget Items	Estimated Costs
Housing and Utilities	200,000 ~
Food	250,000 ~
Transportation	50,000 ~
Books and School Supplies	200,000/ Semester

National Holidays

	2012	2013	2014
New Year's Day	January 1	January 1	January 1
Seollal (Lunar New Year)	January 22-24	February 9- 11	January 30- February 1
Independence Day	March 1	March 1	March 1
Children's Day	May 5	May 5	May 5
Buddha's Birthday	May 28	May 17	May 6
Memorial Day	June 6	June 6	June 6
Liberation Day	August 15	August 15	August 15
Chuseok	September 29 - October 1	September 18-20	September 7-9
National Foundation Day	October 3	October 3	October 3
Christmas Day	December 25	December 25	December 25

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