

# Academic Bulletin for South Korea: Yonsei University 2025-26

## Introduction

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The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) “catalog” and provides academic information about the program in South Korea at Yonsei University. This bulletin supersedes any previous bulletin(s) published.<sup>1</sup>

CSU IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the *Academic Guide for CSU IP Participants* (also known as the “*Academic Guide*”). The *Academic Guide* contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants while abroad. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Minimum/Maximum Unit Load in a Semester, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option, Course Withdrawals, and other policies. The *Academic Guide* also contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your year abroad.

To access the *Academic Guide*, go to our [website](#) and click the year which pertains to your study abroad period. For general information about the South Korea Program, refer to the CSU IP website under “[Programs](#)”.

## Academic Program Information

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CSU IP in South Korea is affiliated with Yonsei University (YU) in Seoul, a private university. Students are only permitted to take courses at the Sinchon campus.

The academic year at YU consists of two semesters. The first semester runs from the beginning of September to mid to late December. The second semester starts at the beginning of March and ends mid to late June. Note that the term in between the first and second semester at YU is not part of the CSU IP South Korea program. Consequently, any courses taken during this term will be at the student’s expense and will not be reported to the student’s home CSU campus by CSU IP.

All students at YU are required to take:

- A six-unit Korean language course in their first semester, and
- Courses to total a minimum of 15 CSU semester units each semester.

If offered for academic credit, only one physical education/activity/recreational course can apply towards the required 15 units per semester.

The Korean language course is normally held from 4pm to 6pm, Monday through Friday, although this is subject to change. In the fall semester, students select remaining courses from university departments and the Underwood International College at YU. Students who are proficient enough in the Korean language may, with permission, select courses from the regular courses offered at YU.

Enrollment in Korean language is optional in the spring semester.

Students may not take more than two physical education courses per semester.

Any exceptions to the above schedule or to any academic policy must be approved by the CSU IP Office. To request an exception, email CSU IP at [IPacademics@calstate.edu](mailto:IPacademics@calstate.edu).

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<sup>1</sup> This bulletin has been updated to clarify guidance regarding the assignment of the CSU grade of WU (Withdrawal Unauthorized). This clarification does not constitute a change in policy.

### Course Codes and Levels

At YU, course codes are made up of three letters to represent a department or college, followed by four digits usually beginning with 1, 2, 3 and 4.

### Course levels

1000 – 1999	Lower division courses – Foundation and introductory courses. Designed for first year university students.
2000 – 2999	Lower division courses with some exceptions depending on course content.
3000 – 3999	Upper division courses with some exceptions depending on course content.
4000 – 4999	Upper division courses

Students seeking upper division credit should plan to take courses numbered 3000 to 4999. Courses numbered 5000 and above are graduate level courses.

For course information, go to <https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exCourse.asp>.

### Grading and Units

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The grading system at YU is comparable to the grading scale used at the CSU as follows:

YU Grade	CSU Grade
A+, A0	A
A-	A-
B+	B+
B0	B
B-	B-
C+	C+
C0	C
C-	C-
D+	D+
D0	D
D-	D-
F	F

The CSU grade of WU (Withdrawal Unauthorized) may be given in some circumstances. Refer to the Academic Guide for additional grade information.

Note that YU has a strict attendance policy. Students who are absent from a course for more than one-third of the semester will be issued a failing grade regardless of their achievement in the course. Some professors, however, may have stricter rules. For instance, attendance is taken more seriously in Korean Language Classes.

### Unit Conversion Guidelines

For every credit earned at YU, an IP student earns one CSU semester unit. To convert the value of CSU semester units into CSU quarter units, multiply the CSU semester units by 1.5.

### Course Load and Enrollment

Regardless of YU’s enrollment requirement, CSU IP requires that CSU IP participants enroll in 15 units each semester. CSU IP prohibits enrollment under 12 units and under-enrollment may be grounds for dismissal from the program unless there are exceptional circumstances involved.

Students who withdraw from courses without CSU IP permission after the third week of the semester will receive an administrative grade of “WU” (Withdrawal Unauthorized). A grade of “WU” is equivalent to a grade of “F” and is used in calculating the grade point average.

### Course Information

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Courses taught in English are offered throughout the various departments at YU. The course lists for each term are finalized two months before each term begins. This means that the course list for Fall won’t be available until July. In the interim, students can use the course listings for the previous year as an example of what will be offered for the following year. Most courses are offered each year but are subject to change and availability.

