

# 2021 Fall Exchange Program FACT SHEET

## Administrative Info

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## Important Dates: 2021 Fall

<b>Course Registration</b>	Approx. 3 weeks before the beginning of the semester. <i>* Details will be confirmed after official admissions.</i>
<b>Arrival &amp; Orientations</b>	Week before courses begin
<b>Semester Term</b>	<b>September 6 ~ December 24</b>
<b>Exams</b>	<b>Mid-Terms: October 25 ~ 29</b> <b>Final Exams: December 20 ~24</b>
<b>Dorm Check-Outs</b>	<b>~ December 25 (Saturday)</b>
<b>Final Grades</b>	Grade Check: 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Winter Break Grade Adjustments: 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Winter Break
<b>Academic Transcript</b>	Hard copy of the Official Academic Transcript will arrive at home university's international office within 1 month the grade adjustment period.

## General Information

<b>Exchange Programs</b>	Offered to Students of Partner Universities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Semester Exchange</b> (C: Course Taking) : Spring/Fall semester, credit transfer</li> <li><b>Research Exchange</b> (R: Research Participation) : Non-credit, lab research for thesis, internship, etc.</li> <li><b>C + R Combined</b> : Term may overlap and/or be continuous</li> </ol>
<b>Research Participation</b>	Students are required to navigate and contact their POSTECH advising professor-to-be directly and receive official approval prior to the application process.
<b>Maximum Period of Exchange</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C: 1 academic year (2 semesters)</li> <li>R: 3 months - 2 years</li> </ol>
<b>Mandatory Medical Insurance</b>	<p>All students are required to purchase the compulsory insurance (up to 7 months) designated by POSTECH, regardless of any other pre-existing ones.</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">DB Goodinsurance</a></u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ±2 weeks before/after semester</li> <li>- Medical expenses caused by accidents or illnesses</li> <li>- Loss of personal property, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Students will receive a payment invoice upon arrival due within a month of arrival.</p> <p><b>Due to government policies, all international students staying for more than 6 months, will automatically be enrolled in the <u><a href="#">Korean national insurance</a></u> plan from their 7<sup>th</sup> month, and will receive monthly invoices for payments. (as of March, 2021)</b></p>

<b>Majors / Departments</b> (Website Links)	<a href="#">Undergraduate Programs</a> <a href="#">Graduate Programs</a>
<b>University Account</b> (POVIS)	Students will be asked to make a POVIS account with their student ID number issued within a month of admissions. It will be their email account, means for course registration, and will grant access to the university's system throughout the program.
<b>On-Campus Housing</b>	On-campus dormitories are guaranteed. All students will be assigned to DICE (Dormitory for International Cultural Exchange) if spaces permit. <i>* Specific costs will be specified in upcoming pages.</i>
<b>Course Listings</b>	<a href="http://lms.postech.ac.kr">http://lms.postech.ac.kr</a> -> English -> Learning Guide -> Courses -> <b>Select Semester (Spring : 1, Fall : 2)</b>  ※ Full Listings are usually available from: - <b>Spring: Late November</b> - <b>Fall: Early May</b>
<b>Course Registration</b>	Exchange students will register for courses on POVIS during the designated period for exchange students, if spaces permit.  To register for classes with prerequisites, please directly consult with the professor/instructor and submit the "Change of Course Registration Form" to the host department office during the add/drop period (first week of semester).
<b>Credit System</b>	Indicated as <b>Lec-Lab-Crt</b> on syllabus Lec: lecture hours per week Lab: laboratory hours per week Crt: Total credits offered  <b>Semester Limits</b> <b>Undergraduate</b> - Standard Full time: 15 - Minimum: 10 / Maximum: 22 <b>Graduate</b> - Minimum: 3 / Maximum: 18
<b>Grading System</b>	POSTECH Academic Policy - Undergraduate - <a href="#">Chapter 10 – Examination &amp; Academic Record</a>

## Applying for Exchange

\*No hard copies of documents will be needed for the whole process.

\*\*All dates are subject to change and will be notified to program coordinators accordingly.

