

2021 Fall Exchange Program FACT SHEET

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Important Dates: 2021 Fall

Course Registration	Approx. 3 weeks before the beginning of the semester. <i>* Details will be confirmed after official admissions.</i>
Arrival & Orientations	Week before courses begin
Semester Term	September 6 - December 24
Exams	Mid-Terms: October 25 - 29 Final Exams: December 20 - 24
Dorm Check-Outs	~ December 25 (Saturday)
Final Grades	Grade Check: 1 st week of Winter Break Grade Adjustments: 2 nd week of Winter Break
Academic Transcript	The hard copy of the Official Academic Transcript will arrive at home university's international office within 1 month after the grade adjustment period.

General Information

Exchange Programs	Offered to Students of Partner Universities 1. Semester Exchange (C: Course Taking) : Spring/Fall semester, credit transfer 2. Research Exchange (R: Research Participation) : Non-credit, lab research for thesis, internship, etc. 3. C + R Combined : Term may overlap and/or be continuous
Research Participation	Students are required to navigate and contact their POSTECH advising professor-to-be directly and receive official approval prior to the application process.
Maximum Period of Exchange	1. C: 1 academic year (2 semesters) 2. R: 3 months - 2 years
Compulsory Medical Insurance	As of March 2021, all international students in Korea will be automatically registered to the National Health Insurance Service (NHIS), effective from the date of their alien registration (most likely done within 10 days into the semester). Students will receive monthly invoices via post, and it will cost approximately 40,000 KRW per month. Insurance Benefits Call Center: +82-33-811-2000
Majors / Departments (Website Links)	Undergraduate Programs Graduate Programs

University Account (HEMOS / POVIS)	Students will be asked to make a HEMOS account on POVIS with their student ID number issued within a month of admissions. It will be their email account, means for course registration, and will grant access to the university's system throughout the program.
On-Campus Housing	On-campus dormitories are guaranteed. All students will be assigned to DICE (Dormitory for International Cultural Exchange) if spaces permit. * <i>Specific costs will be specified in the upcoming pages.</i>
Course Listings	http://lms.postech.ac.kr -> English -> Learning Guide -> Courses -> Select Semester (Spring : 1, Fall : 2) ※ The lms system will be renewed (full shutdown on June 30) to the <u>PLMS Website</u> , which will be available for international students to access around <u>August 2021</u> . Until then, for specific inquiries on course listings and syllabi please contact shawnjeong@postech.ac.kr . ※ Please refer to past semesters (2020-2, 2019-2) for the time being.
Course Registration	Exchange students will register for courses on POVIS during the designated period for exchange students, if spaces permit. To register for classes with prerequisites, please directly consult with the professor/instructor and submit the "Change of Course Registration Form" to the host department office during the add/drop period (first week of semester).
Credit System	Indicated as Lec-Lab-Crt on syllabus Lec: lecture hours per week Lab: laboratory hours per week Crt: Total credits offered Semester Limits Undergraduate - Standard Full time: 15 - Minimum: 10 / Maximum: 22 Graduate - Minimum: 3 / Maximum: 18
Grading System	POSTECH Academic Policy - Undergraduate - Chapter 10 – Examination & Academic Record

Applying for Exchange

*No hard copies of documents will be needed for the whole process.

