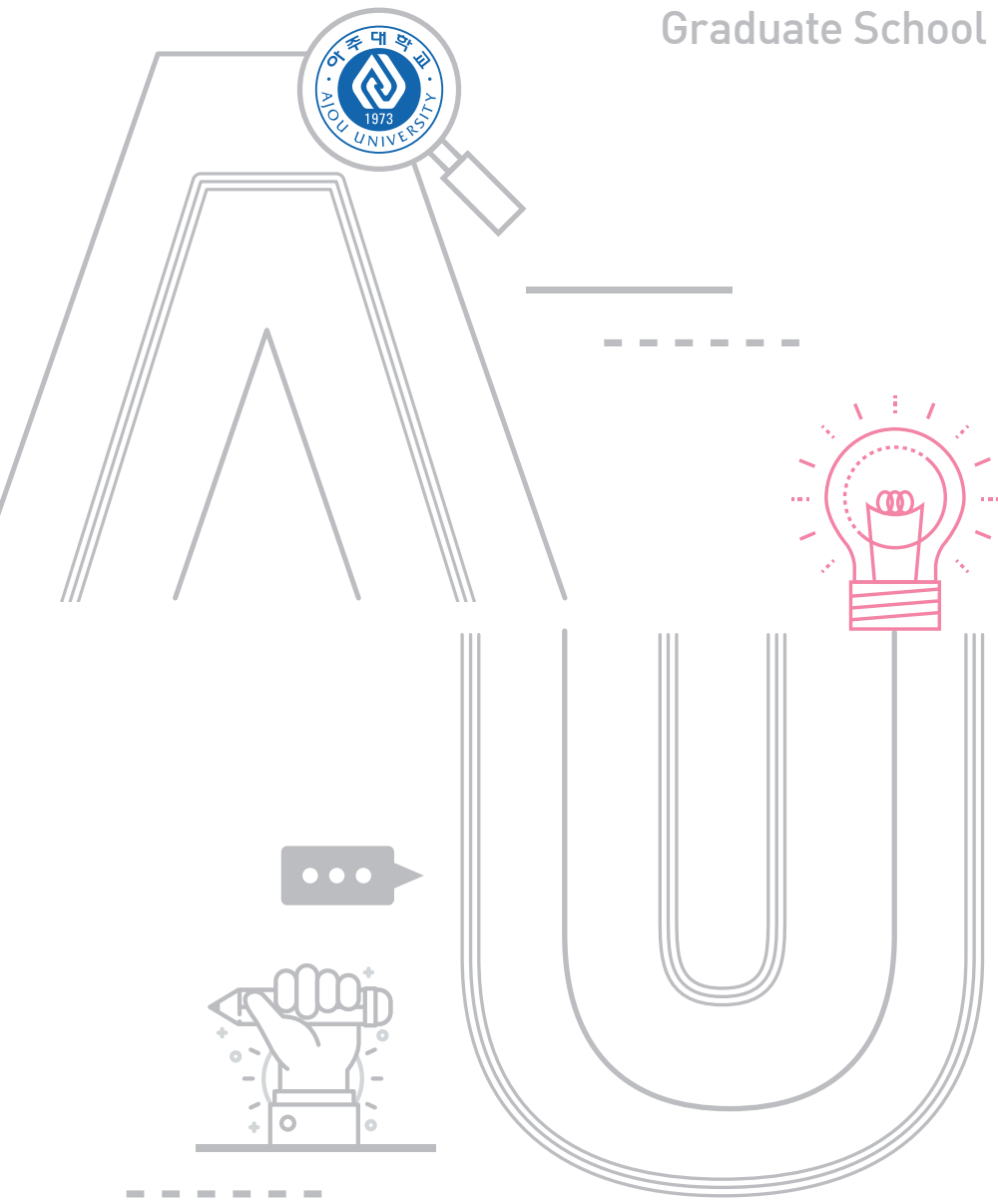


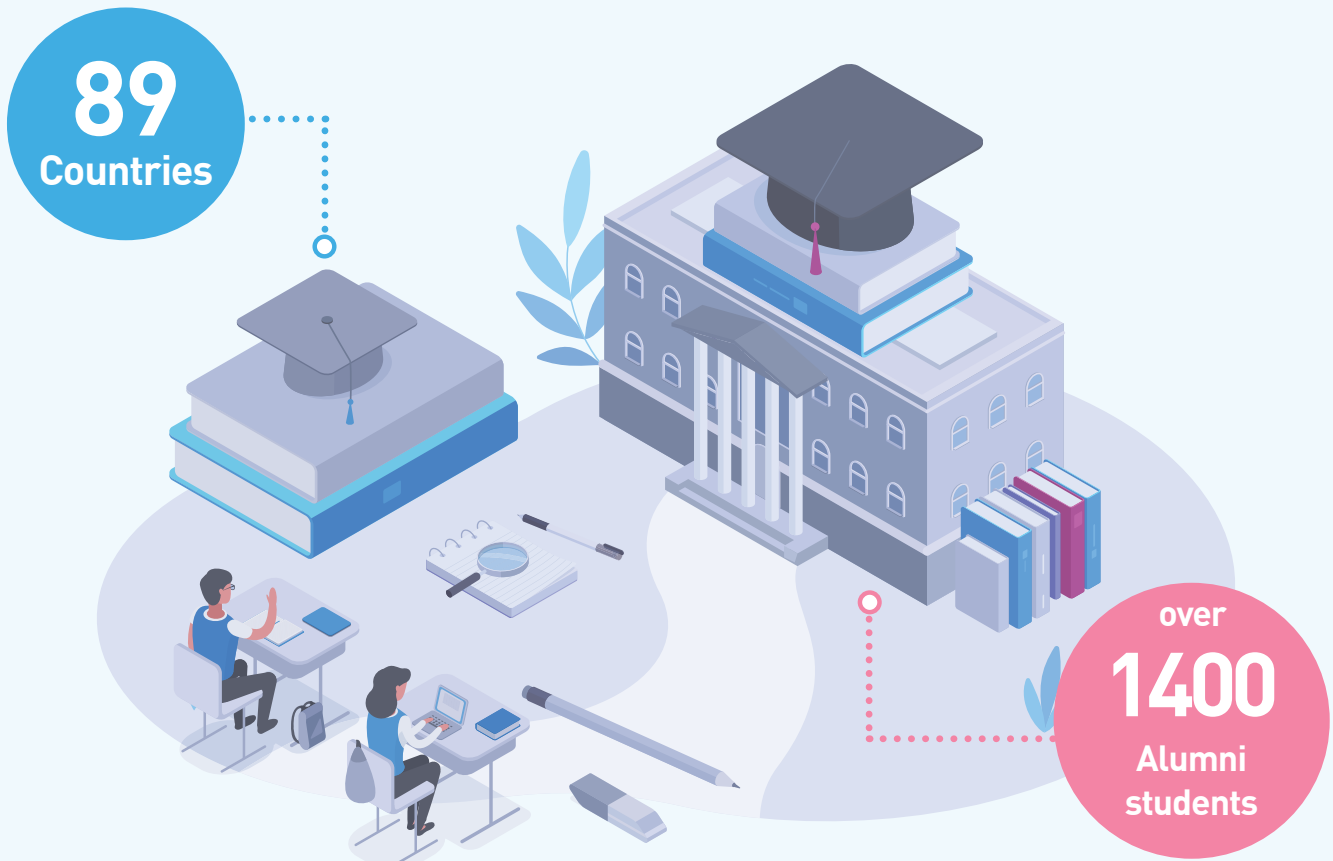
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# AJOU UNIVERSITY

Graduate School of International Studies





## INTRODUCTION of AJOU GSIS

The Graduate School of International Studies at Ajou University was established in 1996 as a pioneer of professional studies programs in Korea. The founding motivation of Ajou GSIS was to meet the growing global demand of international academic institute. At present, Ajou GSIS has over 1,400 alumni students in more than 80 countries worldwide, who play important roles at their respective positions in government agencies and global enterprises. It is Ajou GSIS's main role to educate the future leaders professionally and academically for this increasingly complex global society, while also encouraging students to explore the very best out of their time and providing opportunities to discover their talents as a global leader.

