

Fall Semester 2026 University College International Freshmen Orientation Materials

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Curriculum for University College international undergraduates; Admissions promotion; Academic English	02-3290-1591
Public relations (website management); faculty personnel	02-3290-1595
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Exploration of the Academic World; Academic Major Design Center (KUach, KU-Pathfinder, etc.)	02-3290-1592
Academic management for international undergraduates; Basic Academic Skills Assessment; College Writing; General Education Korean (IFLS)	02-3290-1594
SW Programming Basics; Data Science and Artificial Intelligence; The World of Bioscience; prerequisite courses for natural sciences; work-study scholarship; general affairs	02-3290-1596
University Innovation Support Project; BK21 Graduate School Innovation Support Project; Pre-College Program	02-3290-5353
Woodang Hall facilities/equipment management; room reservations; class support	02-3290-1089

◆ University College Shared Email Addresses

Category	Inquiry	Email
University College-General	Major assignment / academic records / university college events	univcollege@korea.ac.kr
Exploration of the Academic World	Course inquiries regarding Exploration of the Academic World	geedtw@korea.ac.kr
General Education Korean	TOPIK score certificate / removal of major-course registration restriction	kuige@korea.ac.kr
Academic English / General Electives	Academic English, Freshman Seminar and other General Education inquiries	geedcredu@korea.ac.kr
College Writing	College Writing course inquiries	geedi@korea.ac.kr

Major Online Services and Information

1. KUPID (<https://portal.korea.ac.kr>) - Korea University Portal

- After receiving your student ID number, apply for a Portal-ID on the main KUPID screen in early March (or September).
 - Authenticate your identity using the email address registered during the admission application process.
 - Verify your personal email and mobile phone information to use the KU portal.
- Key Features
 - Check school announcements and the academic calendar
 - View class information, course registration details, grades, and KU LMS
 - Check tuition and scholarship information and submit related applications
 - Apply for various certificates (e.g., Certificate of Enrollment)
 - Inquiries and applications regarding visa for international students
 - Use of Korea University email and campus Wi-Fi
- Keep your **address, mobile phone number, and personal email address** in KUPID up to date.
- **Check KUPID notices and your Korea University email frequently** so that you do not miss important academic information.

2. Course Registration System (<https://sugang.korea.ac.kr>) (Available only during the course registration period)

※ **For international students in University College, course registration during the first year is handled by the University College Administrative Team on their behalf. After being assigned a major, students are responsible for registering for courses themselves.**

- Freshmen can log in using their **student ID number** and **password (six-digit date of birth [YYMMDD])**.
- After the semester begins, use the password set when you register for KUPID.

3. KU LMS(Learning Management System) (<https://lms.korea.ac.kr>)

- An online system for managing student learning
- Used mainly for online learning, including video lessons, participation in video classes, Smart Attendance, and assignment submission.

4. Korea University Website (<https://korea.ac.kr>)

- Provides the university academic calendar and announcements
- Menu
 - About KU : University overview, vision, symbols, promotional materials, university history, campus information
 - Admissions : Undergraduate/graduate admissions(general/professional/specialized), continuing education

- Schools : Introduction to each college and graduate school
- Academics : Academic calendar; registration/scholarships/academic records; certificates/ID; majors/curriculum; student exchange, etc.
- Campus Life : Student activities; facilities; student support; support for students with disabilities, etc.
- Research : Research achievements; research portal; KU Hall of Fame
- KU News : Press releases; KU News; KU Media; notices; event calendar

5. University College Website (<https://univ.korea.ac.kr> / <https://univ.korea.edu>)

- **Check notices and the academic calendar regularly** so that you do not miss important information.

University College Curriculum for International Students

1. First-Year Curriculum for University College International Students

- During the first year, University College international students complete Korean courses, Required General Education courses, and University College specialized courses.
- The Korean courses and sections taken may differ depending on the student's Korean proficiency level.
- After completing the first-year curriculum, students proceed to first major assignment. After major assignment, students follow the curriculum of the assigned department/school.

[Curriculum for University College International Students Admitted Outside the Enrollment Quota]

Category	Classification	Year 1, Semester 1 (Compulsory)	Year 1, Semester 2 (Compulsory)
Required Korean (10 credits/year) 1st semester: 5 credits 2nd semester: 5 credits	Core Korean (3 credits/6 hours)	Korean (Beginner/Intermediate /Advanced) I	Korean (Beginner/Intermediate /Advanced)II
	Functional Korean (2 credits/3 hours)	Korean (Speaking/Reading/Writing)	Korean (Speaking/Reading/Writing)
Required General Education (10 credits/year) 1st semester: 4 credits 2nd semester: 6 credits	Exploration of the Academic World /College Writing (3 credits/3 hours)	Exploration of the Academic World I	College Writing
	AR/DS/BT* (3 credits/3 hours)	-	-
	Academic English (2 credits/2 hours)	-	Academic English I
	Freshman Seminar (1 credit/1 hour)	Freshman Seminar I	Freshman SeminarII
UC Specialization (Incubating Program) (17 credits/year) 1st semester: 9 credits 2nd semester: 8 credits	Preparation for Major Studies (3 credits/3 hours)	Korean for Major Studies	Advanced Korean for Humanities and Social Science Majors
	Understanding Korean Culture (3 credits/3 hours)	Reading Korean Society through K-Culture	Advanced Korean for Science and Engineering Majors
	AI Transformation (3 credits/3 hours)	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence: Living in the Age of AI	Reading Korean Society through Change: From Korean Traditional House to Metaverse
	AI Transformation (3 credits/3 hours)	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence: Living in the Age of AI	Computer Proficiency Using Artificial Intelligence (*2 credits/3 hours)
Total Credits		18 credits	19 credits

※ As a rule, students must complete the entire curriculum above.

