

2012 Admission Guide for International Students

1. About the Graduate School of Korean Studies

The Graduate School of Korean Studies (GSKS) aims at nurturing scholars who will contribute to the development and globalization of Korean Studies.

Since its establishment in 1980, GSKS has provided intensive research-oriented education through close mentoring by eminent professors in the fields of humanities and social sciences. The graduates of GSKS are recognized for their academic excellence at the educational and research institutions of Korean Studies around the world today. Currently, approximately 300 students, including about 140 students from 38 different countries are enrolled at the GSKS, and applications for admissions are increasing every year along with the expansion of the Korean Studies abroad.

With more than 30 years of history and as an institution solely devoted to the education of Korean Studies, the Graduate School at the AKS has gained reputation globally for its high standard and quality education attracting applicants from every corner of the world.

2. Key Attributes

- Full Tuition Waiver
- Various financial aids such as the Government Grant that provides selected students with a monthly stipend
- Free Korean Language courses are available.
- Beautiful and peaceful On-campus housing for all international students
- International atmosphere where Korean students and foreign students take classes together
- Selected students with a 4:1 student-faculty ratio

- Major courses, Collaborative lectures, Individual tutoring courses, Fieldwork courses are available.
- Publishing an article in an accredited academic journal or participation in research projects may count as credits for their course works.

3. Program Overview

- Minimum requirement of enrollment
 - M.A. program: 2 years / 4 semesters
 - Ph.D. program: 3 years / 6 semesters
- Two-semester academic years and 15 weeks for each semester
 - First(Spring) semester: From March 1 to August 31
 - Second(Fall) semester: From September 1 to end of February of the following year

Programs	Divisions	Majors
Master's programs	Humanities	Korean History, Paleography, Philosophy, Korean Language · Korean Literature
	Culture and Arts	Anthropology · Folklore, Religious Studies, Musicology, Art History, Cultural Informatics
	Social Sciences	Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Ethics, Education
	International Korean Studies	Korean Culture and History
Total	4 divisions	15 departments
Doctoral programs	Humanities	Korean History, Paleography, Philosophy, Korean Language · Korean Literature
	Culture and Arts	Anthropology · Folklore, Religious Studies, Musicology, Art History, Cultural Informatics
	Social Sciences	Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Ethics, Education
Total	3 divisions	14 departments

4. Financial Aid

- Full Tuition Waiver: Foreign students are provided with a full tuition waiver. However, violation of the university code will cause withdrawal of this tuition waiver.
- Government Grant: The Government Grant provides selected students with a monthly stipend of KRW 750,000. **The scholarship is extended each semester until the years required for completing a course of study, if there are no violations of qualification standards. The scholarship can be terminated on specific grounds, such as budget cuts.**
- ※ After enrollment the grant recipient must maintain average grade point of 3.7/4.3. (For the first two semesters, the recipient must maintain GPA of 3.3/4.3 instead of 3.7/4.3.) Failure in doing so will result in cancelation of the grant.
- Other financial aid opportunities: Limited number of RA/TA positions is available.

5. Eligibility

구 분		Eligibility	Notes
Eligibility		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All applicants must meet one of the two conditions below. ① Applicant and his/her parents must be citizens of a foreign country. ② The applicant who is overseas resident or citizens of a foreign country has completed education outside of Korea that is compatible with Korea's elementary, middle, high school and college education. 	
Required Educational Background	Master's Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For ①: Applicants who have a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) or be expected to receive a Bachelor's degree in Korea or overseas. - For ②: Applicants who have a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) or be expected to receive a Bachelor's degree in overseas. 	
	Doctoral Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants who have an M.A. degree (or equivalent) or to be expected to receive an M.A. degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The applicant who holds doctoral degree cannot apply for the doctoral program in a similar field. - An applicant's major in M.A. degree must be the same or closely related to the major that he or she is



	Research (Non-Degree) Program	- Applicants who possess a Bachelor's degree or an equivalent	applying for at GSKS. - Researchers must register for at least one course each semester
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※ Overseas resident follows the curriculum for the international students.

6. Selection Process

- The Graduate Admission Committee will evaluate the application form, study plan, personal statement, recommendation letters, language proficiency, previous academic achievements, future academic plan and so on.
- Applicants who have submitted all required documents could have a phone interview if necessary (but not everyone), and the phone interview result will be considered at the application documents review.

7. Admission Schedule

Order	Schedule		Notes
	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	
Application Deadline	July~October	February~ March 20th	
First Selection	November	April	
Second Selection	November	April	
Notification	December	May	Notification on the GSKS web-site and via mail
Semester begins	March 1	September 1	

8. Required Documents

A. Required documents for GSKS

- Application Form
- ※ Applicants must enter data into Online Applications at GSKS applications web-site (www.aks.ac.kr/admission)
- Original Degree Certificate or Graduation Certificate of Bachelor's and/or M.A. Degree