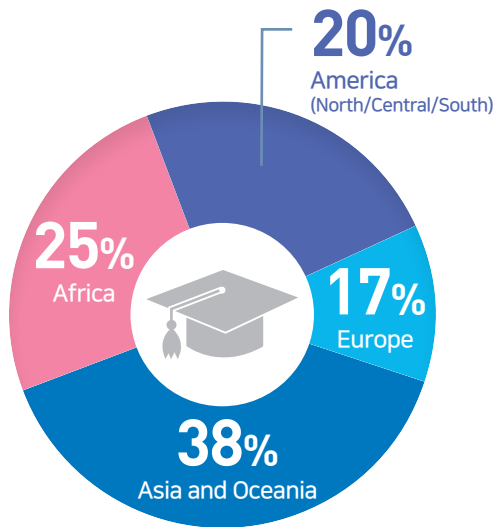
Ajou GSIS currently offers four different departments with the courses that are applicable in the real international fields; International Business, International Trade, International Development and Cooperation and Civil Society Studies. Also since 2004, Ajou GSIS has been funded by KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency) to educate government officials from developing countries in international business, international trade, NGO studies, international development and cooperation, energy studies and civil society studies.



# STRENGTHS of AJOU GSIS

## The Most Diverse International Student Population

More than 80 nationalities are represented at Ajou GSIS, including students from Asia, Oceania, Europe, Africa and America(North/Central/South). Ajou University maintains the highest foreign student enrollment in Korea. The university's increasing diversity is the most important and enduring asset of the Graduate School of International Studies.



The Alumni Nationality(As of 2024 Fall)

### Asia and Oceania

AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BRUNEI, CAMBODIA, CHINA, FIJI, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KUWAIT, KYRGYZSTAN, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, MALAYSIA, MONGOLIA, MYANMAR, NEPAL, OMAN, PAKISTAN, PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOUTH KOREA, SRI LANKA, TAJIKISTAN, TIMOR-LESTE, TURKEY, UZBEKISTAN, VIETNAM, YEMEN

### Europe

AZERBAIJAN, BULGARIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, CZECH REPUBLIC, FRANCE, GERMANY, HUNGARY, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, POLAND, ROMANIA, RUSSIA, SLOVAKIA, SPAIN, UKRAINE

### Africa

ALGERIA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CONGO, DR CONGO, COTE D'IVOIRE, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, KENYA, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NIGERIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SUDAN, TANZANIA, TUNISIA, UGANDA, ZIMBABWE

### America(North/Central/South)

BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, BARBADOS, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, PERU, USA, VENEZUELA

## International Scholarship Program and Opportunities

GSIS offers great scholarship benefits to its own students based on their academic performance in the previous semesters. Students who meet certain academic standards are entitled to receive an academic scholarship provided by GSIS. 80~90% of GSIS semester benefit from institutional scholarships every semester.

Diverse Scholarship	New Student		Other Scholarship	
	Scholarship A	100% Tuition Waiver		Student Representative Scholarship
	Scholarship B	75% Tuition Waiver		GAZETTE Editor's Scholarship
	Scholarship C	50% Tuition Waiver		KOICA Scholarship
			Global Korea Scholarship(GKS)	
			Ajou-Suwon Scholarship	
			TA Scholarship	

\* The percentage[%] above is subject to change according to the university policy.

## Diverse Student Activities

GSIS students are encouraged to participate in many academic and non-academic student activities organized by the University to broaden their views on many issues around the world. GSIS hosts International Symposiums, International Day, Field trips and organizes industrial site visits to important institutes or companies in Korea.

Students also participate in many student-run activities such as "Gazette" Publishing, campus ministries and religion, sports teams, social clubs and organizations for the art.

## DEPARTMENT

Department	Degree
International Business	Master of Business Administration in International Business
	Master of Business Administration(AI & IT Business)
	Master of Business Administration(IT Business) * GSBE DDP program only
	Master of Business Administration in K-culture and Arts Management
International Trade	Master of Public Management * IDB Korea LAC Tac Corps Program only
International Development and Cooperation	Master of Arts in International Trade
Civil Society Studies	Master of Arts in International Development and Cooperation
	Master of Arts in Social Studies(Civil Society)

