

Conditions & Cautions

All students and coordinators are asked to thoroughly read through the following and consider the variations there may be in the future. The below is written based on the current situation and all specifics are always subject to change, of which significant information will be shared on a timely matter.

1. **Restrictions in Student/Campus Life**

The current national measures for COVID-19 prevention includes “no personal gatherings exceeding 4 people”, and POSTECH does not encourage events or activities, international/intercity travels that may relate. There will be limitations in enjoying the full academic and cultural experience of the exchange program, and such measures may be elevated accordingly.

2. **Last Minute Changes (Online Courses, Program Cancellation)**

Though POSTECH is planning for a fully open campus in 2022 Spring, there may be sudden, last minute changes in the methods of course delivery or academics.

3. **Vaccinations & High Risk Management**

Further through the stages of applications, admissions or entry approvals may be only granted to vaccinated individuals, or withdrawn from those who are to come from countries of high risk.

4. **PCR Test (COVID-19 Screening)**

- All coming to Korea must be bearing their PCR test result taken within 72 hours before departure or they will not be granted permission to board the flight or to enter the country.
- Also, PCR tests will be automatically arranged, for the beginning and end of quarantine.

5. **Off-Campus Quarantine**

Due to the constantly changing guidelines of the [Ministry of Health and Welfare \(MOHW\)](#), the 14day-mandatory-quarantine of international arrivals, regardless of vaccinations, is now only allowed in expert facilities or private properties (hotel and BnB related business establishments prohibited).

Acknowledging the fact that it will be difficult for students to navigate a private residence just for quarantine, POSTECH has arranged for a company to provide all necessary services legally and at a very reasonable price. (Additional information to be provided in due course)

6. **Self-Arranged Quarantine**

Those who do not wish to use the recommended facility are free to arrange others, without the assistance of POSTECH, under specific conditions that are to be provided in due course.

7. **Mandatory Daily Health Reports (Ministry of Education)**

Students in quarantine are to report their health status every day and provide all information when asked of. If students don't comply, admissions and visa/entry approvals may be withdrawn immediately.

Important Dates: 2022 Spring

Course Registration	Approx. 1-3 weeks before the beginning of the semester. <i>* Details will be confirmed after official admissions.</i>
Arrival & Orientations	Week before courses begin
Semester Term	February 21 - June 10
Exams	Mid-Terms: April 11 - 15 Final Exams: June 7 - 10
Dorm Check-Outs	~ June 11 (Saturday)
Final Grades	Grade Check: 1 st week of Summer Break Grade Adjustments: 2 nd week of Summer Break
Academic Transcript	The hard copy of the Official Academic Transcript will arrive at home university's international office within 1 month after the grade adjustment period.

General Information

Exchange Programs	Offered to Students of Partner Universities 1. Semester Exchange (C: Course Taking) : Spring/Fall semester, credit transfer 2. Research Exchange (R: Research Participation) : Non-credit, lab research for thesis, internship, etc. 3. C + R Combined : Term may overlap and/or be continuous
Research Participation	Students are required to navigate and contact their POSTECH advising professor-to-be directly and receive official approval prior to the application process.
Maximum Period of Exchange	1. C: 1 academic year (2 semesters) 2. R: 2 years (visa extension needed after 1st year)
Compulsory Medical Insurance	Students are required to purchase a separate insurance plan that covers most illnesses and injuries and is valid for at least 1 month from the student's arrival in Korea. Additionally, as of March 2021, all international students in Korea will be automatically registered to the National Health Insurance Service (NHIS), effective from the date of their alien registration (most likely done within 10 days into the semester) . 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 <u>approx. 50,000 KRW/month.</u>

