

NKU Academic Exchange in Ulsan, South Korea



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The University of Ulsan

A brief introduction...

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NKU Academic Exchanges

The Office of Education Abroad offers academic exchanges as a study abroad option for independent and mature NKU students interested in a semester or year-long immersion experience in another country. The information in this packet is meant to provide an overview of the experience available through an academic exchange in Ulsan, South Korea. However, please keep in mind that this information, especially those regarding visa requirements, is subject to change. It is the responsibility of each NKU student participating in an exchange to take the initiative in the pre-departure process with regards to visa application, application to the Exchange University, air travel arrangements, housing arrangements, and pre-approval of courses. Before and after departure for an academic exchange, the Office of Education Abroad will remain a resource and guide for participating exchange students.

South Korea

South Korea is a country swathed in green and the Koreans are a people passionate about nature. Spread over the national parks, peaks and valleys, and hot springs are numerous cultural relics and temples that serve to remind visitors of Korea's long history. Still, the country's dedication to keeping up with contemporary times is evident in cutting-edge technologies and the worldwide success of companies such as Samsung, LG and Hyundai. Korea has two distinct seasons, with a wet, hot, monsoon summer and a very cold winter. Except for some northern parts of South Korea, most of South Korea's winter will be similar to Cincinnati.

Ulsan

Ulsan, a city of over 1.1 million, is in the southeastern corner of South Korea. Ulsan is known as the Industrial Powerhouse of South Korea. The world's largest automotive assembly plant is located here and operated by Hyundai Motor Company. Ulsan boasts the highest GDP per capita in South Korea. Historically a fishing port town, Ulsan has grown to be a major city with towering buildings while still being close to the country. Ulsan was one of the cities to host the 2002 FIFA World Cup and is considered to be the 7th largest city in Korea. Busan, South Korea's 2nd largest city is located only 27 miles away. Ulsan has a variety of scenery ranging from mountains, beaches, a thriving industrial sector, and a bustling downtown. Ulsan offers the benefits of city life while not being too far removed from nature.

Ulsan University

The University of Ulsan was established in 1970 by the founder of Hyundai Group, Ju-yung Chung. Ulsan University has a student population of 15,000 and has over 750 international students from 35 different countries. It has been ranked 90th in the World (2015 THE 100 under 50 Rankings), and excels in the study of Business Administration, Mechanical and Automotive Engineering, and Electrical Engineering. Korean language is not required as a select number of classes are offered in English. Intensive Korean language courses are also offered. On campus facilities include: a medical clinic, the Asan sports center, a bank, post office, the Global Lounge, and a cafeteria.

Housing

There are a few accommodation options for exchange students at Ulsan University. The university maintains dormitory complexes on campus, which are very affordable (around ₩550,000 to ₩650,000 per semester, or \$550 to \$650) depending on if the room is a double or quad room. The rooms come furnished, and vary between private and shared bathrooms. Meal plans at the on campus cafeteria are also offered and range from \$450 to \$650 per semester. There are many restaurants and convenience stores nearby as well as local grocery stores.

Transportation

Ulsan has a very developed, inexpensive bus system that can take you almost anywhere in the city. Learning Hangul is recommended as most of the bus stops are written in Korean. Taxis are also available for reasonable prices. South Korea's KTX train system can take you from Ulsan to other major cities in a short amount of time. Buses to cities like Busan and Seoul can be used for a lower price. You can purchase a T-Money card and use it on the buses as well as subway systems in Korea.

Visa and Health Insurance

U.S. citizens who participate in the semester or yearlong academic exchanges will require a visa to be allowed entry into South Korea. Visas can be applied for at a Korean embassy or consulate office in the U.S. To apply for the visa, students must have a passport, an admissions letter from The University of Ulsan, a certificate of bank balance, a copy of your school transcript, and proof of financial capability for their time abroad.

The University of Ulsan requires students to have either the University Insurance (CHARTIS) or the Korean National Health Insurance. New students will be automatically applied into the University Insurance (CHARTIS).

Useful Links

The University of Ulsan: <http://global.ulsan.ac.kr/intro.aspx>

CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov>

U.S. Department of State information: <http://travel.state.gov/>

General Living Expenses University of Ulsan, South Korea Semester Estimated Expenses

Please use the following budget only as a general guide for expenses for one semester. Also note that expenses are estimated and subject to fluctuate according to currency rates* and general economic inflation.

Tuition	\$4,500	(undergraduate, in-state tuition for 12-16 hours)
Passport	\$135	
Visa	\$55	
Accommodation	\$1,300	(for a double room in the on campus dorms, and 3 meals per day. Prices may vary.)
Round Trip airfare	\$1,400	
Food	\$500	
Local Transportation	\$200	
Health Insurance	\$300	
Personal Spending	<u>\$2,000</u>	(shopping, entertainment, travel, etc.)
Total	\$10,385	

*February 2017 exchange rate: **1 U.S. dollar = 1,151 South Korean won**