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Master of Urban Development

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ISUS



The Leading Education & Research Institution in Urban Sciences

Yongkul WON
President, University of Seoul

University of Seoul was founded in 1918 and has provided higher education opportunities for the intelligent, motivated, and creative scholars. As a public institution, University of Seoul is committed to cultivating leaders who will make significant contribution to the urban future of Korea and the world.

With undergraduate colleges and about 90 fields of study in the Graduate School and other specific programs that integrate research, policy, and practice, University of Seoul seeks a balance between academic and professional concerns as well as between visionary goals and practical research. Along with academic research, University of Seoul functions as a think-tank in formulating and supporting the major policy goals of the Seoul Metropolitan Government.

International School of Urban Sciences has been a pioneer in Korea in combining urban sciences with international development cooperation since its foundation in 2012. It attracts a finest set of people around the globe and serves a knowledge sharing platform with respect to urban development, urban planning, construction, infrastructure planning and environmental management. A great mix of urban professionals gather together at the School and get to experience cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural interactions and benefit from mutual learning with a common aim to find answers to sustainable development of each participant's home country. I am certain that you will have a rewarding experience with them.

As the president of the University, I warmly welcome all participants in the school's programs and urge you to keep your passion that you now have in your heart all along while you pursue your personal development goals at the University of Seoul.



MUD program

The Great Inspiration and Knowledge

Shin LEE

Dean of ISUS, University of Seoul

International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) was established at the University of Seoul (UOS) in 2012 with the aim to contribute to the sustainable development of global urban communities. Its education covers diverse fields of urban sciences including urban planning, infrastructure development, construction and environmental management.

ISUS offers three Master's programs for Korean students: global construction management, sustainable urban development, and international development cooperation. It also hosts four full-scholarship Master's programs for overseas students in cooperation with partner organizations: Master of Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP) in collaboration with Seoul Metropolitan Government, Master of Urban Development (MUD) with Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Master's program for Future Global Leaders in Environmental Policy (MGLEP) with the Ministry of Environment, and Master of Urban Development and Smart Infrastructure Policy (MUDSIP) with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. These funded programs have common aims of providing international professionals with specialized skills required for leading the sustainable development of their home countries.

Having transformed from one of the aid-receiving countries to a donor country over half a century, Korea is increasingly looked to as a source of lesson-learning by various countries. In response, ISUS is committed to sharing its unique and relatively recent development experience with the rest of the world and intends to be a platform for just doing that. We strive to construct a system of experiential knowledge Korea has accumulated during its compact development process while equipping our students with theoretical and practical knowledge that can reinforce their professionalism they bring with them. On this global knowledge exchange platform, program participants will also gain a global and cross-disciplinary perspective through mutual learning.

Join us and develop your abilities of pioneering and leading the new age of urban development.

I. Program Overview

▣ **Title:** KOICA-UOS Master's Degree Program in Urban Development (MUD)

▣ **Duration:** August 2025 – December 2026

* Master diploma will be awarded in February 2027.

▣ **Objectives:**

- To empower government officials from KOICA's partner countries by providing comprehensive theoretical and practical education in urban development, encompassing master planning, land use planning, housing development and new town development.
- To enhance participant's knowledge to formulate a long-term national comprehensive plan for territory development.
- To develop participants' capacity to manage infrastructure development projects for their own countries.
- To provide participants with opportunities to develop cooperative relationships and personal networks with scholars, professionals, and government officials from Korea and around the world.

▣ **Training Institute**

International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul

▣ **Medium of Education:** English

▣ **Number of Participants:** 15 per annum

▣ **Cost:** Full-ride scholarship with a monthly stipend

▣ **Accommodation:** UOS dormitory or equivalent facilities

II. How to apply

A. Application eligibilities

- Prospective applicants must meet all of the following conditions.
 - (1) Citizenship: Be a citizen of the scholarship program target country; listed by KOICA.
For more information, please refer to the KOICA CIAT website ([click here](#)).
 - (2) Government Nomination: Be officially nominated by their governments.
 - Be a government employee.
 - With a minimum of 2 years of experience in the field of study
 - (3) Age: (Preferably) Be under age 40 as of January 1, 2025.
 - (4) Health: Be in good health, both physically and mentally.
 - Those with disabilities, but in good mental and physical health, are eligible to apply.
 - Those with severe illness are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply.
 - (5) Level of education: Have a completed bachelor degree or an equivalent to college / university level educational background.
 - (6) English proficiency: Have a good command of both spoken and written English in order to take classes conducted entirely in English and to be able to write academic reports and theses in English.
 - (7) Not be a person who has withdrawn from KOICA's scholarship program.
 - * A person belonging to the institution in which candidates submitted false documents and returned to his / her country arbitrarily in the middle of SP program cannot apply.
 - (8) Have not participated in KOICA scholarship program or any of the Korean government's scholarship program before.
 - (9) (Preferably) Be employed by your government during and after the program.
(be engaged in the expertized area of your study as an official servant of your government.)
 - (10) For other qualifications, please refer to KOICA Scholarship Program Application Guideline([click here](#)).

