



**KOREA  
UNIVERSITY**



## **Degree Programmes**

This study placement is available for all Students at Aston.

Number of Places: 8-10

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

## **Application Process**

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

**Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.**

## The University

Korea University  
Anam-Dong  
Seongbuk-gu  
Seoul, 136-701  
Korea



**Korea University** is located in central Seoul, the capital of Korea, with a secondary campus in Jochiwon, and is regarded as one of the most prestigious universities in Korea. It was founded in 1905 as the first modern higher education institutes in Korea, and consists of 81 academic departments in 15 colleges and 75 research institutes. There are currently over 30,000 students enrolled at undergraduate and graduate level.

Incoming exchange students can only study at the main campus, Anam campus located in Seoul, and not in Jochiwon campus which is as far as 2.5 hrs south of Seoul.

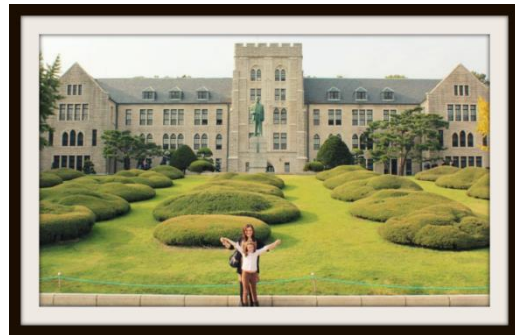
Korea University is one of the so-called “SKY” universities, the three most prestigious universities in Korea(the nickname is derived from the first letter of each of their names)

The University campus includes a post office, bank, gift shop, hairdresser, bookshop, convenience stores, restaurants, as well as sports facilities.

[University website](#)

## What it is like to study at Korea University

“I am taking part in the Student Exchange Programme at Korea University, South Korea where I am taking classes which relate directly to my course at Aston as well as learning Korean Language. I am living in Korean Gositel which is just like student accommodation and has given me the chance to meet other exchange students.



Being an exchange student is amazing because there are just so many things to do and enjoy! I have made friends from all over the globe including Korea, America, Singapore, Australia and Mexico. Being here has given me the skills

to communicate with people from all different nationalities and backgrounds. I don't think that anything could replace the experiences I have had here, and I will always cherish the memories I have made." Roberta Smith, BSc English Language

## Location

**Time difference:** GMT + 9 hours

Seoul is the largest city in Korea with a population of over 10 million people. It is located on the Han River in the North West of the country. Although a very ancient city, in recent years it has played a key role in Korea's economic development, and has been referred to as the "Miracle on the Han River".



Some of the world's leading corporations, including Samsung, Hyundai and Kia Motors, have their headquarters in Seoul.

The nearest international airport to the university is the Incheon International Airport, which is about an hour's ride by taxi from Korea University. An airport pick-up service is available, if requested in advance, at a cost of about £30.

## Semester/key dates

Fall semester: Beginning of September to mid- December
→(Exams in October and December)
Spring semester: Beginning of March to mid- June
→(Exams in April and June)

## Courses Available

More than 30% of business modules are taught in English. If students wish to take a module taught in Korean it will be necessary to take a Korean language proficiency test.

Module descriptions can be found on the [website](#).

Teaching is by means of lectures, seminars, discussions, presentations, case studies and projects. Attendance is mandatory. Participating in discussions and presentations is factored into students' final grades.

The majority of classes have fewer than 35 students per class.

## Workload:

12-19 credits (typical course load: 15-17 credits)

Credit system: 3 credits = 3 hours per week, 16 weeks per semester.

## Living in Korea

- **Accommodation**

Students can apply for on-campus accommodation after they have been admitted, not at the time of application submission.

- **Living Costs**

International Student Residences (variable): minimum KRW 780,000 per semester (approximately £420)

- **Meals**

Meals can be purchased at student cafeterias at a cost of approximately £2 per meal. A food budget of about £140 per month should be adequate;

- **Textbooks**

KRW 100,000 per semester (approximately £55)

Personal expenses (variable): KRW200,000 per semester (approximately £110)

- **Health Insurance**

ALL students MUST submit a copy of private health insurance once they are admitted to KU.

## KOREA UNIVERSITY Scholarship

Scholarships are available to incoming exchange students, based on academic merits as well as financial needs. Proof of financial status must be sent with the application packet.

## **Korea University Buddy Assistance (KUBA)**

A buddy assistance programme is available, in which local students help exchange students to become familiar with the campus and the city.

There are also language/cultural exchange programmes and international events, as well as field trips and a city tour of Seoul for all new exchange students.

Students coming to KU through the university-wide agreement will be taken care of by the Office of International Affairs. Incoming information as well as their admission packages will therefore be sent to them by the Office of International Affairs.

### [Useful information for students](#)

→ Campus Life → Reference Room

## **Next steps if you are successful**

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. Application forms required:
  - Statement of purpose (study plan, including statement of financial needs) (see section on “Scholarship” above)
  - Reference letter
  - Academic transcript
  - Copy of passport
  - 2 passport size photos
  - CV (recommended)

**An admissions packet will be sent by Korea University which contains arrival information and information required for the entry visa.**

4. Read the Study Plan available on Blackboard from June
5. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

## Visa

Students are required to make their own arrangements with the relevant office of the Korean Embassy for obtaining an entry visa. There will be an arrangement fee for this.

Please make sure you have an up to date passport before applying to study at Korea University School of Business.

The website of the [Korean Embassy](#) in London.

Visa applications may require additional medical check (e.g x-rays scans)

## Careers + Placements

[www.aston.ac.uk/careers](http://www.aston.ac.uk/careers)