Since it can be very competitive to get access to various courses at YU, the Office of International Affairs started to offer courses to supplement regular university courses. It is relatively easy for the incoming students to get the courses offered by the Office of International Affairs.

For course information, go to the following link: <https://portal.yonsei.ac.kr/main/indexe.jsp>. Click on “Course Catalogue and Syllabus: Undergraduate & Graduate”. Maximize the new page. In the middle of the page, next to the blue “Major” box, click on the second drop down list to select the desired field of study and click on the search icon on the right. To view courses taught in English, click on the check box on the right side of the screen. When courses are displayed, those with a reference code (in the reference column) of “㉔” are courses conducted in English. Courses available to study abroad/exchange students are indicated at the far-right exchange column. Click on the purple arrow in the “Course Code-Sec. (-Lab)” column to access the course syllabus when available. If you are unable to find courses after reading these instructions, contact YU at [uia@yonsei.ac.kr](mailto:uia@yonsei.ac.kr) for assistance.

Below are courses that have been offered to students in previous years. Note that the course list below is for reference purposes only since course titles and codes can change each year.

#### College of Liberal Arts

Korean Language and Literature	
KOR1102-01-00	Introduction to Literature
KOR2512-01-00	Introduction to Classical Korean Poetry
KOR3406-01-00	The History of Korean Language
History	
HIS3403-01-00	Feudalism in China
HIS3418-01-00	The Intellectual History of Japan
HIS3428-01-00	History of Southeast Asia
Psychology	
PSY3111-01-00	Social Psychology
PSY3146-01-00	Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience
PSY4126-01-00	Industrial Psychology

#### College of Business Economics

Economics	
ECO1101-05-00	Mathematics for Economics I
ECO3101-01-00	Games Theory and Applications
ECO2102-04-00	Microeconomics
Applied Statistics	
STA1002-01-00	Calculus
STA2105-01-00	Statistical Methods
STA3126-01-00	Mathematical Statistics

#### College of Life System

Biology	
BIO2208-01-00	Introduction to Modern Biological Science and Research
LSB2201-YY-00	Biostatistics
BIO3102-01-00	Microbiology

**Biochemistry**

BCH3117-01-00 Biochemical Genetics  
BCH3109-01-00 Molecular Biology

COM3122-01-00 Global Journalism  
COM3128-01-00 Public Relations

**Underwood International College**

Common Curriculum in UIC

UIC1351-01-00 World Literature: English and  
American Literature  
UIC1809-01-00 Beginning Chinese (1)  
UIC2101-01-00 Critical Reasoning  
UIC3590-01-00 Musical Style and Composition

Social Work  
SOW3109-01-00 Social Welfare Data Analysis  
SOW4105-01-00 Social Welfare Ethics and  
Philosophy

Comparative Literature and Culture

CLC2710-01-00 Novel Writing  
CLC3704-01-00 Postcolonial Literature in English  
CLC4712-01-00 Popular Culture: Cute New World

Political Science and Diplomacy  
POL3827-01-00 Unification Policies in Korean  
Peninsula  
POL3831-01-00 Cosmopolitan and Critics  
POL3839-01-00 Politics in the Age of Migration  
POL4823-01-00 Theory of Justice

International Studies

ISM2002-01-00 Fundamentals of Economic  
Decision Making  
ISM2113-01-00 Introduction to International Law  
ISM4513-01-00 European Union

Public Administration  
PUB3115-01-00 Administrative Case Studies  
PUB4115-01-00 The Practice and Theory of  
International Trade Policy  
PUB4118-01-00 Institutions and Organizations

Political Science and International Relations

POL2821-01-00 Public Policy and Administration  
POL3414-01-00 Islam and Contemporary  
International Relations  
POL4212-01-00 Election Campaigning in Korea

**College of Human Ecology**

Food and Nutrition  
FNS2107-01-00 Food Preparation Sciences and  
Culinary Art  
FNS2116-01-00 Molecular Biology

**College of Social Science**

Mass Communication  
COM1101-01-00 Introduction to Media Studies

Child and Family Studies  
CFS3102-01-00 Social and Emotional  
Development in Young Children  
CFS3129-01-00 Understanding Children with  
Special Needs  
CFS3128-01-00 Cognitive Development

**Contact Information**

For questions about registration, courses, their portal, or the university, contact YU's Office of International Affairs staff at [uia@yonsei.ac.kr](mailto:uia@yonsei.ac.kr). For questions about CSU IP academic policies or academic program requirements, email [csuip@calstate.edu](mailto:csuip@calstate.edu) or [IPacademics@calstate.edu](mailto:IPacademics@calstate.edu).