B. Application process

- The application process consists of two main stages: **(1) KOICA Selection and (2) University Selection**. Only those who pass the KOICA Selection are eligible to participate in the subsequent University Selection, as detailed in the table below. For more information about the KOICA Selection, please refer to the KOICA CIAT website ([click here](#)).
- **University application due: March 4, 2025** *Korean Standard Time (KST)

Process	Note
Step 1 Online application	Go to the university application system and submit the online application: http://isus.uos.ac.kr/isus/iudp/iudp_agree.do * The application system will open on February 3rd.
Step 2 Document screening	Screened by UOS admission committee
Step 3 Medical check-up (Local)	Medical check-up at the local hospital
Step 4 Online interview	Online interview by UOS admission committee
Step 5 Submission of original documents	Submit the original documents directly to the KOICA overseas office/Korean Embassy.
Step 6 Admission notification	Admission results notified through the KOICA regional office or Korean embassy

C. Application requirements

- Applicants should submit all the required documents in PDF format through the online application system. The applicants who pass the online interview should submit them in hard copies directly to the KOICA overseas office/Korean Embassy.
- All the documents **must be original and written in English.**

No	Required/ Optional	Document
1	Required	Online application form Link for submission: http://isus.uos.ac.kr/isus/iudp/iudp_agree.do
2	Required	ID photo (3.5X4.5 cm or passport size)
3	Required	Two letters of recommendation 1.by your present organization 2.by a professor/expert in your field
4	Required	Curriculum Vitae (free form) *C.V. must include the Organization Chart highlighting current position of the applicant
5	Required	Bachelor's degree or graduation certificate *Must be Apostilled or Consular Authenticated
6	Required	Transcript of the bachelor's degree(undergraduate) or university-level institutions *Must be Apostilled or Consular Authenticated
7	Required	Certificate of employment
8	Required	Medical report from the applicant
9	Required	Photocopy of the passport
10	Required	Proof of parents' nationality, and relationship 1.Certificate of birth or family card 2.Parents' passports or ID cards
11	Optional, but strongly recommended	Proof of the English proficiency, one of the following: 1.Applicants holding an English proficiency test result from one of the following: TOEFL 530, TOEFL CBT 197, TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 5.5, CEFR B2, TEPS 600 (NEW TEPS 326) 2.Applicants who finished their bachelor's curriculum in full English. Please submit the 'Certificate of Medium of Instruction (MOI)' instead of the above English proficiency certificates
12	Required only for applicants who passed the 2 nd round online interview	1.ISUS Participant Guidelines 2.ISUS Code of Conduct 3.ISUS-Dorm Code of Conduct 4.Measles Vaccination Certificate

III. Curriculum

▣ Curriculum and Credits

Students are required to take 51 credits for graduation.

The required coursework consists of 9 credit hours of core courses and 27 credit hours of elective courses. (The courses are subject to change.)

Course Classification	Course Title (Credit)
Core Courses (3 courses)	9 Credits Global Project Development I (3), National Territorial and Urban Development Policy and Planning(3), Thesis Seminar (3)
Elective Courses (18 courses, 9 selection)	27 Credits Urban Administration and Finance (3), Transport and Sustainable Urban Development (3), Seminar on Public Investment Management (3), Housing and Land Policy (3), Climate Change and Sustainable Development (3), Seminar in Global Smart City Development (3), Quantitative Analysis in Urban Planning and Development (3), Transportation and Infrastructure (3), Urban GIS System (3), Urban Planning and Development(3), Infrastructure Development and Planning (3), Urban Economics (3), Seminar on Public Private Partnerships (3), Urban Policy(3), History of Korean Urban Development (3), Urban Design and Historic Preservation(3), E- Government (3), Global Project Development II (3)
Thesis & Internship	7 Credits Thesis Research (6), *Internship (1)
Language	8 Credits Basic Korean I, II (2, 2), Academic English I, II (2, 2)
Total	51 Credits

* During the winter/summer break, an internship or job shadow opportunity may be offered to enhance students' understanding of urban development practice in Korea. However, if there is no chance to participate in the internship, student will be offered the equivalent educational program such as special lectures and group activities.

▣ Extracurricular Program

Students are required to take part in extracurricular program including *Field Trip, Urban Infra Forum, etc.* (The programs are subject to change.)

Classification	Remarks
Field Trip	Quarterly Field Trips which provide students opportunities to learn exemplary development projects in different parts of Korea.
Urban Infra Forum	The Urban Infra Forum (UIF) is a monthly forum where domestic & overseas experts in urban development and infrastructure construction will attend, discuss and engage with each other.
Events	Welcoming ceremony and orientation, sport day, cultural events, seminars, forums, special lectures and conferences.



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