※ Students with TOPIK Level 5 or higher are exempt from the Core Korean area and instead **complete 3 credits of Korean-language elective courses each semester.**

※ Korean-language elective courses are **assigned based on the student's preference, the overall class timetable, and course availability/capacity.**

※ Actual courses and timetables may differ depending on the student's Korean proficiency level and section. **Be sure to check your registered courses and timetable.**

※ The first-year curriculum for University College international students centers on Required Korean, Required General Education courses, and the Incubating Program, and consists of a total of **37 credits (18 credits in Semester 1 and 19 credits in Semester 2).**

※ Please Check!

- Korea University requires a total of **19 credits** of Required General Education, all of which must be completed before graduation.
- Because University College international students complete Korean-language and specialized curricula during the first year, **the timing for some Required General Education courses may differ from that of other students.**
- **AR/DS/BT*:** SW Programming Basics, Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, and The World of Bioscience — are **Required General Education courses that must be completed before graduation; University College international students do not take them in the first year and complete them after major assignment.**

General Education Curriculum

1. Categories of General Education

- Required General Education (19 credits)
- General Education Electives (General Education courses excluding Required General Education)

2. Required General Education Completion Requirements (19 credits)

Area	Course Code	Course Title	Credits (Hours)	Recommended Year	Grading
Required General Education	GELI007	Exploration of the Academic World I	3(3)	Year 1, Semester 1	Absolute
	GEWR002	College Writing	3(3)	Year 1, Semester 2	
	IFLS800	Academic English I	2(2)	Year 1, Semester 2	
	GEKS007	[Career-Entrepreneurship] Freshman Seminar I	1(1)	Year 1, Semester 1	P/F
	GEKS008	[Career-Entrepreneurship] Freshman Seminar II	1(1)	Year 1, Semester 2	
	UNIV020	SW Programming Basics	3(3)	After major assignment (no year restriction; may be taken before graduation)	Absolute
	UNIV021	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	3(3)		
	UNIV040	The World of Bioscience	3(3)		Absolute (MOOC)
	Total		19(19)		

- ※ The courses above are Required General Education courses that must be completed before graduation.
- ※ International students prioritize Korean-language and international-student specialized courses during the first year, so some Required General Education courses may be taken after the first year.

3. Exploration of the Academic World

Area	Course Code	Course Title	Notes
Required General Education	GELI007	Exploration of the Academic World I	International students only
General Education Elective	GELI008	Exploration of the Academic World II	International students only

- Exploration of the Academic World is a course that comprehensively explores intellectual reflection and practical values across diverse academic disciplines.
- The course is a Flipped Class consisting of: Session 1 — pre-recorded online video materials; Session 2 — Q&A related to the video; Session 3 — discussion; Session 4 — presentation.

* A Flipped Class is an instructional format in which preliminary lecture materials are uploaded to the Learning Management System so that students study the content in advance, while actual class time focuses on discussion and practice to maximize learning effectiveness.

- Students must complete Exploration of the Academic World I before taking Exploration of the Academic World II.
- Students enrolled in Exploration of the Academic World may participate in the extracurricular <KU <Liberty, Justice, Truth> Presentation Contest>.

4. [Career-Entrepreneurship] Freshman Seminar

▪ [Career-Entrepreneurship] Freshman Seminar is a Required General Education course that all Korea University freshmen must complete. It consists of academic-advisor sections, a joint online course (LMS), and department- or section-specific programs.

- Completing the academic-advisor section, joint online course, and department/section program satisfies the basic completion requirements.

- The final grade is assigned by the academic advisor.

- The joint online course consists of video viewing and quizzes in the Learning Management System (LMS). Refer to KUPID and University College notices for the schedule and detailed information.

- Freshmen are **automatically registered** in University College-only Section 68 in their first and second semesters after admission. (Freshman Seminar I is automatically registered in the first semester, and Freshman Seminar II in the second semester; do not delete/remove these courses on your own.)

▪ Course Information

Course Code	Course Title	Credits (Hour)	Semester Offered	Notes
GEKS007	[Career-Entrepreneurship] Freshman Seminar I	1(1)	Semester 1	- Joint online course - Academic advisor section - Department/section program
GEKS008	[Career-Entrepreneurship] Freshman Seminar II	1(1)	Semester 2	

▪ Important Notes

- Be sure to check the joint online course schedule and complete it within the designated period.

- After completing the joint online course, make sure the quiz has also been completed.

- The format of academic-advisor sections and department-specific programs other than the joint online course varies by section, so be sure to check the notices.

- Failure to satisfy even one of the requirements above results in an F grade and requires a retake.

※ For retakes or non-completion, register directly for the section offered by your assigned department.

5. Academic English I (Year 1, Semester 2; Taken in Spring 2027)

▪ Course Information

Level(Section)	Course	Notes
Advanced	Exempt	- Submission of an official English test score meeting the Advanced exemption criteria is required ※ See the detailed criteria below. - Any shortfall in Required General Education credits resulting from the exemption must be made up with other General Education or major courses in accordance with the applicable graduation requirements.
Intermediate	Academic English I	- Absolute grading - Intermediate section
Beginner	Academic English I	- Absolute grading - Beginner section

- University College international students take Academic English I in the second semester of the first year (Spring Semester 2027).

- Students do not register individually; the University College Administrative Team will register students on their behalf.

- Academic English I sections are assigned based on students' English proficiency and operational criteria. Details will be provided separately by University College before the semester in which the course is taken.

- Be sure to check the separate University College notice regarding course registration and section assignment.

