

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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About POSTECH

POSTECH is devoted to nurturing the leaders who make a difference globally, conducting cutting-edge research with outcomes that transform our daily lives, and directly contributing to the betterment of society through science and technology.

1,400 undergraduate students and 2,100 graduate students work with 450 faculty members and 650 researchers in POSTECH's collaborative and intimate academic community. Unlike traditional university concepts of Korea, POSTECH's 11 undergraduate departments and 21 graduate programs have broken down arbitrary interdepartmental barriers to offer a truly cooperative and immersive experience for all its members.

To serve the nation and humanity through education, research, and industry-academia collaboration, POSTECH actively promotes the proliferation of entrepreneurship and societal good through all its members. From innovative programs such as Summer Experience in Society and Univer+City, POSTECH will uphold its responsibility as a radiant beacon to steer humanity towards a brighter future.



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Semester Exchange

Semester Exchange (C : Course Taking)

- Spring / Fall Semester
- **Credit Transfer**
- Only available for **Students from Partner University**
- You may combine course taking with research participation during or after the regular semester

Eligibility

- Students nominated by Partner Universities
- **CGPA above 3.0 out of 4.3** (Letter Grade B)
- English Proficiency (for non-native students)
: **TOEFL iBT 79, IELTS Academic 6.0 or above**
(A letter issued by Home institution can act as a substitute document)

Maximum Period of Program

- 1 Academic Year (2 Semesters)

Research Visit

Research Visit (R : Research Participation)

- **Non-Credit**
- Available for **Students from any University**
- Student are required to navigate and contact their POSTECH advising faculty-to-be directly and receive official approval prior to the application process

Eligibility

- Any student (or recent graduate) who have "Letter of Approval" from POSTECH Faculty

Maximum Period of Program

- 3 Months for Undergraduate & Master Students
- 2 Years for Students who have Master's Degree or higher

Important Dates

- Course Registration : **Late January (TBD)**
- Arrival & Orientation : **February 12 - 16**
- Semester Term : **February 19 - June 7**
- Exams : Mid **April 8 - 12** / Final **June 3 - 7**
- Dorm Check-Outs : **June 11**
- Academic Transcript : **July 5**
(The scanned copy of the Official Academic Transcript will be sent directly to each student's home institution)

Nomination & Application Procedures

Exchange Periods

2024 Spring

2024 February – June

2024 Fall

2024 September - December

Procedures from A to Z

1

Nomination (Coordinator)

Partner Institutions' coordinators have to submit their nominations through email **by September 15th**
(The Excel template for Nomination will be sent to program coordinators in the beginning)

2

Application (Student)

At the end of the nomination period, students will receive the Call for Application email and need to apply **by September 29th**

3

Signed Form (Coordinator)

For the final step, the PDF file of the application form should be signed and sent by the coordinators **until October 6th**

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Admission Announcement

The Admission Results will be announced **in Early November**

Students will be receiving specific instructions and the **Certificate of Admission** along with other documents needed for (D-2-6) visa applications.

Required Documents

- **Certificate of Enrollment** (*Apostille required for non-OECD country citizens*)
- **Official Academic Transcript** (*in English*)
- **Proof of English Proficiency**
 - 1) TOEFL iBT or IELTS Academic
 - 2) Letter from Home University Coordinator that indicates student's proficiency to study in English
- **Recommendation Letter** from Home University
- **Copy of Passport**
- **Financial Proof Documents** (*Only required for non-OECD country citizens, and must be in English*)
 - 1) Bank Statement in your name that contains at least 2,800 USD (for a semester), 7,000 USD (for a year)
 - 2) Scholarship Certificate stating payment of 2,800 USD (for a semester), 7,000 USD (for a year)
- **Letter of Approval from POSTECH Faculty** (*Only required for C+R Students*)

Course Registration

Majors & Departments

[Undergraduate Programs](#) / [Graduate Programs](#)

Course Listings

<https://plms.postech.ac.kr/local/ubion/course/lists.php?lang>

(Semester Indication: Spring-1, Fall-2)

Course Registration

- Exchange students will register for courses on POVIS during the designated period, on a **first-come-first-serve basis**
- To register for courses with prerequisites, directly consult with the course instructor, and with the instructor's approval, submit the "Change of Course Registration Form" to the host department office during the add/drop period (*1st week of each semester*)

Credit System

Indicated as Lec-Lab-Crt on syllabus

- **Lec**: Lecture hours / **Lab**: Laboratory hours per week
- **Crt**: Total credits offered

Semester Limits & Recommendations

- **Undergraduate**
Standard Full Time: 15
Min: 10 / Max: 22
- **Graduate**
Min: 3 / Max: 18

Grading System

POSTECH Academic Policy - Undergraduate

- [Chapter 10 - Examination & Academic Record](#)

Student Visa & Immigration

Certificate of Admission

The main document for visa applications

In order for students to receive this in time, their **passport must be valid until the end of 2024** upon online applications

Visa Application

As POSTECH is an IEQAS Certified University, students can apply and obtain visa through simplified process

But, students are strongly recommended to contact the nearest Korean embassy/consulate and check if additional documents were to be needed

Medical Check-Up

A negative tuberculosis check-up report (*indicating the result in English*) is **required for all students regardless of vaccination status and nationality** to check in POSTECH student dormitories (*Can be one or a combination of x-ray, blood or skin test*)

Alien Registration

During the orientation period, ISSS will guide students to Pohang Immigration Office to apply for their Alien Registration Cards (ARC), which will be the official means of identification during their stay in Korea

Once ARC is issued, students will be granted a new period of stay that covers the whole program and will be able to travel outside Korea without re-entry permit

Compulsory Medical Insurance

All international students in Korea will be **automatically registered to the National Health Insurance Service (NHIS)**, effective from the date of their alien registration

All will be able to receive equal medical benefits as Korean nationals, receiving automatic discounts for doctors' appointments and prescription drugs

Exchange students will receive monthly invoices by post, and the cost will be approx. 70,000 KRW/month

Students are also required to **purchase a separate insurance plan** that covers most illnesses and injuries and is valid **for at least 1 month from their arrival in Korea**

Staying in Korea

All international students are asked to carry their ARC at all times when in Korea, and will be asked to return it at airport immigrations upon departure

Students must leave Korea within 30 days from the last day of the program (*due to completion of purpose of stay*), or within their ARC expiration date, whichever comes first

Are Exchange Students allowed to work?

Exchange Students are **not allowed to work** during their stay in Korea

ISSS (International Student & Scholar Services)

Orientations

Orientation for New International Students takes place **the week before the beginning of the semester** including mandatory sessions, cultural activities, alien registration, etc

Living Costs

- Housing: Approx. 600,000 KRW per semester
- Meals: 400,000 KRW per month
- Transportation: 80,000 KRW per month (*local*)
- **Total: Approx. 800,000 KRW per month**

On-Campus Housing

All international students are **guaranteed a room in POSTECH student dormitory** unless chosen otherwise

Housing Fee must be paid in a sum total by making cash deposit to POSTECH Housing Services account within the first week of the semester

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