Seoul, South Korea

Sookmyung Women’s University

USC’s exchange program in South Korea is designed to help American students gain first hand knowledge of Korean life and culture. Students will attend Sookmyung Women’s University, established in 1906 during the reign of Emperor Kojong. The University has since become a national model for women’s education, and is the first private college for women in Korea. The campus is located in the heart of Seoul, the capital city, an area filled with historical sites, parks, and cultural centers. Seoul is also the second largest metropolitan area in the world with a population of over 23 million. USC undergraduate male and female students are eligible to participate in this program.

The program in Seoul offers a wide variety of courses taught in English. Juniors and seniors are also eligible to take courses in the University’s Graduate School of International Service. As a requirement, students must enroll in a basic Korean language class. Students with more advanced Korean language proficiency may enroll in regular courses taught in Korean.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least sophomore standing prior to attending Sookmyung Women’s University. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required to apply.

Courses and Credits
Students are typically able to earn 12 – 18 credit hours per semester. Listed below are a few examples of courses offered in English. A full list of courses taught in English can be found at http://e.sookmyung.ac.kr/, by clicking on Academics and Courses Taught in English.

Course Titles

Database Programming
Debates on Global Issues
Human Resource Management
International Relations in Northeast Asia
Introduction to Travel and Tourism
Korean Society and Culture
Marketing in Culture and Tourism

Media Relations
NGOs in Transnational Affairs
Principles of Management
Principles of Marketing
Theory of Service for Culture and Tourism
Understanding Market Economy with Microeconomics
Women in Contemporary Korea
Living Arrangements
Sookmyung offers four types of on-campus dormitories for exchange students. There are meal plans available for on-campus dining halls. More information about accommodations at Sookmyung can be found at http://e.sookmyung.ac.kr/ (click on “Life on Campus” > “Housing”).

Budgeting
Students should budget a minimum of 500,000 - 700,000 Korean won for living expenses each month. The rate for the dormitories ranges from 260,000-400,000 won/month. All costs are estimates and may fluctuate based on the exchange rate.

Master Calendar
The fall semester at Sookmyung runs from the end of August through mid-December. The spring semester runs from early March through mid-June. USC students can attend Sookmyung Women's University during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. For a detailed academic calendar, visit http://e.sookmyung.ac.kr/ (click on “Academics” > “Academic Calendar”).

Insurance
All students must purchase the National Health Insurance through Sookmyung University. This is in addition to the required USC insurance. Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad.

Orientation
There is a one day orientation for all international students that will take place the day before classes start each semester. Students will learn about life on campus, Korean culture, and will meet other international students.

Excursions
Korean traditional culture tours and excursions are organized for international students. Students also have the opportunity for individual travel.

Extra-Curricular Activities
There are more than 50 organizations on campus that range from the Korean traditional dance club to the martial arts club. Exchange students will also be introduced to a “student buddy” upon arrival at Sookmyung University. The student buddy will help students to assimilate into the campus life and Korean Culture.

Entry Visa
All students must have a valid entry visa in order to study in Korea. Students can learn more about the visa process by visiting the Korean Consulate General in Atlanta’s website at http://www.dynamic-korea.com/consulate_service/visa.php.

Footnotes
Visit the University’s website at http://e.sookmyung.ac.kr/. For more information on travel and tourism in Korea, please see: http://english.tour2korea.com/

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