

# Application Guide to International Students and Overseas Koreans

## 1. Introduction to Yonsei University

- Yonsei University, the oldest private university in Korea, was first established in 1885.
- The Sinchon area around Yonsei campus is home to one of the most vibrant and exciting college towns in Seoul. With a rich array of facilities and activities, Sinchon creates a unique culture of its own and attracts young population from around the city and around the country. This is where one can mingle the youth of Korea. Sinchon is 40 minutes away from Gimpo Airport, and 15 minutes away from Cheong Wa Dae (Office of the President) or Jong-ro.
- Yonsei contains 98 departments in 23 colleges--College of Liberal Arts, College of Business & Economics, College of Business, Severance College of medicine, College of Dentistry, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Social Science, College of Law, College of Theology, College of Human Ecology, College of Music, College of Sciences in Education etc.
- Yonsei boasts of strong international networks with more than 600 foreign partner institutions (eg. University of Tokyo, UC Berkeley etc.) in 69 countries worldwide, which more than 1000 Yonsei University students attend every year.

## 2. Alumni

- Government Officials: *Choi Kyunghwan*, Minister of Strategy & Finance, *Suh Seoung-hwan*, Minister of Land, Infrastructure & Transport, *Moon Hyungpyo*, Minister of Health and Welfare, *Yoo Jungbok*, Mayor of Incheon city (former Minister of Ministry of Security & Public Administration), *Lee Ju-yeol*, Governor of Bank of Korea etc.
- Entrepreneurs: *Park Sam Koo*, Chairman of Kumho Asiana, *Suh Kyung-bae*, CEO of AmorePacific, *Park Geewon*, Chairman & CEO of Doosan Heavy Industries & Construction etc.
- Dozens of Yonsei students pass state exams every year, maintaining the first or the second in national ranking.
- The number of successful candidates for Bank of Korea has been ranked first
- Many graduates get admission to top tier universities in the United States, like Princeton University, University of Chicago, Yale University, Columbia University, UCLA, University of Minnesota, Northwestern University etc.

### 3. Applying to Yonsei University

1) Qualification: The South Korean Ministry of Education acknowledges applicants that satisfy one of the two conditions below.

#### ① International Students

- The applicant and both of his/her parents must be of non-Korean nationality.
- If a student or any one of the student's parents has (dual) citizenship with Korea, the student is not eligible for this track.

#### ② Overseas Koreans

- Overseas Koreans who have completed their elementary and secondary courses (whole 12 years) outside of Korea.
- This track doesn't apply to the students who have attended International Schools in Korea; however the applicants who have attended Korean Schools outside of Korea meet the application requirement of *Overseas Koreans Track*.

2) Admission Tracks for International Students and Overseas Koreans: 3 main methods for Yonsei University Undergraduate Applicants

#### ① General Major

- Overseas Korean Track or International Students Track.
- Applicants can apply to all majors or departments, such as College of Liberal Arts, College of Business & Economics, College of Business, College of medicine, College of Dentistry, etc.
- High level of Korean language and learning capabilities are required.
- Around 120 applicants are selected per year. Tuition fee is same as those of Korean students (Majors in Humanities/Social Science fields: KRW 3,800,000 per semester).

#### ② Global Leadership Division

- As a newly established undergraduate program in 2015, Global Leadership Division provides Korean language and Culture related courses for its freshmen that would like to study in Korea but are not fluent.
- All the courses in Global Leadership Division are opened only to International Students or Overseas Koreans, in the case that they have received a warning because it is difficult to get good grades.

- After completed the undergraduate course of Global Leadership Division, bachelor's degree in "Korean Culture & Commerce" will be awarded.
- Students with good academic achievements may pursue dual degree except for College of Medicine, College of Music, Sports & Leisure Studies and Physical Education in College of Sciences in Education.
- Tuition fee is KRW 5,800,000 per semester, lower than that of Underwood International College, higher than that of Other Majors.
- Around 100 applicants will be selected for year 2015. The number of students will be increased gradually.

### ③ Underwood International College (UIC)

- Most of lectures are taught in English.
- Around 60 International applicants are selected per year.
- End of freshman year, students will decide their major among Economics, Political Science, International Relations, English Literature and Biology.
- Tuition fee: KRW 7,120,000 per semester.

### 3) Points of Caution

- International Students Tracks of Underwood International College and other majors are quite competitive. Successful candidates are International Students or Overseas Koreans who have attained high level of academic achievement with evidence materials in general.
- Global Leadership Division Track consider applicants' potential.
- Korean language courses are included in the Global Leadership Division curriculum so that students can adapt quickly to new environment. It is relatively easy to earn credits.
- Scholarships will be awarded for those whose GPA is in the top 10th percentile.