※ Reference: If you need to retake the course or did not complete it, register directly for the designated retake/non-completion section.



수강신청 시스템

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학수번호	분반	교과목명	조회	초기화

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• M: MOOC FC: Flipped Class T: Tutorial NM: NeMo Class SC: Signature Class(영강100선) DL: DROP LIMIT(수강포기제한) 과목명에 뒤에 아이콘으로 표기됩니다.

• 학수번호 클릭시 강의계획안 조회가 가능합니다.

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※ Advanced-Level Course Exemption Criteria

TOEFL iBT (*New)	TOSEL(A)	TEPS	IELTS
115 (*6)	890	526	8.5

- For University College international students, Academic English I is exempted when an official English test score meeting the Advanced exemption criteria is submitted to the University College Administrative Team by email (geedcredu@korea.ac.kr) before the first day of classes of the admission semester (Fall Semester 2026).

(Submission after the first day of classes for an exemption is not permitted.)

- For TOEFL iBT, due to the revision of the score system, the existing 0–120 score scale applies only to TOEFL tests taken before January 21, 2026. For tests taken thereafter, both the new and old scores will be provided together until January 2028.

※ This is administered separately from the submission of official English test scores required for graduation by each affiliated department/school.

※ Recommended Criteria for the Intermediate Section

- These are recommended criteria used as a reference for English proficiency when assigning Academic English I sections. No supporting documents need to be submitted.

TOEIC	TOEFL iBT	TOSEL(A)	TEPS	IELTS
700	79	640	265	6.5

6. College Writing (Year 1, Semester 2; Taken in Spring 2027)

- This course trains students in the fundamentals of writing and aims to develop thinking and self-expression skills that form the basis of university-level academic study.
- International students, regardless of year level, must take an international-student section (Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced / Superior) according to their Korean proficiency level.
- International-student sections are offered only during regular semesters and must therefore be taken during a regular semester. Separate international-student sections are not offered during seasonal sessions.
- University College international students take the course in the second semester of the first year.

7. SW Programming Basics

- Based on a systematic understanding of programming languages, which are fundamental to software, this course teaches core concepts of basic syntax, data structures, and control structures through Python.
- After major assignment, students must take the section designated for their college during a regular Spring Semester (in the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year) before graduation.
- You can check college-specific sections in the Course Registration System.
- English-taught sections have no department restrictions; students who wish to take the course in English may register for an English-taught section
- After the first attempt, students may register for a "Retake" section to retake the course.

8. Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

- A course that provides experience with the theory and practice of data science and artificial intelligence.
- After major assignment, students must take the section designated for their college during a regular Fall Semester (in the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year) before graduation.
- College-specific sections can be checked on the Course Registration System.
- English-taught sections have no department restrictions; students who wish to take the course in English may register for an English-taught section.
- After the first attempt, students who wish to retake the course may register for a "Retake" section.

9. The World of Bioscience

- A bioscience course designed to cultivate integrative thinking needed to respond to and lead future changes by examining basic biotechnology knowledge and diverse examples of convergence technologies that use biological phenomena.
- KU-MOOC format (online / recorded).
- After major assignment, students must take the section designated for their college before graduation (in the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year). (See the college-specific semester table below.)
- Reference: Because the number of seats available for a given year level decreases as students advance, students are encouraged to take the course in an earlier year.
- After the first attempt, students who wish to retake the course may register for a "Retake" section.

[College-Specific Offering Semester for The World of Bioscience]

Spring	Fall
Business School; College of Political Science and Economics; College of Medicine; College of Education; College of Informatics; School of Art & Design; College of International Studies; College of Media & Communication; College of Health Science; School of Interdisciplinary Studies; School of Smart Security; School of Psychology; School of Smart Mobility	College of Liberal Arts (language / non-language divisions); College of Life Sciences & Biotechnology; College of Science; College of Engineering; College of Nursing; University College

Academic Information

1. Student ID Card (Non-Financial Physical Student ID and Mobile Student ID)

■ Korea University issues **non-financial physical student ID cards and mobile student IDs** to international students.

■ Students without a student ID may have restricted access to the library and campus buildings.

A. Non-Financial Physical Student ID

■ International students who submitted a photo when applying for admission will have their student IDs issued automatically without a separate application.

■ Distribution: **From 09:00 on September 1, 2026 (Tue)**

■ Pickup Location: University College Administrative Team (Room 501, Woodang Hall)

■ When picking up your card, you must bring one of the following: Residence Card, passport, or Overseas Korean Resident Card.

■ Students who did not submit a photo when applying for admission must visit the ONE-STOP Service Center to apply for issuance.

■ If the student ID is not collected within three months, it will be discarded, and a fee will be charged for reissuance.

B. Mobile Student ID

■ **Available for issuance from September 1, 2026 (Tue).**

■ Download the **initial app** on a mobile phone registered in your name and complete identity verification to obtain your mobile student ID.

■ Available on both Android and iOS; only one mobile student ID may be issued per person.

■ Even if no photo is registered, the mobile student ID can be used to enter the library and buildings. However, a physical student ID may be requested when identity verification is required, such as during examinations.

※ A financial student ID may be applied for separately after a Residence Card has been issued. Please refer to the ONE-STOP Service Center notices for details.

2. Portal-ID Issuance

■ Students must apply for and obtain a Portal ID in order to use the KU Portal System.

■ You can apply for a Portal ID on the first screen of the KU Portal System

(<https://portal.korea.ac.kr>). It is issued immediately upon application and **becomes a lifetime ID that continues to be used after graduation.**

※ Your email ID is the same as your Portal-ID: ID@korea.ac.kr.

※ University information and notices are sent to this email address.

