About the Exchange Program

Undergraduate students from Human Ecology may spend one semester, and in some cases, up to a year, studying at Seoul National University.

Seoul’s College of Human Ecology has thirty-one full time professors who work with over 600 undergraduate students and two hundred graduate students. Like the College of Human Ecology at Cornell, the College of Human Ecology at Seoul National University was founded on the academic mission of improving the quality of life for individuals and households and on the interactions between them and their environments.

Seoul is the capital of Korea and the heart of Korea’s culture and education as well as politics and economics. It is home to more than ten million people, and is one of the top 10 global cities in the world. Seoul’s transportation system is well integrated and efficient, boasting the world’s third largest subway system and the number-one rated airport. It has the fastest internet in the world. Modern infrastructure and buildings are balanced with ancient, well-preserved dynastic palaces, temples, and gates.

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Budget

Exchange students pay tuition to their home University. Cornell students pay Cornell tuition. Housing and travel expenses are additional.

Application

Enrollment forms are available from the Human Ecology Exchange Office. They should be submitted together with other required documents to the Exchange Program Office at MVR 183.

Deadlines

Spring semester – September 15th
Fall semester – March 15th

For more information about applying, contact:
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THE UNIVERSITY

About SNU

Seoul National University was founded in 1946, the first national university in modern South Korea. The university has sixteen colleges, nine professional graduate schools, and 135 research institutes and other supporting facilities, distributed over two campuses. Gwanak Campus, the main campus of the university, is located at the foot of the magnificent Gwanak Mountains in a 4.8 km² area. SNU has a student enrollment of approximately 27,000; 16,000 at the undergraduate level and 11,000 at the graduate level.

As a result of SNU’s commitment to foster productive research environments, many of its departments and research institutes, especially in the field of Engineering and Natural Sciences, are now globally recognized for their cutting-edge research. The number of academic papers published in international journals certified by the Scientific Citation Index (SCI) was 3,792 as of 2008—ranked 20th in the world. A Quality Index of Research Capacity, based on the citation number of scientific papers, shows that SNU is comparable with the top 30 universities in the United States.

COURSES

There are over 250 classes taught in English and in the Spring of 2011 there were over 781 lectures in English. Each college or department offers a number of courses in English.

The School of Human Ecology has four departments:

- Consumer Sciences
- Child Studies & Family Studies
- Clothing and Textiles
- Food and Nutrition

SNU offers a wide range of educational opportunities for Human Ecology Students from all majors. For example PAM majors could study in the College of Consumer Sciences or the College of Social Sciences. The College of Social Sciences offers studies in Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Social Welfare and Communication.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Spring Semester is from the beginning of March to mid-June.

The Fall Semester is from the beginning of September to mid-December.

The SNU on campus Gwanaksa Dormitory has 18 residential buildings for over 4,700 students from all around the world. It is walking distance from all on-campus buildings.

All the rooms in the undergraduate dormitory are double occupancy with large communal restrooms, partitioned shower booths, a common laundry room, kitchen, reading room and fully furnished resting area equipped with sofas, tables, TV/VCRs, air conditioner, refrigerator and microwave ovens.

There are also off-campus dormitories available in 24 houses, located near the Gwanak campus.