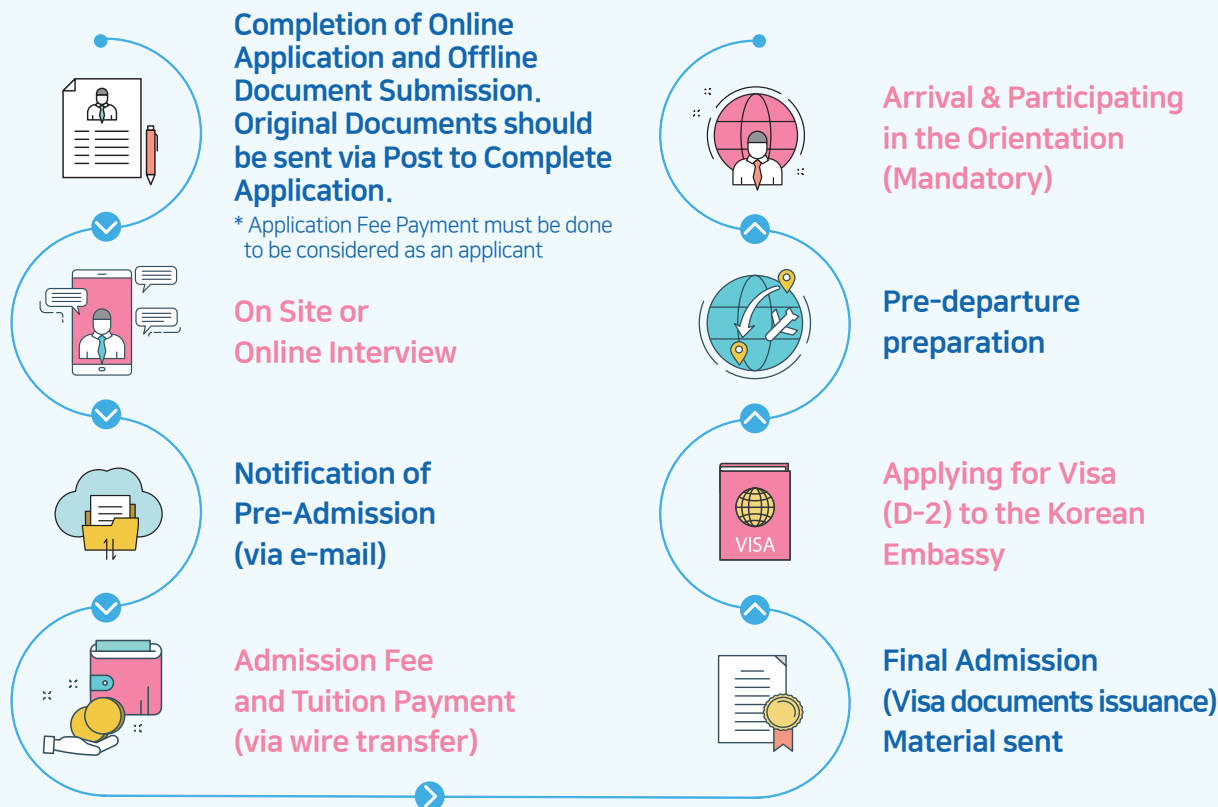
\*IT Business and Public Innovative ICT Management majors from the International Business Department are not for the general student population.

## QUALIFICATION FOR ADMISSION

In order to be admitted as a graduate student, **applicants are expected to have a Bachelor's degree** from an accredited institute or in the **final semester to obtain a Bachelor's degree** at an internationally recognized university or college.

Or, applicants should have an equivalent qualification to a Bachelor's degree which is approved by the Ministry of Education of their respective countries.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE



# ADMISSION SCHEDULE

## IMPORTANT NOTICE



- \* GSIS strongly recommends that all applicants submit their Online Application Form before the deadline of the 1st or 2nd round of admission.
- \* Chinese students SHOULD send all their documents by the deadline of the 1st round of admission due to visa matter.
- \* Students who cannot come before the Orientation date should clearly inform the GSIS office of their expected arrival date via email. GSIS Admission will be withdrawn when students DO NOT come to the university 2 weeks after the semester begins.
- \* All documents submitted by the applicant will not be returned under any circumstances.
- \* Regardless of whether it is before or after admission, if it is confirmed that the applicant was accepted through fraudulent methods such as falsification or alteration of submitted documents, failure to meet eligibility requirements, or taking exams by proxy, their acceptance and admission will be canceled. In such cases, the tuition fees paid will not be refunded.