※ New and transfer students may apply for an ID after **March 1 (September 1).**

- How to Apply
 - Access KUPID(<https://portal.korea.ac.kr>), click "Login," and then click "Creating Portal-ID"
 - Identity verification: Enter your student ID number and name, then verify your identity by mobile phone or email.
 - For mobile-phone verification, the phone must be registered under your own Resident Registration Number (Alien Registration Number).
- Important Notes
 - Once created, an ID cannot be changed; it can only be changed by withdrawing from KUPID and registering again.
 - You cannot withdraw within six months after registration.
 - **When you withdraw, all email- and community-related data will be deleted.**

3. Course Registration and Year-Level Advancement

※ Course Registration for University College International Students

For international students in University College, **course registration for both the first and second semesters of the first year is handled collectively by the University College Administrative Team. Therefore, students should not register for courses individually.** During the first year, students must check their course registration details and class schedule to ensure that all courses have been registered correctly. If there are any issues, please contact the University College Administrative Team. **The procedures below apply only after major assignment, when students begin registering for courses on their own.**

- **How to Register for Courses After Major Assignment**

Register through the Course Registration System (<https://sugang.korea.ac.kr>). Check the class timetable under "Course Information" in the Course Registration System, and plan the courses you will take in advance, including course code, section, and course classification.

 - 1) Access the Course Registration System (<https://sugang.korea.ac.kr>).
 - 2) Log in: Your initial ID is your student ID number, and your password is your six-digit date of birth [YYMMDD]. (Change the password after the first login.)
 - 3) In the Course Code Search tab, enter the course code and section number (00 if there is no section), search, and click Apply.
- Enrollment Quota System
 - Applies to all General Education courses and some courses offered by individual colleges/schools (marked ● in the enrollment-quota column of the class timetable).
 - During the overall add/drop period, year-level enrollment limits are removed. If seats remain, students may register on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Enrollment limits are imposed by the university before course registration. Instructor approval alone, even with a confirmation form or other document, does not constitute course registration. Only courses recorded under Academic Records/Courses > Final Course Registration Details are recognized as registered courses.

- Flexible Semester : Selected courses are offered in intensive 4-, 8-, or 10-week formats instead of the traditional 16-week format (marked under "Flexible Semester" in the course search).
- Tutorial Course : Incorporates a discussion component that can otherwise be limited in undergraduate lectures; one-quarter of the course is conducted in a discussion format (marked "T" in the course search).
- MOOC(Massive Open Online Courses) : A course format in which all coursework can be completed online during the course period, with completion verified through assessments on the MOOC platform. (marked "M" in the course search).
- Flipped Class : Course materials are posted on the LMS before class so that students study the content in advance; subsequent in-person classes focus on discussion and practice to maximize learning effectiveness (marked "FC" in the course search).
- Course Registration Notes
 - For General Education courses restricted by student ID number, register for a section that applies to your student ID number.
 - Minimum/maximum course load: minimum 1 credit / maximum 19 credits.
 - ※ International continuing-student scholarships require students to meet selection requirements, including earning at least 12 credits in the previous semester.
 - Students with no F grades or course withdrawals and an overall GPA of 3.75 or higher, or students who completed at least 17 credits in the immediately preceding regular semester with no F grades or course withdrawals and a GPA of 3.75 or higher, may register for up to 3 additional credits.
- Retake Policy
 - Courses with a grade of C+ or lower (C+–F) may be retaken.
 - The maximum grade for a retaken course is A. If a course that has already been retaken is taken again, the maximum grade is B+.
 - For a retaken course, the higher grade between the retake and the previous attempt is reflected in the GPA, and all course attempts are shown on the transcript.
 - A course with the lower grade that is not reflected in the GPA is marked "R" (Retake).
- Notation for F-Grade Courses

A course for which a student received an F and did not retake the course is shown on the transcript with the course title and "NA"(Not Applicable), and the grade is not included in the GPA.

■ Course Registration Schedule

Item		Date & Time	Notes
Course Registration		8.24(Mon) 10:00 ~ 8.25(Tue) 12:00	Processed by University College Administrative Team
Add & Drop	First Year	9.2(Wed) 21:30 ~ 9.3(Thu) 12:00	Check your own registration details
	All	9.3(Thu) 18:30 ~ 9.4(Fri) 12:00	
Course Cancellation Announcement	1st	8.26(Wed) 17:00	Must check on KUPID * cancelled courses are automatically deleted from registration
	2nd	9.10(Thu) 17:00	
Registration Period for Students Affected by Course Cancellation		9.10(Thu) 18:30 ~ 9.11(Fri) 09:00	
Course Withdrawal		9.21(Mon) 10:00 ~ 9.23(Wed) 9:00	Contact the Administrative Team in advance if necessary
※ University College international students do not register for or adjust courses individually during their first year. If there is an issue with your registration details, contact the University College Administrative Team. ※ For the detailed course registration schedule, <u>check the KUPID academic calendar.</u>			

■ Regular Semester Class Time

Class Time							
1	9:00-10:15	2	10:30-11:45	3	12:00-13:15	4	13:30-14:45
5	15:00-16:15	6	16:30-17:45	7	18:00-18:50	8	19:00-19:50

■ Year-Level Advancement

Year	Registration Credits		Credits Required for Year-Level Advancement	Number of Registered Semesters	Notes
	Minimum	Maximum			
1 st Year	1	19	33 credits or fewer		
2 nd Year			34 credits or more	3 or more	
3 rd Year			68 credits or more	5 or more	
4 th Year			102 credits or more	7 or more	

※ For University College international students, completing the 34 credits required for advancement to the second year is not sufficient for major assignment. Students must complete the University College international-student curriculum for both the first and second semesters of the first year to be eligible for major assignment.

