Global Exchange Program

Seoul, Korea —
Sogang University

USC’s exchange program at Sogang University is designed to provide students with an opportunity to immerse themselves in Korean life and culture while taking classes in English. The USC exchange program is based at the main campus in downtown Seoul.

The city of Seoul has a population of 11 million, and Sogang University is situated in the heart of the downtown area. Three nearby subway stations make transportation around the city accessible. The city itself is located in the center of the Korean peninsula, equidistant to many other major cities like Tokyo, Beijing, and Taipei. For more information on the city and the region, visit http://english.seoul.go.kr/. Founded in 1960 by American Jesuits, Sogang University quickly became known for its high academic standards and emphasis on good citizenship. Today, 8,000 undergraduate students and 4,000 graduate students attend the main campus in Seoul. For more information on Sogang University, visit http://home.sogang.ac.kr/sites/egoabroad/exchange/Pages/why.aspx.

About 30 percent of courses at Sogang are taught in English, and Korean language proficiency is not required for exchange students. Students have the opportunity to enroll in evening Korean language courses if interested. The International Student Association can also provide language practice partners.

Information about available scholarship opportunities, visit the Sogang website at http://home.sogang.ac.kr/sites/egoabroad/exchange/predeparture/Pages/Scholarship%20.aspx and speak to a study abroad advisor. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Students from all majors may apply for this exchange, but preference is given to Journalism majors.

Courses and Credits
Courses at Sogang cover a variety of topics. To be a full-time student at Sogang University, exchange students must take a minimum of 12 credits to a maximum of 19 credits per semester, including the Korean Language Program. The USC School of Journalism has mapped out classes that students can take at Sogang that will transfer back as upper level Journalism courses. A course list will be posted about two months before the start of the semester. To look up courses offered, visit the Sogang website at http://sis109.sogang.ac.kr/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/zcmw9016?sap-language=EN. Listed below are a few examples of subjects offered:

- Journalism
- Psychology
- American culture
- Literature
- Chemical/biological engineering
- Business
**Housing**
Sogang can accommodate students in Gonzaga Hall, a university residence hall. Students are strongly encouraged to live in university housing during their stay at Sogang in order to be fully integrated in the campus community. Students can apply for housing by submitting an application to [http://goabroad.sogang.ac.kr/pds/download.asp?fmidx=1002](http://goabroad.sogang.ac.kr/pds/download.asp?fmidx=1002). Housing costs for the semester are around $1,650—$1,750, and there is a deposit of approximately $90. There is a cafeteria located in Gonzaga Hall, and all students who live there must apply for a meal plan which includes breakfast and dinner.

**Budgeting**
Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC and housing fees to Sogang. In addition, students should expect to pay approximately $456-600 per month on living and personal expenses. Entertainment and personal costs will vary by student.

**Master Calendar**
The fall semester runs from late-August through December, and the spring semester runs from late-February to June. USC students can attend Sogang during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. A five-week summer Korean language and culture program, separate from the exchange, is also available mid-June to late-July. A detailed schedule can be found at [http://home.sogang.ac.kr/sites/egoabroad/academics/Academic_Calendar/Pages/Exchange_Student.aspx](http://home.sogang.ac.kr/sites/egoabroad/academics/Academic_Calendar/Pages/Exchange_Student.aspx).

**Insurance**
Sogang requires that all international students submit a copy of their insurance policy with their application, which must cover the entire period of study in Korea. All USC students will be automatically enrolled in and charged for emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. The insurance is $180 per semester and the charge will appear on the student’s USC bill. Contact the Study Abroad Office for more details.

**Orientation**
Sogang holds an orientation session for all incoming exchange students which takes place at the beginning of September for the fall semester and the beginning of March for the spring semester. An airport-pickup service is also available. More information on orientation and preparing for your arrival will be sent out to students pending acceptance into the exchange program.

**Excursions & Extra-Curricular Activities**
Students at Sogang have the opportunity for individual travel. In addition, students can participate in the Buddy Program, which matches exchange students with Sogang students to assist in adapting to life at Sogang. A welcome dinner, farewell dinner, and one field trip are also included.

**Visa**
International students who attend Sogang for a semester or academic year are required to apply for a D-2 student visa at a Korean Embassy or Consulate. For more information on the visa process, please visit [http://home.sogang.ac.kr/sites/egoabroad/service/visa/Student_new/Pages/Visa_Issuance.aspx](http://home.sogang.ac.kr/sites/egoabroad/service/visa/Student_new/Pages/Visa_Issuance.aspx). The Study Abroad Office will also provide detailed information on the visa process to those students accepted into the exchange program. Upon arrival in Korea, students are required to apply for Foreigner Registration.

**Footnotes**
Visit the Sogang website at [http://home.sogang.ac.kr/sites/egoabroad/exchange/Pages/Program_Overview.aspx](http://home.sogang.ac.kr/sites/egoabroad/exchange/Pages/Program_Overview.aspx).