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
Classification .....			
2025 Spring .....			
2025 Fall .....			
<b>2025 Spring Admission Schedule</b>			
<b>Contents</b>	<b>1st Round</b>	<b>2nd Round</b>	<b>3rd Round</b>
Application Period (Online and Offline)	10.14 ~ 11.01, 2024	11.04 ~ 11.22, 2024	11.25 ~ 12.20, 2024
Interview	11.18 ~ 11.22, 2024	12.9 ~ 12.13, 2024	1.6 ~ 1.10, 2025
Notification of Pre-Admission	12.2 ~ 12.6, 2024	12.23 ~ 12.27, 2024	1.20 ~ 1.24, 2025
Payment of Admission and Tuition Fees	1.2 ~ 1.8, 2025	1.9 ~ 1.15, 2025	1.27 ~ 1.31, 2025
Final Admission Package Sent (Online via email)	The Final Admission Package will be sent out within 5-7 business days via email after the tuition and admission fee payment has been confirmed.		
New Student Orientation (Mandatory)	2.24 ~ 2.26, 2025	2.24 ~ 2.26, 2025	2.24 ~ 2.26, 2025
<b>2025 Fall Admission Schedule</b>			
<b>Contents</b>	<b>1st Round</b>	<b>2nd Round</b>	<b>3rd Round</b>
Application Period (Online and Offline)	4.7 ~ 5.2, 2025	5.5 ~ 5.30, 2025	6.2 ~ 6.20, 2025
Interview	5.19 ~ 5.23, 2025	6.16 ~ 6.20, 2025	7.7 ~ 7.11, 2025
Notification of Pre-Admission	6.2 ~ 6.6, 2025	6.30 ~ 7.4, 2025	7.21 ~ 7.25, 2025
Payment of Admission and Tuition Fees	7.2 ~ 7.7, 2025	7.8 ~ 7.12, 2025	7.28 ~ 8.1, 2025
Final Admission Package Sent (Online via email)	The Final Admission Package will be sent out within 5-7 business days via email after the tuition and admission fee payment has been confirmed.		
New Student Orientation (Mandatory)	8.25 ~ 8.27, 2025	8.25 ~ 8.27, 2025	8.25 ~ 8.27, 2025

\* Please find the detailed information on the website of Ajou GSIS ([www.ajou.ac.kr/gsis/admissions/procedures.do](http://www.ajou.ac.kr/gsis/admissions/procedures.do))

\* Send admission related inquiries to [gsis\\_admission@ajou.ac.kr](mailto:gsis_admission@ajou.ac.kr)

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

## Online Application



- 1 **Completion of Online Application Form (<http://gsis.ajou.ac.kr>)**  
(Required to upload the documents below when filling out the online application form)

1. **A passport-sized photo** (plain background)
2. **A copy of passport**
3. **A copy of Alien Registration Card** (only for Korean Residents)
4. **English Proficiency Test Score**

- \* Official Test of English as a foreign Language(TOEFL) or International Language Testing System(IELTS) or Equivalent English Proficiency Test Score
- \* Above TOEFL-IBT 80, IELTS 5.5
- \* Students from the countries where the official language is English should submit the Certificate that shows the medium of language was English in the undergraduate program.

5. **Statement of Purpose (SOP)**

- \* During the online application process, you will be requested to fill out the SOP form.  
(Minimum 500 words and maximum 2000 words.)

## Upload Required Documents



- 2 **Required to upload the documents below at 'Required Documents' section of Online Application**  
(Forms(Statement of Purpose(SOP) / Recommendation Letter / Agreement Form for Academic Verification) can be downloaded at <http://gsis.ajou.ac.kr>)

- \* All documents necessary for admission application should be provided with original documents via post.
- \* When original documents are written in a language other than English, applicants should submit the notarized and English translated version.
- \* All the documents are non-returnable.

1. **Undergraduate Diploma or Graduation Certificate**

- \* Should be notarized by the Korean Embassy. In apostille countries, applicants should get apostille.

2. **Official Transcript of all undergraduate work**

- \* Should be notarized by the Korean Embassy. In apostille countries, applicants should get apostille.
- \* When there is no explanation of the university's grading system on the transcript, explanation of one's home university's grading system should be included along with the transcript.