- Applicants for the Master program must submit certificates of B.A. degree.
- Applicants for the Doctoral program must submit certificates of both M.A. and B.A. degree.
- ※ Applicants who have graduated from universities in the People's Republic of China must also submit an English academic degree certificate accreditation from the China Academic Degree & Graduate Education Development Center (<http://www.cdgd.edu.cn/>)
- Original Official Transcripts of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies
 - Applicants for Master program must submit transcript of undergraduate
 - Applicants for Doctoral program must submit transcripts of both undergraduate and graduate. (**Applicants for Doctoral program must submit the abstract of their M.A. thesis.**)
- Personal Statement
 - Times New Roman 12pt, Double Space approx. 500words
- Study Plan
 - Times New Roman 12pt, Double Space approx. 1,000words
- Two Letters of Recommendations (Attachment #1)
 - One of the letters should be written by an academic adviser or the dean of the department in the applicant's undergraduate/graduate school.
 - Recommendation letters must be sent to Director of Academic&Student affairs at GSKS directly by the person recommending the applicant.
- Language Proficiency Test Transcript
 - All Applicants except the International Korean Studies should submit S-TOPIK test transcript. Applicants who do not have S-TOPIK test transcript must submit 'Certificate of Korean Language Proficiency'(Attachment #2).
 - Applicants for the International Korean Studies whose first language is not English must submit English language proficiency test transcript(TOEFL, IELTS or TEPS).
- A copy of the passport and three passport-sized photos
- Application Fee: US \$50 or KRW 50,000
 - KRW: Account no. 270937-04-000487 (Kookmin Bank)
 - USD: Account no. 270968-08-100314 (Kookmin Bank)



(Account holder: Academy of Korean Studies)

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B. Required documents for 2012 KGSP (※ Applicants who apply for KGSP must also submit the documents below.)

- Personal Data(prescribed form)
- Study Plan(prescribed form)
- Self-Introduction(prescribed form)
- Pledge(prescribed form)
- Personal Medical Assessment(prescribed form)
- Certificate of TOPIK score(original copy) or TOEFL or IELTS score(original copy), directly sent from ETS/IELTS, if available.
- ※ Applicant who submits either Korean Proficiency Exam Score (TOPIK, KLPT) or English Proficiency Exam Score (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS) are given priorities. (If applicable)
- Published papers, if available. (one or two)
- Awards, if available. (one or two) / Submit photocopies of the awards notarized/certified by the issuing institution.

※ For details and prescribed form of KGSP, check '2012 KGSP Program Guideline' attached or NIIED web-site(www.niied.go.kr).

9. Important Notes for Applicants

- All statements in the application must be real information. If any false statement in the documents are discovered, admission may be revoked.
- All required documents must be submitted in original copy.
- Letters of recommendation, certificate of Korean language proficiency must be in a format downloadable at GSKS web site.
- Any certificates that are not written in Korean or English must be translated and notarized in into Korean or English, and must be submitted both the original copy and translation.



- Personal statement, study plan must be written in Korean. Applicants for the International Korean Studies must be written in English.
- Language test scores must be less than 4 years old on the date of application.
- It is available to submit other documents that have a good effect on admission.
- Other required documents, exclusive application form must be submitted by registered mail. **Applications with any missing document would not be accepted, and submitted documents and the application fee will not be returned.**
- ※ **Applicants who apply for KGSP 2012 must submit 'Required documents for GSKS' and 'Required documents for KGSP' respectively.**

You are not considered for KGSP if you :

- ※ are not a citizen of the applicable country
- ※ are over 40 years old as of September 1, 2012
- ※ are enrolling or have enrolled in the same academic program in Korea (as the one the applicant is applying for)
- ※ score under 80% grade point average from the previous attended institution

10. Research (Non-Degree) Program

A. Eligibility

- The applicant must possess a Bachelor's Degree, or equivalent.

B. Program Overview

- Researchers must pay the tuition, and the research period can not be longer than a year.
- Research program certificate will be issued to the researchers who have completed the program.
- Researchers must register for at least one course each semester and research under the guidance of an academic adviser at GSKS.
- Researchers have access to GSKS facilities including library and dormitory.

C. Admission Procedure and Required Documents



- Admission procedure, required documents, and ways of applying(or how to apply) for the Research (Non-degree) program are same as the Degree Program.

11. Contact Information

- Address: (463-791) 323 Haogaero, Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do
The Graduate School of Korean Studies Academic Affairs Division
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- Fax: +82-31-709-9946
- E-mail: gradaks@aks.ac.kr <http://www.aks.ac.kr>



5. Please comment on the applicant's record, potential, or personal qualities which you believe would be helpful in considering the applicant's application for the proposed degree program.

Recommender's Name _____ Date _____

Recommender's Signature _____

Position or Title: _____

University:

Address:

(zip-code : -)

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Please return this form sealed in an official envelope and signed across the back to the applicant. We greatly appreciate your time on this letter for your recommendee.



[Attachment #2]

한국어 능력 평가서

CERTIFICATE OF KOREAN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

지원자 성명 Name of Applicant : _____

객관적 평가

Objective Evaluation

	매우 뛰어남 Excellent	뛰어남 Good	보통 Fair	미숙함 Poor
독해 능력 Reading	()	()	()	()
작문 능력 Composition	()	()	()	()
수강 능력 Comprehension of Lectures	()	()	()	()
회화 능력 General Conversation	()	()	()	()

주관적 평가

Subjective Evaluation

평가자 (한국학자 혹은 한국대사관원)

Evaluator (Korean Studies Faculty or Korean Embassy Staff)

성명 Name : _____

직위 Position : _____

소속 기관 Institute : _____

평가자 서명 _____ 작성일 _____

Signature of Evaluator

Date of Issue