Handong Global University
Exchange Student Program (ESP) / Visiting Student Program (VSP)

How to apply

Handong welcomes exchange/visiting students from all around the world who wishes to study in a culturally diverse and rigorous academic environment. You may apply as exchange student if you are currently attending one of the overseas partner institutions of Handong; if you are not from one of the institution or if you do not meet the qualifications for exchange student, you may also choose to apply as visiting student. Please refer to the “List of overseas universities Handong has relationships with” for your information.

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply to enroll at Handong for one or two semesters as exchange/visiting student if you meet the following qualifications:

- Currently enrolled as a full-time student pursuing 4-year undergraduate degree and completed at least 1 academic year (sophomore standing or higher)
- Recommended and referred by exchange coordinator of institution that has student exchange agreement with Handong. If in doubt, please contact us. (exchange student only)
- Good academic standing at your current university (GPA of 2.5/4.0 or higher for exchange student; 3.0/4.0 or higher for visiting student. If your school uses a different scale for GPA, please contact us at exchange@handong.edu.)
- Must have no criminal record history; must not abuse drugs or alcohol
- Must have no record of expulsion or suspension due to violating code of conduct of your school

You may refer to the list of courses offered in English for the past semesters when deciding what courses you would be taking during your study period at Handong. Certain courses are offered exclusively in Spring or Fall semester, and the availability may vary each semester. Please note that the list of past semesters’ course offering may not accurately reflect this year’s offerings, and the final list of a semester will be confirmed 3 months before the start of the semester. If you have any question about our course offering, please contact us by e-mail at exchange@handong.edu.

Application Requirements

We have taken measures to keep the application procedure very simple. A complete application requires the following materials:

- Completed International Student Exchange Program Application Form (Form 1)
- Sealed Recommendation Form completed by a college professor or advisor (Form 2)
- Official transcript of all college courses taken
- Photocopy of the front page of your passport (must be clear and legible)
- A $40 application fee (visiting student only)
- Bank statement or financial guarantee from your home university (indicating financial support for tuition, room, board and living expenses; for visa issuance)
- 2 portrait photos sized 3.5cm(width) x 4.5cm(height) (equivalent to 1.47 in x 1.77 in); must be
Application Deadline: June 1st, 2012

How to Submit Your Application

- Please send the hard copy of your application materials by mail at:

  Office of International Affairs
  All Nations Hall 413, Handong Global University
  Pohang, Gyeongbuk, South Korea 791-708

Tuition and Fees

**Tuition for Exchange Student**: The tuition for exchange student is contingent on the exchange agreement between Handong and the school the candidate is representing. Please contact us at exchange@handong.edu to find out what tuition rate may apply to your status. Some may be granted tuition waiver; some may pay up to USD $4000 per semester.

**Tuition for Visiting Student**: USD $5,000 per semester

**Room and Board**: USD $930 (includes meal plan of 45 meals per month at student cafeteria)

**Books and Supplies**: USD $300 (estimate)

All exchange/visiting students are required to have health insurance plan during their stay at Handong. It is recommended that you purchase overseas health insurance plan in your home country before coming to Handong but you may also purchase insurance plan provided by major insurance company in Korea such as AIG or Dongbu after you arrive in Korea.

Optional Programs (all inclusive)

**Japan Trip** (cruise trip to Kyoto/Osaka’s historic regions, Fall Program) : $600*

**Global Business Expeditions** (3 week study program “on the road” in Asia, http://hiib.handong.edu/, Summer Program) : $2,800*

**Seoul Weekender** (Fri-Sun quick trip to the capital city of Korea, Spring/Fall Program) : $100*

**English Handong Discipleship School** (Summer/Winter Program) : $300*

* All costs are approximate and subject to change. Please contact us at exchange@handong.edu for more information.
Things to Bring

What to Bring

- You will need to bring your own bedding. If you decide to purchase your bedding upon arrival, the dormitory office may be able to lend you a blanket for your first night’s stay (based on availability). However, you will need to buy your own blanket and pillow as soon as possible. A blanket will cost about KRW 20,000 or above.
- Clothes can be quite inexpensive in Korea if you look in the right places. Regardless, please be sure to bring light clothing if you are arriving in the summer or thick clothing if you are arriving in the winter. (Please read about the climate below).
- You may bring your own laptop, but please keep in mind that the voltage in Korea is 220 volts.

