

## Choosing the Right Subjects –

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- click on “Courses” on the bottom right-hand side of the screen under “Quick Menu”.
- The page that immediately opens up to you is divided by majors. Please be sure to also search by **Elective courses**, which can be found on the **left-hand side** of the screen **under Curriculum**.

Then:

- Scroll down to begin the course search,
- Begin search by selecting the College and Department from which you would like to take courses.
- Then select the term you are going abroad (spring or fall).
- Korea University often does not post courses far in advance, so you may have to **use the previous year** as a guideline for what will be offered when you are studying abroad.
- Click on “Query”
- For a course description & details regarding the semester each course is offered, click on the course number in the far left column.
- 90% of the syllabi are included at the bottom of the page, and available to download.

Korean Language Courses:

- Korean language courses are offered in **six different levels** from the beginner to the advanced every semester. Each level course is 3 credits. Students are required to attend four 1 & ¼-hour lectures per week (6 hours a week in total). Those who want to take Korean language courses must take a placement test, which is held during the orientation for study abroad students. Upon agreement of Korean Language & Culture Center in the Institute of Foreign Language Studies, students can change their levels, for example one level higher or one level lower than the assigned level.
  - Level 1: It is designed to give students basic knowledge on simple everyday Korean, listening and correct pronunciation practice, Korean alphabet and fundamental sentence structure.
  - Level 2: It is designed to provide students with more everyday expressions in Korean, listening and correct pronunciation practice, reviewing and building upon basic grammar, and beginner composition.
  - Level 3: The course focuses on conversation using the Korean you have learned, constructing Korean sentences, conjugating ending forms and suffixes and expanding vocabulary to include more difficult terms.
  - Level 4 This course focuses on vocabulary and expressions necessary for business dealings, bigger vocabulary and various expression, and improving reading and writing skills
  - Level 5: This course provides students with knowledge on discussion of social issues, acquisition of refined expressions through proverbs, idioms, and cultural studies and reading and writing about politics, economy, and culture.
  - Level 6: This course provides students with knowledge on in-depth discussion of social issues, understanding and utilizing advance Korean and expressing oneself properly in various situations.
- You can view more information on the language classes by going to:  
<http://klcc.korea.ac.kr/school/korea.koreaIntro.action?strIntroMode=001>
- You do not have to sign up for the whole program, but can take whichever level is most appropriate for you.

**NOTE: Not all classes are taught in English.** Only select courses that are indicated as being taught in English (unless you have very strong proficiency in Korean). The course title will have “**(English)**” after it if it is taught in English.

**\* Study abroad students are NOT allowed to take Nursing classes or any classes offered in the College of Medicine**

**YOU CAN NOW SELECT COURSES AT KOREA UNIVERSITY [HERE](#).**

### **Korea University (KU) Subject Load Information**

You are allowed to enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours and a maximum of 19 credit hours per semester. Each class is typically worth 3 credit hours.

### **Prerequisites and Course Approval**

Korea University does not pre-approve your course selections, so it is your responsibility to select courses that you are qualified to take while abroad. (For example, don't select an upper division marketing class if you have never taking an introductory marketing class.)

### **Course Scheduling and Enrollment**

Timetables at most universities are not published until just before the semester begins. Therefore, you will not actually enroll in your subjects until after you arrive. You will choose your classes from your list of subjects you selected during pre-departure (and had approved by your home university), according to how they fit into your schedule. If you choose to enroll in any subjects that were not pre-approved by your US University, you should contact your university from Korea in order to obtain the necessary approval. Be sure to bring your advisor's email address with you to aid in communication. We will be sending you more information about approvals once we receive your subject choices.

### **Academic Differences between S. Korea and the U.S./Canada**

At Korea University approximately 40% of the classes are taught in English. A student's academic schedule fluctuates between lectures, tutorials (small group sessions), laboratory work, and library study. For your class grade, you may be expected to concentrate your academic efforts in library research and writing, and it is not uncommon to have a large percentage of your grade based upon 1 to 2 exams. The tutorials may require you to prepare material, present a paper, read articles or participate in group discussion.

Additionally, you might notice that local students are quiet in class, as they are more accustomed to a lecture atmosphere than group discussions. In general, you should be prepared for some differences between the overseas and the U.S./Canadian academic systems and be aware that you may experience a period of adjustment.

***\*See Grading Conversion Guide below:***

## KOREA UNIVERSITY - Grading Conversion Guide

Korea University uses a 100 point scale to assess the academic performance of students.

Korea University requires enrollment between 12-19 credits per semester with each class awarded 3 units of credit, with very few exceptions.

Each credit earned at Korea University correlates to one-hour of lecture each week over the course of a 16 week semester.

The International Summer Campus provides a full-semester of coursework condensed into six weeks of intensive study totaling 48 hours of instruction per class.

### GRADE CONVERSION GUIDE

Korea University		US Grade
A+	= 95-100	A
A	= 90-94	A
B+	= 85-89	B
B	= 80-84	B
C+	= 75-79	C
C	= 70-74	C
D+	= 65-69	D
D	= 60-64	D
P	= Pass	= D (40%) or higher

Source of Grade Conversion: WES Educational Services - [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)