4. Credit Acquisition

- Students may earn 1 to 19 credits each semester.
 - Students who meet any of the following conditions may earn up to 3 additional credits per semester:
 - GPA of 3.75 or higher with no F grades.
 - At least 17 credits completed in the immediately preceding regular semester, with no F grades and a GPA of 3.75 or higher.
 - Students in a Combined Bachelor's–Master's Degree Program.
 - Summer/Winter Sessions
 - Up to 9 credits may be earned.
 - Credits earned count toward graduation requirements, but are not included in the number of registered semesters or the standard program duration.
 - Students on a leave of absence may also take seasonal courses. However, even if a student on leave earns enough seasonal-course credits to satisfy graduation requirements, the student must return and complete at least one semester before graduation.
- ✘ **The first- and second-semester first-year curriculum for University College international students cannot be completed through seasonal courses.**
- Flexible Course Load System
 - A system that allows students to use up to 3 credits in advance or carry over up to 3 credits between semesters within the same academic year, enabling them to adjust their available course-registration credits based on their academic schedule, intended career path, courses offered each semester, and prerequisite requirements.

Type	Available Use
Spring (desired) credits = available credits	-
Spring (desired) credits < available credits	Carry over up to 3 credits to Fall
Spring (desired) credits > available credits	Use up to 3 credits from Fall in advance

✘ A reduction in registered credits due to course withdrawal is not reflected.

- Implementation Timing
 - 1) (Advance use of credits) spring : during the course add & drop period at the beginning of the semester (from the year-specific adjustment period through the general adjustment period)
 - 2) (Carryover of credits) Fall : from the Preferred Course Registration period.

5. Grading / Semester Honors / Academic Warning

■ Grading

Grade	A+	A	B+	B	C+	C	D+	D	F	P	S	I
Grade Points	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.0	Not Included (Pass)	Recognized	Not Included (Incomplete)

- Grade Evaluation : Courses use either absolute or relative grading. For courses using relative grading, the following cumulative distributions apply.

Default		Laboratory, practicum, teacher education, foreign-language-taught, General Education Foreign-Language Courses	
Grades	Cumulative Relative-Grading Ratio	Grades	Cumulative Relative-Grading Ratio
A+, A	0 ~ 35%	A+, A	0 ~ 40%
B+, B	0 ~ 70%	B+, B	0 ~ 90%
C+ or below	30% or more	C+ or below	10% or more
※ The weighting for relative evaluation is based on cumulative percentages.			

- Grade Posting and Finalization (KUPID > Academics > Courses & Grades)
 - Grades can be viewed after completing the course evaluation survey.
 - During the grade posting and correction period, check your grades and contact the instructor if there is an issue.
 - Immediately after the grade posting and correction period ends, grade corrections are considered complete and grades are finalized. Transcripts may then be issued. **(Grades cannot be changed after the grade finalization date, even if an objection is raised afterward.)**
- Semester Honors
 - Students who earn at least 17 credits in the semester (12 credits for fourth-year students), have no F grades, demonstrate good conduct, and achieve excellent grades are selected for Semester Honors.
 - The academic criteria for semester honors (based on the grades of all courses taken during the relevant semester) are as follows.
 - * Semester Honors: GPA of 3.75 or higher for all courses taken that semester.
 - * Highest Semester Honors: GPA of 4.00 or higher for all courses taken that semester.
 - Semester Honors are recorded in the student's academic record.
 - For graduation honors, refer to Article 78 (Graduation Honors) of the Academic Regulations.
- Academic Warning
 - A student whose semester GPA is below 1.75 receives an academic warning, which is recorded in the academic record.
 - Before the next semester begins, the student, guardian, and academic advisor (department chair) are notified. If the student's GPA in the next semester is 1.75 or higher, the academic warning is lifted.
 - A student who receives an academic warning (GPA below 1.75) for three consecutive semesters is dismissed.
 - A student dismissed due to academic warning may apply for readmission after one year has passed from the date of dismissal.

Basic Academic Skills Assessment Program

1. What is the Basic Academic Skills Assessment Program?

- Before students make use of flexible academic pathways such as major assignment, department transfer, or second-major selection, this program diagnoses whether they meet the basic academic abilities required by each college and helps students strengthen those abilities through self-directed learning.

2. Target Students

- Recommended for University College freshmen.

3. Test Information

- **Subject** (4 subjects, 9 areas)
 - **Mathematics** (Mathematics I, Mathematics II, Probability and Statistics, Calculus)
 - **Science** (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
 - **English**
 - **Korean**
- Only the four Mathematics areas may be taken in English
- Number of questions and time: approximately 10-25 questions (varies by student)/ approximately 30 minutes per subject.

4. Test Period

- 1st and 2nd Diagnostic Assessment and Supplementary Learning: August 4, 2026(Tue) 09:00 – December 18, 2026(Fri) 23:59

5. How to Take the Assessment

- 1st Diagnostic Assessment: Must be completed during the assessment period
- Supplementary Learning: Complete additional supplementary learning after the 1st Diagnostic Assessment
- 2nd Diagnostic Assessment: Take the assessment after completing supplementary learning. Students may repeat the assessment and learning activities multiple times.

6. Detailed Instructions and Important Notes

Korean Guide



English Guide



Academic Status Information

1. Leave of Absence and Return from Leave

- Application Period : Spring Semester – 2. 2. ~ 2. 25., Fall Semester – 8. 3. ~ 8. 25.

