

SUMMER @KONKUK NEWSLETTER

JULY EDITION

BYE ISS1 HELLO ISS2



The last week of ISS1 was full of memories and emotion. This last newsletter features the highlights of the farewell ceremony!

80 Students from 15 countries and 29 universities arrived on campus and began their adventure here at Konkuk this July and we are so excited to see what they accomplish next!

We are eager to welcome the new cohort of students for ISS2 who have a whole array of adventures to look forward to!

Farewell was super emotional and all the students took lots of photos with their new friends and buddies!



ISS1 Program Calendar

Take a look at what's ahead this July at Konkuk University!

Our summer program students enjoy a full schedule of language classes, cultural field trips, and buddy-led events designed to make their time in Korea both educational and memorable.

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6 Free Time with Your Buddy	7 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	8 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	9 Field Trip Heritage and Peace DMZ	10 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	11 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	12 Buddy Program Ice Skating @ Lotte
13 Free Time with Your Buddy	14 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	15 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	16 Field Trip Adventure and Ocean View: Gangwon Province	17 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	18 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	20 Buddy Program Lotte World
20 Free Time with Your Buddy	21 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	22 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	23 Field Trip Thrills and Excitement: Overland Zoo & Theme Park	24 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	25 09:00 - 12:00 Korean Language Class 13:00 - 16:00 Elective Course	26 Buddy Program Suwon Fortress
27 Free Time with Your Buddy	28 Farewell Ceremony Farewell Meal	29 Dormitory Check-Out	30	31		

Schedule may change slightly depending on conditions



WEEK 4 @ KU

Farewell Day Memories: See you in the future!

The final farewell celebration concluded the ISS1 Program with students receiving their certificates and watching the farewell videos



Final Group Photo
2025.07.28

Students gathered for a heartfelt closing ceremony, where they received personalized certificates from the Vice President of the Office of International Services, recognizing their participation and growth throughout the program.

A special farewell video (created by intern Amanda and buddy Yeonju Lee) highlighted memorable moments from field trips, campus life, and featured touching interviews with students and interns. It was an emotional and joyful celebration that captured the spirit of ISS1 and the friendships formed over the summer.



Farewell Video

Special shout outs were given to standout students and buddies who went above and beyond during the program.

Staff and interns gave closing remarks, thanking students for their energy, curiosity, and openness throughout the program.



Certificate Ceremony



Dance Performances!

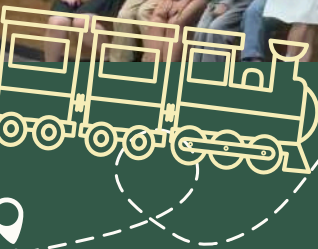


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JOURNEY THROUGH ISS1



We kicked off the program with orientation, campus tours, and welcome events, setting the tone for an exciting summer. Students met their new classmates and buddies and began exploring life at Konkuk!



Classes were in full swing, and students joined their first buddy programs, including a scenic rail bike trip and cultural activities. It was a perfect balance of learning and making new memories.



From thrilling rides at Lotte World to relaxing Han River cruises and visits to Gangwon Province, students embraced Korea's fun side. This week was packed with energy, excitement, and unforgettable adventures.



As the program came to a close, students completed their final classes and projects while making the most of their last days together. Farewell events, photo moments, and heartfelt goodbyes captured the strong friendships and unforgettable memories built over the summer.



Flip through the next pages for a week-by-week recap of ISS1, plus a sneak peek into ISS2 and what's ahead for future programs!

Week 1 RECAP!

WEEK 1 @ KU

Orientation Day Recap: Let the Games Begin!

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Interns gave a warm welcome and shared helpful tips about life in Seoul, the Konkuk campus, and what to expect from the program. Orientation day ended with a delicious *dosirak* lunch provided by the team!

The ISS1 summer began with a meticulously planned orientation, where Konkuk's Korean buddies finally met their students face-to-face!



Orientation brought everyone together for the first time, setting the tone for a summer of connection, learning, and discovery!

BUDDY MISSIONS!

As part of the program, students take part in Buddy Missions throughout their time at Konkuk. These missions are a unique and interactive way to explore Korea, build friendships, and immerse themselves in local culture.

