

South Korea

1. Decide which visa you need

Student visa – valid for your entire study period

If you are planning to study at a Korean university for more than 90 days, then you should apply for a student visa. To apply you need a Certificate of Admission from a Korean university. To obtain such a document, you usually need to pay for at least 2 terms of 10 weeks each. Korean universities provide 4 terms of 10 weeks per academic year.

A student visa is called a D-visa, followed by a number that varies depending on what you will study in Korea. On a student visa, you can apply for the right to work part-time after you have studied in Korea for six months. Talk to your university for more information..

2. Apply to a school in Korea

Before applying for a student visa, you must apply and get admitted to a Korean university. Universities often have specific application windows. For the application you usually need:

- The school's application form
- A copy of your passport
- Your high school diploma in English
- Proof that you have can finance your studies in Korea

We can assist you with the application to study abroad semesters at Hanyang University in Seoul and Korean language courses at Konkuk University in Seoul. Then you do not need to submit a financial statement.

3. Get your visa documents (if you have applied for a university)

After you have been admitted to a university program, it is time to pay the tuition fee (which usually is very reasonable in Korea). Once it has been paid the university will send you a Certificate of Admission and/or a Confirmation of Visa Issuance. When you have received this document, you can apply for a student visa at the Korean embassy in your home country. If you wish to enter Korea on a student visa, we recommend that you pay your tuition fee no later than 2 months before your program starts. This should give you enough time to receive your admission documents and apply for the visa. If you don't have enough time to get a student visa before your program starts you can travel to South Korea on visa waiver, as a last resort, and transfer to a student visa on-site as we described under headline 1 above. Contact your school for more information about this before you leave.

4. Apply at the Korean Embassy in your country

You apply for a visa at the Korean embassy in your home country. Here you can find the address, website and other contact details to the Korean embassy in your home country.

Contact the Embassy or your school if you have questions about the visa application. Below you which documents that is usually requested at the embassy when you apply for a student visa or Working holiday visa. *Please note that this information might differ for different*

embassies and nationalities so make sure to check the instructions on the Korean Embassy's website in your country for more details.

For student visa

- Your passport in original with a copy of the photo page. The passport must be valid at least 6 months after the planned entry to Korea.
- A filled in visa application (see the embassies' website)
- Visa application fee
- 1 passport photo
- Visa documents from a Korean university (see headline 3)
- Proof of financing
- If you attend a university exchange program, additional documentation may be required.

For working holiday visa

- Your passport in original and a copy of the photo page. The passport must be valid at least 6 months after the entry to Korea.
- A filled in visa application (see the embassies' website)
- Visa application fee
- 1 passport photo
- Proof that you have access to at least \$ 12,000
- A return ticket within one year
- Proof that you are insured during your stay in South Korea
- A one page description, in English, of what you will do in South Korea
- A health certificate filled in by your doctor

All documents must be in English or Korean. Don't forget to double check with the Embassy which documents are required in your country.

5. Get your visa

In Sweden it usually takes about two weeks to get your visa after the Embassy has received your visa application. Waiting times might differ in other countries. Contact the embassy if you are short of time to see if they can help you faster. You must collect your visa personally at the Korean Embassy unless you use a visa agency that does the job for you.

6. Flight and landing card

Make sure to leave enough margin if you book your flight before you have received your visa. Otherwise, you can book it as soon as your visa has been issued but then prices might be higher. Do not forget to get a good student insurance for your studies in South Korea.

On arrival to South Korea you will be asked to fill in a landing card. If you are traveling on visa waiver, you can indicate that you are a tourist. If you enter on a student visa, you should write that you are a student.

7. Alien registration and possible visa extension

Foreign nationals with a visa that lasts for longer than 90 days shall apply for an Alien Registration Card at the Immigration Office in Korea. Apply within your first 90 days in the country to avoid fines. If you have travelled to Korea on visa waiver you cannot apply for Alien Registration until you have switched to a student visa. Your Alien Card can be used as an ID card in Korea. An alien card in combination with a single entry visa can serve as multiple entry visa according to the Korean embassy.

If you extend your study period in Korea or if you were unable to secure a student visa for your entire stay before traveling to Korea, you may apply for / renew your student visa on-site. First, you pay the school for remaining semesters then you can go to the Immigration Office to prolong your visa. Talk to your university for more instructions. You can read more about fees and required documents

at https://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/CvIapplInfoDetailR_en.pt here you can also apply for a visa extension directly online at a discounted price.

Please note that the Korean authorities and schools can make changes to the visa process without informing us. Always read the instructions from your school and the Korean authorities carefully. The information in this article is based on our experience and is correct to the best of our knowledge, but we cannot be held liable for any errors in this article or any problems you run into based on our advice here. Always read the latest instructions from the embassy and contact them if you have any questions about the visa process. We can never guarantee you will be granted a visa.