<p><b>Eligibility</b></p>	<p>1. Students nominated by partner universities.          2. GPA average above B (3.0/4.3)          3. English Proficiency (<u>for non-native students</u>)          : Equivalent scores of TOEFL iBT 79, IELTS (Ac) 6.0 or above, which may also be substituted with proof documents from home university.</p>
<p><b>Nomination Deadline</b></p>	<p>Fall: ~ March 15          Spring: ~ September 15          A specific Excel format will be sent to program coordinators in the beginning of the month.</p>
<p><b>Online Application Deadline</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Application Website</a>          Fall: ~ April 1          Spring: ~ October 1</p>
<p><b>Final Application Submission</b></p>	<p><b>The PDF file of the application must be sent to POSTECH by home university coordinator.</b>  <b>Fall: ~ April 15</b>  <b>Spring: ~ October 15</b></p>
<p><b>Supporting Documents</b></p>	<p>1. Official Academic Transcript (in English) if not containing overall GPA, please specifically indicate on application, or students may not be considered for any potential scholarships          2. Proof of English Proficiency (only for non-natives)          3. Recommendation Letter from Home University          4. Clear Copy of Passport   <b>*For Research Students</b>          5. Letter of Approval (from POSTECH professor)</p>
<p><b>Admission Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>Fall: Beginning of May</b>  <b>Spring: Beginning of November</b>           Students will be receiving specific instructions and the <b>Certificate of Admission</b> along with other documents needed for student visa applications.</p>
<p><b>Welcome Packet from ISSS</b></p>	<p>Students will receive <b>Important Announcements</b> emails from ISSS regarding Student Visa, Housing, Insurance, Student IDs, and will also be asked to continue to liaise with the coordinators for further information on POVIS, Course Registration, Orientations, etc.</p>

## Student Visa & Immigration

<p><b>Certificate of Admission</b></p>	<p>The main document for visa applications. In order for students to receive this in time, a <b>valid passport</b> with at least 6 months remaining will be needed before POSTECH applications.</p>
<p><b>Visa Applications</b></p>	<p>Credit Transfer: <b>Exchange Student (D-2-6)</b> Research Only: D-2-5 or D-2-8 The process is convenient than others as POSTECH is an <a href="#">IEQAS/Certified University</a>. But, students are strongly recommended to contact nearest consulates and check if additional documents were to be needed.</p>
<p><b>Medical Check-up Requirement</b></p>	<p>Proof of a tuberculosis check-up (<b>in English</b>) is required for all students from high-risk countries* upon arrival.</p> <p>*Nepal, East Timor, Laos, Russia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, India, Indonesia, China, Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Thailand, Pakistan, Philippines, Nigeria, Republic of South Africa, Belarus, Mozambique, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Angola, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Kazakhstan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Tajikistan, Peru (as of April 2020)</p>
<p><b>Alien Registration</b></p>	<p>In the first week of the semester ISSS will guide students to the Pohang Immigration Office to apply for their Alien Registration Cards (ARC), which will be the official means of identification during their stay in Korea.</p>
<p><b>Staying in Korea</b></p>	<p>All students are asked to carry their ARC and insurance cards at all times, and will be asked to return it at airport immigrations upon departure.</p> <p><b>Students are to leave the country within 30 days from the end of the semester</b> (due to the completion of purpose of stay), regardless of their visa expiration date. If not, students will have to visit the Pohang Immigration Office for specific explanation and official permission.</p>
<p><b>Are exchange students allowed to work?</b></p>	<p><b>On-Campus: No</b></p> <p><b>Off-campus:</b> D-2-6 visa holders are allowed to work part time, only if with the approval from the Immigration Office. Students must first receive permission from their department, then, ISSS will assist with specific procedures. ※ <i>Tutoring and construction work is strictly prohibited.</i></p>
<p><b>References</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Hi Korea</a> &amp; Phone Hotline: +82-1345 <a href="#">Korean Immigration Law</a> <a href="#">Korea Visa Portal</a> <a href="#">Websites to Embassies and Consulates</a></p>

## Living Expenses

<b>Housing</b>	Approx. 600,000 KRW per semester (must be paid in a sum total within 2 weeks of arrival)
<b>Meals</b>	350,000 KRW per month ※ Monthly Meal Plans - 60 meals/month: 138,000 KRW - 45 meals/month: 112,500 KRW
<b>Transportation</b>	50,000 KRW per month (local)
<b>Total Living Cost</b>	<b>Approx. 800,000 KRW per month</b>

## ISSS (International Student and Scholar Services)

<b>Information Collection Before Arrival</b>	<p><b>1. Date and Time of Arrival on Campus</b> for accurate dorm check-ins</p> <p><b>2. Passport and Visa Copy</b> for submission to immigration office</p> <p><b>3. Passport sized photo in JPEG</b> for government visa system <i>* must bring a physical copy for alien registration</i></p> <p><b>4. Tuberculosis Check-Up Report</b> for dormitory</p>
<b>Orientations</b>	<p>Compulsory sessions for all international students approximately for 3 days the week before courses start. (Wed.-Fri.)</p> <p>Info on life in Korea/Pohang, course registration, alien registration, housing, transportation, mobile phone/SIM cards, bank accounts, insurance, security &amp; health, etc.</p>

## Useful Links

<b>POSTECH Language Education Center (POSLEC)</b>	<a href="http://poslec.postech.ac.kr/">http://poslec.postech.ac.kr/</a>
<b>Study in Korea</b>	<a href="http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/main.do">http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/main.do</a>
<b>Korea Tourism Organization</b>	<a href="http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.jsp">http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.jsp</a>
<b>Pohang City Hall</b>	<a href="http://www.pohang.go.kr/eng/index.do">http://www.pohang.go.kr/eng/index.do</a>