(Dates may change slightly according to the academic calendar; check the notice for each academic year)

- How to Apply : KUPID → Academics → Academic Records → Leave of Absence/Return Application

- Leave Period : Leave may be taken for up to one year at a time, **for a total of up to four years (eight semesters)**, excluding military leave.

※ **Newly admitted, transfer, and readmitted students may not take a leave of absence in their first semester** after admission except for illness, military service, pregnancy, childbirth, or childcare.

- Type of Leave

- General Leave of Absence
- Special Leave of Absence

1) Pregnancy/Childbirth/Childcare : for pregnancy, childbirth, or childcare of a child aged 8 or younger

2) Entrepreneurship Leave : for starting a business

- Military Leave of Absence : for military service (limited to the mandatory service period)

- Important Notes on Leave and Return

- General Leave : Leave may be taken by semester or by year and may not exceed a total of four years (eight semesters).

※ **Newly admitted, transfer, and readmitted students may not take leave in their first semester after admission** except for pregnancy/childbirth/childcare, illness, or military service.

- The total period of pregnancy/childbirth/childcare leave is two years.
- Military Leave: If the reason for military leave ceases to exist because enlistment/call-up is cancelled or postponed, the student must cancel the military-leave application with the administrative team of the affiliated department/college within seven days.
- Return after Military Service: A student on military leave must return within one year after discharge. Failure to return after one year from the discharge date results in dismissal.
- The period of entrepreneurship leave is two years.

※ After completing an online leave/return application, print and keep the application and, on the following afternoon, verify the academic-status change through Academics > Academic Records > Academic Record Information in KUPID.

(If the leave/return status has not been updated in KUPID, contact the staff member responsible for academic records at the University College Administrative Team.)

2. Multiple-Major Programs

Type	Eligibility	Application Period	Completion Requirements	Notes
Intensive Major	No separate eligibility requirement	After major assignment	Complete the major courses specified in the curriculum of the affiliated department/school	<u>After major assignment</u> Enter without a separate application procedure
Double Major	Enrolled for at least 3 semesters	Spring: May Fall: November	Complete at least the minimum number of major credits required by the second-major department	Not available in the College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Education, or industry-contracted departments (Department of Cyber Defense, Department of Semiconductor Engineering, Department of Communications Engineering, School of Smart Mobility)
Interdisciplinary Major	Enrolled for at least 3 semesters	Spring: April Fall: October	Complete at least the minimum major credits required by the interdisciplinary program	
Student-designed Major	Enrolled for at least 3 semesters	Spring: April Fall: October	Complete the courses specified in the Student-designed Major curriculum	
Dual Degree	102 credits earned in the first major GPA : 2.50 or higher (internal-use GPA, including F grades) enrolled in the current semester	Spring: March Fall: September	Complete at least the minimum major credits required by the Dual Degree department	Not available in the College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Education, or industry-contracted departments (Department of Cyber Defense, Department of Semiconductor Engineering, Department of Communications Engineering, School of Smart Mobility); similar departments/schools are not eligible

3. Microdegree

- A term combining "micro" and "degree," referring to a small-unit curriculum.
- All Korea University undergraduates are eligible to complete a Microdegree.
- There is no separate application procedure. Students may freely complete courses designated for each Microdegree regardless of their department. A completion certificate is issued when all requirements are met, including at least 12 required credits.
- Completion is confirmed in August for students who complete the requirements in the Spring Semester and in February for those who complete them in the Fall Semester.

4. Maximum Enrollment Period

- There is no maximum enrollment period for bachelor's degree programs.

※ The standard program duration for a bachelor's degree is four years.

(However, it is two years for bachelor's-degree transfer students and general transfer students entering the third year, and three years for general transfer students entering the second year.)

- Periods of leave of absence and dismissal are not included in the enrollment period.
- The period during which a student maintains enrollment after exceeding the standard program duration because the student has earned the required graduation credits but has not satisfied special graduation requirements set by the department/school, such as a graduation examination, graduation thesis, English-language score, or Chinese-character certification, is also included in the enrollment period.

Major Assignment Information

1. 2026 University College Curriculum

(* The curriculum is subject to change. Please also check later announcements on the University College website and the website of the First Major for which you intend to apply)

Category \ Area		Course Code	Course Title	Credits (Hours)	Recommended Year	Grading
Required General Education	Exploration of the Academic World	GELI007	Exploration of the Academic World I	3(3)	No year restriction; may be taken before graduation	Absolute
	College Writing	GEWR002	College Writing	3(3)		
	Academic English	IFLS800	Academic English I	2(2)		
	Freshman Seminar	GEKS007 GEKS008	[Career-Entrepreneurship] Freshman Seminar I [Career-Entrepreneurship] Freshman Seminar II	1(1) 1(1)	Year 1, Semester 1 Year 1, Semester 2	P/F
	Digital & SW	UNIV020	SW Programming Basics	3(3)	No year restriction; may be taken before graduation	Absolute
		UNIV021	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	3(3)		
	BT	UNIV040	The World of Bioscience	3(3)		Absolute(MOOC)
Required General Education Total Credits				19(19)		
General Education Electives		Follow the requirements of the first major				
Total General Education		Follow the requirements of the first major				
Major*	First Major	Follow the requirements of the first major (36-42 credits)				
	Intensive and Multiple Majors	Follow the major requirements of the department/school				
	Total Major	Follow the major requirements of the department/school (minimum 72 credits)				
General Electives		Remaining credits needed to reach 130 total credits after completing General Education and major requirements				
Graduation Requirements Total Credits				130		
Notes		1. All Required General Education courses must be completed to satisfy graduation requirements. 2. The First Majors available for entry from University College are the 46 departments/schools listed in [Appendix 1]. 3. Major and General Education totals follow the curriculum of each department/school. 4. To receive First Major Assignment, University College international students must complete the entire University College international-student curriculum for the first and second semesters of the first year. (University College website univ.korea.ac.kr → Undecided Major for International Students → Academic Curriculum)				

※ For the first-year curriculum and actual courses taken each semester by University College international students, be sure to refer to "University College International Student Curriculum" on page 5 of this document.