**All dates are subject to change and will be notified to program coordinators accordingly.

Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students nominated by partner universities. 2. GPA average above B (3.0/4.3) 3. English Proficiency (<u>for non-native students</u>) : Equivalent scores of TOEFL iBT 79, IELTS (Ac) 6.0 or above
Nomination Deadline (Temporary)	<p>Fall: ~ April 25 Spring: ~ September 15</p> <p>A specific Excel format will be sent to program coordinators in the beginning of the month.</p>
Online Application Deadline (Temporary)	<p>Application Website Fall: After Nomination Screening ~ May 21 Spring: ~ October 1</p>
Final Application Submission (Temporary)	<p>The PDF file of the application must be sent to POSTECH by home university coordinator. Fall: ~ May 31 Spring: ~ October 15</p>
Supporting Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Official Academic Transcript (in English) (if not containing overall GPA, please specifically indicate on application, or students may not be considered for any potential scholarships) 2. Proof of English Proficiency (may be substituted with proof documents from home university) 3. Recommendation Letter from Home University 4. Clear Copy of Passport (scanned if possible) <p>*For Research Students</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Letter of Approval (from POSTECH professor)
Admission Announcements	<p>Fall: Mid-June Spring: Beginning of November</p> <p>Students will be receiving specific instructions and the Certificate of Admission along with other documents needed for student visa applications.</p>
Welcome Packet from ISSS	<p>Students will receive Important Announcements emails from ISSS regarding Student Visa, Housing, Insurance, Student IDs, and will also be asked to continue to liaise with the coordinators for further information on POVIS, Course Registration, Orientations, etc.</p>

Student Visa & Immigration

Certificate of Admission	The main document for visa applications. In order for students to receive this in time, a valid passport with at least 6 months remaining will be needed before POSTECH applications.
Visa Applications	Credit Transfer: Exchange Student (D-2-6) Research Only: D-2-5 or D-2-8 The process is convenient than others as POSTECH is an IEQAS/Certified University . But, students are strongly recommended to contact the nearest Korean embassy/consulate and check if additional documents were to be needed.
Medical Check-up Requirement	Proof of a tuberculosis check-up (in English) is required for all students from high-risk countries* upon arrival. *Nepal, East Timor, Laos, Russia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, India, Indonesia, China, Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Thailand, Pakistan, Philippines, Nigeria, Republic of South Africa, Belarus, Mozambique, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Angola, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Kazakhstan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Tajikistan, Peru (as of April 2020)
Alien Registration	In the first week of the semester ISSS will guide students to the Pohang Immigration Office to apply for their Alien Registration Cards (ARC), which will be the official means of identification during their stay in Korea.
Staying in Korea	All students are asked to carry their ARC and insurance cards at all times, and will be asked to return it at airport immigrations upon departure. Students are to leave the country within 30 days from the end of the semester (due to the completion of purpose of stay), regardless of their visa expiration date. If willing to stay longer for personal reasons, students will have to visit the Pohang Immigration Office for specific explanation and official permission.
Are exchange students allowed to work?	On-Campus: No Off-campus: D-2-6 visa holders are allowed to work part time, only if with the approval from the Immigration Office. Students must first receive permission from their department, then, ISSS will assist with specific procedures. ※ <i>Tutoring and construction work is strictly prohibited.</i>
References	Hi Korea & Phone Hotline: +82-1345 Korean Immigration Law Korea Visa Portal Websites to Embassies and Consulates

Living Expenses

Housing	Approx. 600,000 KRW per semester (must be paid in a sum total within 2 weeks of arrival)
Meals	350,000 KRW per month ※ Monthly Meal Plans - 60 meals/month: 138,000 KRW - 45 meals/month: 112,500 KRW
Transportation	50,000 KRW per month (local)
Total Living Cost	Approx. 800,000 KRW per month

ISSS (International Student and Scholar Services)

Information Collection Before Arrival	1.Date and Time of Arrival on Campus for accurate dorm check-ins 2.Passport and Visa Copy for submission to immigration office 3.Passport sized photo in JPEG for government visa system * must bring a physical copy for alien registration 4.Tuberculosis Check-Up Report for dormitory
Orientations	Compulsory sessions for all international students approximately for 3 days the week before courses start. (Wed.-Fri.) Info on life in Korea/Pohang, course registration, alien registration, housing, transportation, mobile phone/SIM cards, bank accounts, insurance, security & health, etc.

Useful Links

Korea Immigration Service	https://www.immigration.go.kr/immigration_eng/index.do
Hi Korea (Online Government)	https://www.hikorea.go.kr/Main.pt?locale=en
POSTECH Language Education Center (POSLEC)	http://poslec.postech.ac.kr/
Study in Korea	http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/main.do
National Health Insurance Service	https://www.nhis.or.kr/english/index.do
Korea Tourism Organization	http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.jsp
Pohang City Hall	http://www.pohang.go.kr/eng/index.do