Each international student is paired with a Korean "buddy" (a Konkuk university student) who will help guide them through the program and everyday life in Korea. Together, they are challenged to complete a series of 20 fun and culturally themed missions designed to encourage connection!

EXAMPLES

- Buy a snack from a campus convenience store
- Visit the green by the lake
- Snap a photo of the campus of Konkuk
- Ride the subway from KU station
- Use your 1-throney card successfully
- Work out at the gym

To complete a mission, students must take a photo or video as proof, post it on Instagram, and tag the official program account @konkukshortstay using the hashtags #konkuksummerschool and #konkukbuddymission. Prizes will be given based on participation, and those who complete at least 2 missions during orientation will be eligible for a LOTTE! amazing prize!

This initiative is not only a fun challenge but also a way to break the ice, get students moving around the city, and help them know other students!

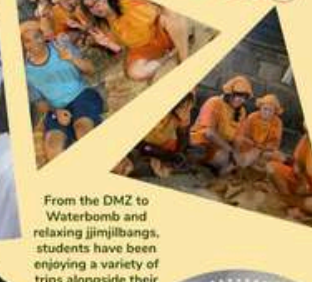
Complete 2 missions + Campus Tour to win a prize!

To complete a mission, you must...

- Take a photo or video of each mission and post it on Instagram
- Tag the official program account @konkukshortstay and #konkukbuddymission
- Show your proof to the staff member in charge of the mission



FIELD TRIPS! SO FAR!

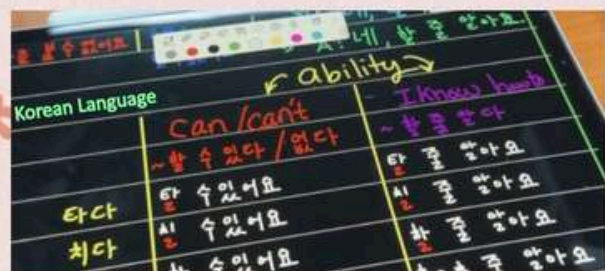


From the DMZ to Waterbomb and relaxing jimmilbangs, students have been enjoying a variety of trips alongside their buddies!

FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES!

CLASSES OFFERED:

- Korean Language (Beg, Intermediate, Advanced)
- K-Psychology
- K-Art Now
- K-Aesthetics
- International Business



The first week of classes is off to a fantastic start! Students have begun their academic journey with a diverse lineup of courses designed to blend cultural immersion with academic exploration. Korean Language classes are offered at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, helping students build communication skills and confidence in everyday Korean.

Week 2 RECAP!

WEEK 2 @ KU

Academic endeavors: Real World Exposure

Interns accompanied students to various popular locations in Seoul such as Seongsu and the National Museum of Korea

Professors are very keen to engage with their students, and the field trips provide valuable real-world exposure to the content being studied.

Many of the classes offered during the program involve completing midterms, assignments and presentations!

Students from K-Aesthetics, K-Art Now and Intro to VR went on class field trips to enhance their academic experience!



Modern Museum of Contemporary Art + other Galleries

WYSIWYG STUDIOS

OMG!

FIELD TRIPS & FUN

ICE-SKATING WITH BUDDIES!

COOKING CLASS

Students explored, created, and connected through exciting activities!

CAFES!

WEEK 2 HIGHLIGHT! GANGWON PROVINCE

Gangwon Province, in the northeast of South Korea, is known for its beautiful nature, including mountains, beaches, and peaceful hiking trails. It's a popular spot for outdoor adventures all year round and offers a nice break from city life, with great local food and a relaxed, traditional atmosphere.

The rail bike trip gave students a chance to take in fresh air, stunning views, and share some laughs along the way.

After the ride, students refueled with delicious chicken dakgalbi cooked right at their tables!

WHAT'S NEXT?

events coming up...

More AWESOME field trips!

The next 2 weeks are jam-packed with more exciting field-trips and buddy programs specially chosen to encourage students to get to know each other and learn about Korean culture!

BASEBALL GAME

LOTTE WORLD

EVERLAND 200

SUWON FORTRESS

LOTTE WORLD

HAN RIVER CRUISE

Buddy Programs OMG!