[Appendix 1] Departments/Schools Eligible for First Major Assignment

College/School	Available Department/Program	Notes
Business School	Business Administration	
College of Liberal Arts	Korean Language and Literature	
	Philosophy	
	Korean History	
	History	
	Sociology	
	Sinographic Literatures	
	English Language and Literature	
	German Language and Literature	
	French Language and Literature	
	Chinese Language and Literature	
	Russian Language and Literature	
	Japanese Language and Literature	
	Spanish Language and Literature	
College of Life Science & Biotechnology	Linguistics	
	Life Sciences	
	Biotechnology	
	Food Bioscience and Technology	
	Environmental Science and Ecological Engineering	
College of Political Science and Economics	Food and Resource Economics	
	Political Science and International Relations	
	Economics	
	Statistics	
College of Science	Public Administration	
	Mathematics	
	Physics	
	Chemistry	
College of Engineering	Earth and Environmental Science	
	Chemical & Biological Engineering	
	Materials Science & Engineering	
	Civil, Environmental, & Architectural Engineering	
	Mechanical Engineering	
	Industrial Management Engineering	
	Electrical Engineering	
College of Informatics	Integrative Energy Engineering	
	Computer Science and Engineering	
School of Art & Design	Art & Design	
College of International Studies	International Studies	
	Global Korean Studies	
College of Media & Communication	Media Studies	
College of Health Science	Biomedical Engineering	
	Biosystems & Biomedical Science	
	Health Environmental Science	
	Health Policy & Management	
School of Psychology	Psychology	
School of Smart Security	Smart Security	

※ If there are future changes to the departments/schools eligible for major assignment, this list will be updated.
(Please refer to University College website (univ.korea.ac.kr) → Notices → Announcements.)

2. Major Assignment Application Period and Procedure

- **University College international students must complete the entire first- and second-semester first-year curriculum for University College international students in order to receive First Major Assignment.**

(University College Website(univ.korea.ac.kr) → Undecided Major for International Students → Academic Curriculum)

- After completing the second semester of the first year, students apply for major assignment and are assigned a First Major for the following semester.
- As a rule, students apply for major assignment in the second semester of the first year. If a student cannot be assigned to a major for an unavoidable reason, the student may apply in the next enrolled semester.
- After the second semester of the first year, a student may reapply for major assignment once per enrolled semester.

[A student may apply up to three times within a maximum of four enrolled semesters: one initial application (second semester of the first year) + two reapplications.]

- On the second reapplication (third application in total), the student must finalize a First Major.
- After major assignment results are announced, the assigned major cannot be changed at the student's discretion. The assigned major must be completed in accordance with the Korea University School Rules, Academic Regulations, and other university rules. (However, after entering the First Major, the First Major may be changed through the Intra-Campus Major Transfer system.)
- During the application period, apply through the school portal under Academic Records → Major Assignment Application. (Detailed information will be provided later.)

Scholarship Information

1. Scholarships for International Continuing Students

※ The scholarships below are for international continuing students who have studied at Korea University for at least one semester after admission.

Scholarship	Amount	Main Selection Criteria
Excellence (A)	100% of tuition	Students with the highest grades in the previous semester
Excellence (B)	65% of tuition	Students with excellent grades in the previous semester
High Achievers	50% of tuition	Students with excellent grades in the two preceding semesters
Challenge (A)	30% of tuition	Students whose grades improved significantly in the previous semester compared with the semester before that
Challenge (B)	KRW 300,000	Students who earn TOPIK Level 6 after admission
Bright Futures (A)	50% of tuition	Students who need financial support due to difficult family circumstances

2. Eligibility and Application Period

- Available to international continuing students **who have studied at Korea University for at least one semester.**
- Students of foreign nationality admitted through the 'International Student Special Admission'.
- At least 12 credits earned in the previous semester** and no academic warning in the previous semester.
- Bright Futures(A): previous-semester GPA of 2.75 or higher / Challenge(A): previous-semester GPA of 3.0 or higher(GPA including F grades).
- Application period: **Spring Semester scholarships — early January / Fall Semester scholarships — early July.**
- Be sure to **check the KUPID notices each semester** for detailed eligibility requirements and schedules.

3. Application and Selection

- Excellence (A)(B), High Achievers: Automatically selected** based on grades without a separate application.
- Challenge (A), Bright Futures (A):** Check the KUPID notice and **apply online.**
 - KUPID → Registration/Scholarship → Scholarship Application
- For detailed application and selection procedures for other scholarships, check the notice for the relevant semester.

4. Scholarship Payment and Important Notes

- Scholarships are generally deducted from tuition in advance.**
- Scholarships are not paid into the student's personal bank account.
- Students receiving a full tuition scholarship must still pay other required fees separately.
- Even if the total amount due for tuition and other required fees is KRW 0, **students must**

still complete the registration procedure.

- Scholarship programs and selection criteria are subject to change; **check the KUPID scholarship notices every semester.**

※ Please Check!

The information above is a basic guide to scholarships for international students. **Detailed selection criteria, application periods, application procedures, and required documents may change by semester.**

For the final information on scholarship applications and selection, be sure to check the Global Services Center (GSC) website and related notices.

