

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) http://www.kaist.edu
B. Country	South Korea
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange. Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.
ii) Academic Calendar	Semester 1: March to June Semester 2: September to December http://iss.kaist.ac.kr/co/calendar.do
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.
v) Curriculum Structure	Exchange students are recommended to take 12 to 15 credits per semester (equivalent to 4-5 modules). 1-credit course requires one hour of lecture per week. 1-credit lab course requires three hours lab time per week.
vi) Entry Requirements	Completed at least one year of study at NUS upon application with host university. CAP of 3.0 out of 5.0 with no grade below C.
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	Korean language proficiency is not required for students taking courses offered in English. However, it is recommended that students have basic Korean language knowledge. Most of the courses offered in KAIST are taught in English except for designated courses such as Korean course for international students, Korean History, Korean Writing etc.

viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Sciences • Life Science and Bioengineering • Engineering • Liberal Arts and Convergence Science* <p>*The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences under the College of Liberal Arts and Convergence Science offers elective courses to students majoring in Engineering, Science and other areas. Exchange students have to be enrolled in another department in order to take some courses offered by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.</p> <p>Exchange students are allowed to take a combination of courses from different faculties.</p> <p>Course Information: https://cais.kaist.ac.kr/totalOpeningCourse</p> <p>Course list is available 2 months prior to the start of the semester.</p>
ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Students are required to meet the pre-requisites for the courses that they applied for and take 50% of the courses from their major department at KAIST.</p> <p>Undergraduate students can apply for courses starting with course no. 1xx to 4xx.</p>
D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty's announcement regarding the application period.</p> <p>Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.</p>
ii) Deadlines	<p>All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>

E. Accommodations

i) University Accommodation

KAIST will apply for on-campus accommodation for all exchange students based on their student exchange application. The assigned dormitories (Double or Triple occupancy) for exchange students are furnished with beds, closets, desks and chairs for each room. Share facilities include restrooms, showers, washing machines, clothes drier, and a lobby on each floor.

For more information about accommodation, please refer to <https://kds.kaist.ac.kr/eng/index.do>

F. Visa

Consular/Visa Regulation

Exchange students must apply for a D2 student visa before arrival in Korea. After you received the Certificate of Admission (CoA) and offer letter from your host university, you may proceed to the Korean Embassy to apply for the student visa, with the relevant supporting documents.

All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university. This is to ensure that you can obtain your visa in time before the start of your exchange term. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

i) Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information, please refer to:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html>

In addition, it is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside Korea. Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students can purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

Exchange students would be required to submit a copy of their insurance policy to KAIST.

ii) Emergency Number at host university

+82 43 350 2441

H. Cost of Living															
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