Week 3 RECAP!

WEEK 3 @ KU

Field Trips and academic exposure

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The fieldtrips are carefully chosen by program coordinators to encourage students to bonding and learn about Korean culture!



K - Aesthetics Field Trip to PLS Clinic



K-Aesthetics is taught by: Professor Geurim Junie Kim

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This week, the students started preparing for their final exams and presentations so academic stress was high!

The students visited 2 clinics and enjoyed the less expensive clinic more because it was more catered to a younger generation with an open concept and free photo booth!

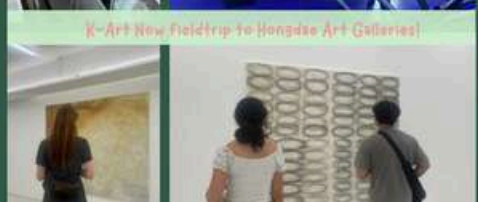
- Amanda (Intern)



So serious!



The K-Art Now field trips have all been so Just Kidding!



K-Art Now Fieldtrip to Hongdae Art Galleries!



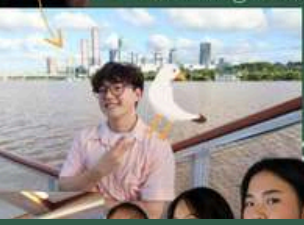
Students rode on rollercoasters and got to see wild animals in Everland Zoo

BUDDY PROGRAMS

LOTTE WORLD TICKET PRIZE



After completion of the buddy missions and campus tour during orientation, students were awarded tickets to Lotte World!



Students dressed up in Hanbok for Last Year's World Traditions!

Foul ball!

Seoul Sky Line!

Buddies and students had a great time taking pictures and feeding seagulls on the famous Han River!

Age Age Carnival

WHAT'S NEXT?

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 3 and the ISS1 program is coming to an end! However, there are still plenty of exciting things ahead! These last few days are filled with more fun buddy programs, new experiences, and chances to make some last minute core memories with your new friends. Also, get ready for the farewell ceremony coming up soon. There will be special awards, fun prizes, and a chance to celebrate everything we've done together so far. Let's enjoy every moment of these final days!

Farewell Ceremony

Saying goodbye is never easy but the DIS Team has prepared a wonderful farewell celebration to congratulate all your efforts and for making the most out of this summer program!



This will be followed by a personalized farewell video created by the awesome interns and buddies!

Finally, to end off the ceremony we will be having lunch at: 마당죽발



Buddy Program



There will be special awards given to students AND buddies for various fun categories! Expect some cool prizes and shout-outs!

Please don't forget to complete the ISS1 Feedback Survey!

2025 Konkuk ISS1 Survey feedback

We're conducting a short survey to hear your thoughts on how the Konkuk Summer Session is going so far. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will help us understand what you enjoyed and what we can improve.

WHAT'S NEXT?

there's more to come...

Introducing:

ISS2

What is ISS2?

ISS2 occurs during 7th August to 22nd August. It is catered towards students with a later academic calendar than ISS1 students. Look out for special ISS2 newsletters soon!

This appeals to mostly Chinese and Japanese students!



2026 INTERNATIONAL WINTER SCHOOL

The International Winter Program at Konkuk University is a two-week opportunity to study Korean language and culture in Seoul during your winter vacation. Open to all students, it offers classes, cultural activities, and local excursions, providing a first-hand experience of Korea's rich heritage and dynamic global influence.



KONKUK UNIVERSITY

2026 INTERNATIONAL WINTER SCHOOL

February 1st - 14th, 2026

Type	Morning	Afternoon
Track A	10:00 - 12:00 Korean Class	13:00 - 17:00 Elective Classes in English
Track B	10:00 - 12:00 Korean Class	13:00 - 17:00 Korean Class
Date	2/3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12	2/3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12

[TRACK A] KOREAN & K-BEAUTY, K-CULTURE CLASS
[TRACK B] INTENSIVE KOREAN COURSE

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#Best Location



Seoul

Explore the real-world stage of "Demon Hunters" Iconic Seoul landmarks



#K-Culture



케이팝 데몬 헌터스

#Buddy Program



#K-Food



Top 10 University Nationwide



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