Academic Major Design Support

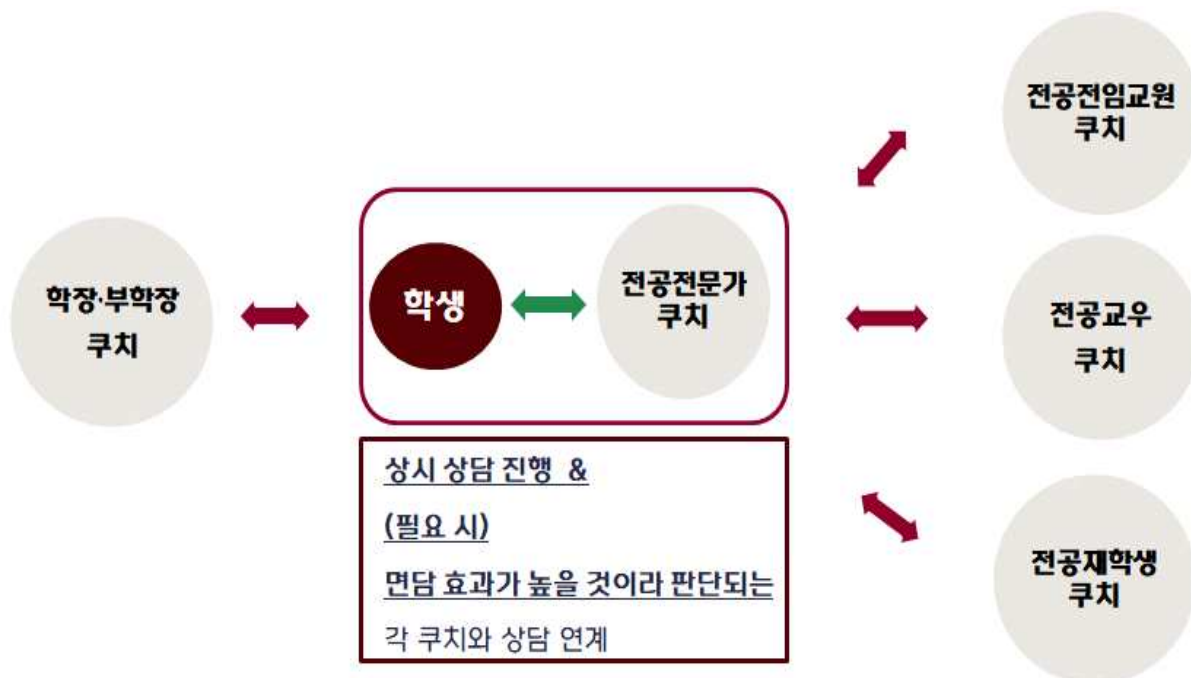
Academic Major Design Support Coaching Group KUach(KUach: KU+coach)

1. What is KUach?

- KU(Korea University) + Coach = KUach
- A comprehensive coaching system that supports students' self-directed major exploration in response to expanded academic flexibility, including admission without a declared major (major-autonomous selection system), second majors, department transfers, and Microdegrees.

2. Operation and Counseling

- If you need help with major selection or career design, request a counseling session through KUchive, the integrated curricular and extracurricular management system. (Counseling is available at any time)
- How to Request Counseling
 - ① Access "KUchive" (<https://kuchive.korea.ac.kr/>)
 - ② [Integrated Counseling] → [Academic Major Design Support (KUach) Interview].



2026 Academic Calendar

Year	Month	Date	Day	Schedule
2026	9	1	Tue	Fall Semester 2026 Begins
		1~18	Tue~Fri	Application for Early Graduation
		2~4	Wed~Fri	Course Add/Drop & Course Registration Confirmation Period
		21~23	Mon~Wed	Course Withdrawal Period / Dual Degree Application Period
		24~26	Thu~Sat	Thanksgiving Day (Chuseok, National Holiday)
		28	Mon	One Quarter of the Fall semester(4 Weeks)
	10	1~30	Thu~Fri	Student-Designed Major Application Period
		2~3	Fri~Sat	Korea-Yonsei Annual Sports Competition
		3	Sat	National Foundation Day (National Holiday)
		5	Mon	Alternative Holiday
		9	Fri	Hangul Proclamation Day (National Holiday)
		14~16	Wed~Fri	Interdisciplinary Major Application Period
		20~26	Tue~Mon	Mid-term Examination Period
		26	Mon	Half of the Fall semester (8 Weeks)
	11	2~4	Mon~Wed	Application for Intra-Campus Major Transfer
		11~13	Wed~Fri	Double Major Application Period
		23	Mon	Three Quarters of the Fall semester (12 weeks)
	12	2~4	Wed~Fri	Re-Admission Application Period
		14~18	Mon~Fri	Final Examination Period
		18	Fri	End of Fall semester(16 weeks)
		21	Mon	Winter Vacation Begins / Winter Session Begins
		25	Fri	Christmas (National Holiday)
2027	1	1	Fri	New Year's Day (National Holiday)
		15	Fri	Winter Session Ends
	2	1~25	Mon~Thu	Leave of Absence/Return Application Period
		2~4	Tue~Thu	Preferred course listing period for the Spring semester 2027 (Including Re-admitted Students)
		6~8	Sat~Mon	Lunar New Year's Day (National Holiday)
		9	Tue	Alternative Holiday
		15~19	Mon~Fri	Course Registration for Spring Semester(Including Re-admitted Students)
		23~24	Tue~Wed	Course Registration for Spring Semester 2027 (For Freshmen, Transfer Students, and New International Students, Students who have deferred graduation)
		22~26	Mon~Fri	Enrollment for Spring Semester 2027
		25	Thu	Commencement Ceremony for 2026
		26	Fri	Entrance Ceremony for 2027

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