Majors / Departments (Website Links)	Undergraduate Programs Graduate Programs
University Account (HEMOS / POVIS)	Students will be asked to make a HEMOS account on POVIS with their Student ID number issued within a month of admission. It will be their email account, means for course registration, and will grant access to the university's system throughout the program.
On-Campus Housing	On-campus dormitories are guaranteed. All international students will be assigned to DICE (Dormitory for International Cultural Exchange) if spaces permit. <i>* Specific costs will be specified in the upcoming pages.</i>
Course Listings	http://plms.postech.ac.kr ※ The PLMS system will be renewed within 2021, and is not available for international access at the current moment. Until then, for specific inquiries please contact Educational Affairs at shawnjeong@postech.ac.kr .
Course Registration	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).
Credit System	Indicated as Lec-Lab-Crt on syllabus Lec: lecture hours per week Lab: laboratory hours per week Crt: Total credits offered Semester Limits Undergraduate - Standard Full time: 15 - Minimum: 10 / Maximum: 22 Graduate - Minimum: 3 / Maximum: 18
Grading System	POSTECH Academic Policy - Undergraduate - Chapter 10 – Examination & Academic Record

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.

Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Nomination Deadline	<p>Fall: ~ March 15 Spring: ~ September 30</p> <p>A specific Excel format will be sent to program coordinators in the beginning of the month.</p>
Online Application Deadline	<p>Application Website Fall: After Nomination Screening ~ April 1 Spring: ~ October 20</p>
Final Application Submission	<p>The PDF file of the application must be sent to POSTECH by home university coordinator. Fall: ~ April 15 Spring: ~ October 29</p>
Supporting Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate of Enrollment/Degree 2. Official Academic Transcript (in English) <i>(if not containing overall GPA, please specifically indicate on application, or students may not be considered for any potential scholarships)</i> 3. Proof of English Proficiency <i>(may be substituted with <u>proof documents from home university</u>)</i> 4. Recommendation Letter from Home University 5. Clear Copy of Passport (scanned) <p>*For Research Students 5. Letter of Approval (from POSTECH professor)</p>
Admission Announcements	<p>Fall: Beginning of May Spring: within November</p> <p>Students will be receiving specific instructions and the Certificate of Admission along with other documents needed for (D-2) visa applications.</p>
Welcome Packet from ISSS	<p>Students will receive Important Announcements 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 life before/at POSTECH (POVIS, Course Registration, Orientations, etc.).</p>

Student Visa & Immigration

Certificate of Admission	The main document for visa applications. In order for students to receive this in time, their passport must be valid and cover the whole period of exchange upon online applications.
Visa Applications	Credit Transfer: Exchange Student (D-2-6) Research Only: D-2-5 or D-2-8 The process is convenient than others as POSTECH is an IEQAS/Certified University . But, students are strongly recommended to contact the nearest Korean embassy/consulate and check if additional documents were to be needed.
Medical Check-up Requirement	Proof of a tuberculosis check-up (in English) is required for all students from high-risk countries* upon arrival. *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)
Alien Registration	Within the first 2 weeks 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.
Staying in Korea	All 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 are to leave the country within 30 days from the last day of the semester (due to completion of purpose of stay), regardless of their visa expiration dates. Once students leave the country in that month, some nationalities will not be able to re-enter without a new visa.
Are exchange students allowed to work?	On-Campus: No Off-campus: D-2-6 visa holders are allowed to work part time, only with the approval of the Immigration Office. Students must first receive permission from their department, and ISSS will assist with the following procedures. ※ <i>Tutoring and construction work is strictly prohibited.</i>
References	Hi Korea & Phone Hotline: +82-1345 Korean Immigration Law Korea Visa Portal Websites to Embassies and Consulates

Living Costs

Housing	Approx. 600,000 KRW per semester (must be paid in a sum total within 2 weeks of arrival)
Meals	350,000 KRW per month ※ Monthly Meal Plans - 30 meals/month: 81,000 KRW - 45 meals/month: 112,500 KRW
Transportation	50,000 KRW per month (local)
Total Living Cost	Approx. 800,000 KRW per month

ISSS (International Student and Scholar Services)

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

Useful Links

Korea Immigration Service	https://www.immigration.go.kr/immigration_eng/index.do
Hi Korea (Online Government)	https://www.hikorea.go.kr/Main.pt?locale=en
POSTECH Language Education Center (POSLEC)	http://poslec.postech.ac.kr/
Study in Korea	http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/main.do
National Health Insurance Service	https://www.nhis.or.kr/english/index.do
Korea Tourism Organization	http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.jsp
Pohang City Hall	http://www.pohang.go.kr/eng/index.do