Money

- Most international students exchange their currency into US Dollars in their home country before coming to Korea. Upon arrival, students then go to a local bank to exchange their US Dollars into Korean Won. In addition, when you create your student ID card at the university, you will automatically receive a Hana Bank account.

Health Insurance

- We do not require students to show proof of health insurance for acceptance purpose. However, we do require that you purchase health insurance during your stay at Handong. Medical expense is less expensive in Korea in comparison to the cost in U.S., but it can add up. Student coming to Korea without overseas health insurance plan may purchase insurance plan provided by major insurance company that we recommend. Students without coverage will be expected to pay medical fees upfront. Sunlin Hospital, the nearest local tertiary care hospital, provides HGU students with a 10 ~ 15% discount.

Housing

- International House
Handong Global University’s International House (I-House) is a dormitory designed specifically to cultivate students with global minds. Many students with vastly different backgrounds live together in this small community. They enjoy the convenience of English-speaking fellowship as well as the privilege of learning about and from other cultures. Most importantly, through such multicultural interactions, I-House students may understand more of God’s character. In order to provide an environment open to cross-cultural interactions, I-House hosts various communal activities throughout the semester, such as “Culture Nights,” “Wednesday Floor Fellowships,” and “Friday Game or Movie Nights.” All of the residents are asked to respect everyone’s different cultures and backgrounds. They are also required to speak English only in order to encourage open communication in the entire community. Korean students and international students live together — usually 2 international students with 2 Korean students in one room — so that everyone can learn from each other.
I-House accommodates up to 260 residents, with four students assigned to each room. Each room is equipped with a bathroom and shower, four ports for LAN connection and a telephone. I-House also has a lounge and laundry facilities on each floor, as well as study rooms, seminar rooms, prayer rooms and shared refrigerators.

- **General Korean Dormitory**
  International students may also choose to live in the general dormitory where everything is in Korean and all the staff is only Korean-speaking. For the purpose of assistance and adjustment, international students will automatically be placed in the I-House for their first semester. After that, each student may choose to either reapply for the I-House or apply for general dormitory.

**Mailing Address (general and specific)**

- **General**
  (Student Name)
  Office of International Community Advancement
  Handong Global University
  Kyeungbuk, Pohang-shi, Bukgu
  Heung Hae Ub, Namsongri 3
  South Korea, 791-708

- **Specific**
  (Student Name, Student ID no.)
  Major: _____________________
  Kyeungbuk, Pohang-shi, Bukgu
  Heung Hae ub, Namsongri 3
  South Korea, 791-708

**Meals**

- All students who live in the dormitories must acquire a meal card at the time of dormitory acceptance. This meal card is for use at the school cafeteria. Forty-five meals per month are included in this card. The remaining meals can be bought at 3 other locations on campus: the Snack Camp, which prepares basic Korean food; Hyoam the Table restaurant, which combines Korean as well as other ethnic foods; and the convenient store, which sells various snacks, sandwiches and fruit. Off-campus eateries are also just a bus-ride away.
  Except for the I-House, refrigerators are unavailable in the dormitories at this time. In addition, due to hygienic concerns, kitchen facilities are unavailable at the dormitories. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**Clothing and Climate**

- Korea boasts a four-season climate, with a monsoon season during the months of July and August. Although Pohang does not receive much snow during the winter months of December to February, it is very windy. Please bring warm clothing; a thick, winter coat is a must. During the summer months and until early to mid-September, the weather is very hot and humid.
As God’s University

- Handong Global University is a Christian (Protestant) university. Attending Wednesday Chapel is mandatory for graduation. Chapel services in English are available for international students. In addition, the Handong International Church (HIC) is located on campus; it is a multi-ethnic church with services in English and small groups (in various languages) throughout the week. Although there are many churches in the local area, very few offer services in English. Bukbu Church, in the nearby Bukbu area, does, however, offer a service in English on Sunday afternoons.

Visa Information

- Once you are accepted to the university, you should receive a visa entry document from the Admissions Office. This document will provide you with a student visa when you go through Immigration at the Incheon International Airport in Korea. Once you arrive in Pohang and during your orientation, Office of International Community Advancement (OICA) will assist you in acquiring an Alien Registration card, which you must apply for within 90 days from your arrival date. Applying for visa period extension and re-entry permit will be of your responsibility; however, OICA will provide assistance should you need any.

Airport Pickup

- The Global Branch of the current Student Government may be able to provide airport pickup services. Should you require airport pickup from the Pohang airport, please contact the OICA two weeks before your arrival to Korea. There will be a small fee.