



FACT SHEET
2024/25

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STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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)

- Fall / Spring 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

PSP (POSTECH Summer Program)

Research + Korean Language & Culture

- **1 Credit for 4 weeks** Research Participation
- Cultural Program & Social Events will take a place every week

Eligibility

- Students currently enrolled in Partner University
- Student are required to get approval from POSTECH Faculty (The Faculty list will be given with the Call)

Procedures for Semester Exchange

Exchange Periods

2024 Fall

2 Sep, 2024 - 20 Dec, 2024

2025 Spring

17 Feb, 2025 - 6 June, 2025

Procedures from A to Z

1

Nomination (Coordinator)

Partner Institutions' coordinators have to submit their nominations through email
(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 through our website (international.postech.ac.kr)

3

Admission Announcement

The Admission Results will be announced by email
Students will receive the **Certificate of Admission** and **Pre-Arrival Orientation Information**

4

Pre-Arrival Orientation

Pre-Arrival Orientation will be delivered by ZOOM
About VISA process, Life at POSTECH, Course Registration, Scholarship Opportunity, etc

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 or Scholarship Certificate in your name that contains at least 2,800 USD (for a semester), 7,000 USD (for a year)
- **Letter of Approval from POSTECH Faculty** (Only required for C+R Students)

Important Dates

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|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| ◦ Nomination Deadline | 15 March, 2024 | 13 September, 2024 |
| ◦ Application Deadline | 31 March, 2024 | 30 September, 2024 |
| ◦ Admission Results | 5 April, 2024 | 4 October, 2024 |
| ◦ Pre-Arrival Orientation | Mid April, 2024 | Mid October, 2024 |
| ◦ Course Registration | Early August, 2024 | Early January, 2025 |
| ◦ Check-In & Orientation | 26 - 30 August, 2024 | 10 - 14 February, 2025 |
| ◦ Check-Out | 24 December, 2024 | 10 June, 2025 |
| ◦ Academic Transcript | Early February, 2025 | End of July, 2025 |

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

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

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 have validation for six months after the program ends** 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 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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