3. **[GSIS Form] Two letters of recommendation from professors at an undergraduate institute or supervisors**

- \* At least one letter must come from a professor of your undergraduate institute

4. **One original copy of Verification of Deposit(VOD) of the person responsible for students' expenses** (only under applicant OR parents' name)

- \* The minimum amount needed for a student visa for a degree: KRW 20 million(20,000,000 won) in the deposit / Personal account only(VOD of the corporate is not acceptable)

5. **Relationship Certificate** (only when the VOD is in the name of the applicant's parents)

6. **Certificate of Income** (only when the VOD is in the name of the applicant's parents)

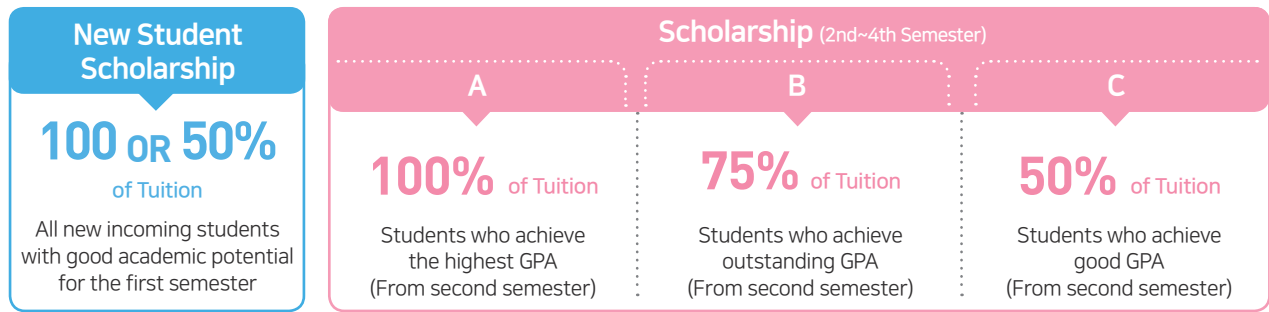
7. **[GSIS Form] Agreement form for Academic Verification**

- \* Print out the Form and send it with applicant's signature

8. **Application fee of USD 100 payment receipt**

- \* When the payment is made in KRW, please pay KRW 100,000.
- \* Please remember that your admission process will only begin after the payment.

# SCHOLARSHIP



\* The above percentage(%) is based on the Fall semester of 2024 and is subject to change in accordance with the university policy.

# HEALTH INSURANCE

In accordance with the Korean Government's regulation, holders of Study (D-2) and General Training (D-4) visa are subject to the mandatory subscription to the National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) from Feb. 28, 2021. For more information, please visit NHIS website. (<https://www.nhis.or.kr/english/index.do>)

# HOUSING INFORMATION

The dormitory at Ajou University accommodates 2,400 students in four modern buildings. International graduate students are normally placed at Hwahong hall and New international dormitory. There are high-speed internet access available in each room along with common computer rooms, study rooms, a gymnasium, TV lounges, kitchens, laundry rooms and bathrooms. Students who cancel without any notification will be responsible for paying a penalty fee of 25% of the dorm fee.

# ESTIMATED BUDGET

## Admission Fee and Tuition

Degree	Tuition(KRW)/ Semester	Tuition (USD)/ semester	Tuition after 50% scholarship waiver (USD)/ semester
Admission Fee (New 1st Semester Only)	KRW 900,000	USD 694	USD 694
M.B.A. (Int'l Business)	KRW 6,363,000	USD 4,902	USD 2,451
M.A (Int'l Trade, IDC)	KRW 5,432,000	USD 4,184	USD 2,092
M.A (Civil Society Studies)	KRW 6,556,000	USD 5,050	USD 2,525

\* The above fee is the estimated digit for the 2024 Fall academic year in USD and could be changed.

## Estimated Budget per 1 year

Item	Estimated Budget
Tuition	\$8,100 ~ \$10,000
Accommodation	\$2500
Board	\$2,400
Textbook and Other Expense	\$1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,500 ~ \$16,400</b>

\* The 50% scholarship waiver is not included in the above tuition fee. \* 1 USD = 1,298 KRW





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