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MURD

Master of Urban and Regional Development

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ISUS



The Leading Education & Research Institution in Urban Sciences

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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 addressing the social, regional, technological, and innovative issues of the urbanized world. It has thus dedicated itself to cultivating leaders who will shape the urban future of Korea and the world. Its faculty, students, and administrative body are also distinguished by a commitment to civic values and a dynamic urban civilization.

University of Seoul insists on quality and breadth. It is committed to both theory and practice, and endorses an openness towards students and Korea's noticeable institutions. With more than 10,000 students enrolled, University of Seoul consists of seven undergraduate colleges and about 90 fields of study in the Graduate School. With diverse and specific programs that integrate research and policy, practice and education, University of Seoul seeks a balance between academic and professional concerns, between visionary goals and practical research. Along with basic research, University of Seoul functions as a think-tank in formulating and supporting the major policy goals of the Seoul Metropolitan Government.

In this sense, International School of Urban Sciences has maintained a dominant position in a field of urban sciences. These range from environmental and civic engineering, architecture, urban planning and landscape design to public law and administration, taxation science, economics, urban sociology and management. With Korea's largest and finest group of human and informational resources focused on the future of the world's city, it boasts a unique array of research institutions working on the solutions to its problems and creative visions for its future.



MURD program The Great Inspiration and Knowledge

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Dean of ISUS, University of Seoul

International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) at University of Seoul (UOS) was launched in 2012 in an effort to contribute to the development of sustainable urban communities in the world. It covers diverse fields of urban sciences including urban and regional planning, infrastructure development, construction development, and environmental policy.

ISUS offers two graduate programs for Korean students: global construction management and sustainable urban & regional development. In order to reinforce international cooperation and educate global experts, ISUS also hosts four Master's degree programs in cooperation with partner organizations: Master of Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP) in collaboration with Seoul Metropolitan Government, Master of Urban and Regional Development (MURD) with Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Master of Infrastructure Planning and Development (MIPD) with Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, and Master's program for Global Leaders in Environmental Policy (MGLEP) with Ministry of Environment. These full scholarship programs are expected to contribute to the sustainable development in partner countries by providing the academic and professional skills necessary for their home countries.

Korea is an exemplar which has transformed from one of the poorest countries in the world to a developed economy for the last half century. Its unique experience makes it a source of lessons learned that can be shared with global community. ISUS is committed to reinforcing professionalism in the area of sustainable urban and regional development by sharing Korea's experience. In this global platform of knowledge exchange, participants will get theoretical and practical knowledge and foster global perspectives through mutual learning process with their classmates from around the world.

Join the MURD program and develop your abilities of pioneering and leading new age of urban and regional development.

I. Program Overview

■ **Program Title:** Master's Degree Program in Urban and Regional Development (MURD)

■ **Duration:** August 2021 – February 2023

* Master diploma will be awarded in February 2023.

■ **Objectives:**

- To provide theoretical and practical education that enables government officials from KOICA's partner countries to formulate a long-term national comprehensive plan for territory development
- To enhance participants' knowledge and experience in the field of urban and regional development including master planning, land use planning, real estate and housing development, urban redevelopment and new town 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 (<http://isus.uos.ac.kr>)

■ **Medium of Education:** English

■ **Number of Participants:** 20 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 website
- (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
 - * Exception - Applicants with an 'international development NGO' background may apply for the program with two letters of recommendations:
 - 1) Your government office; and
 - 2) Korean Embassy, world widely known NGO, an UN-associated organizations, or the KOICA Overseas Office within your region.
- (3) AGE: (Preferably) Be under age 40 as of February 1, 2021.
- (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.
 - * Some program have specific qualifications in terms of level of education, and refer to Program Information of each program.
- (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.
- (8) Have not participated in KOICA scholarship program or any of the Korean Government's Scholarship Program before.
- (9) and other qualifications from the university you are going to apply (refer to the Program Information)

B. Application procedure

- Application Due: March 29, 2021

All of the application materials should be sent to the KOICA regional office or Korean embassy.

Procedure	Note
Step 1 Application package submission	All required documents submitted to the KOICA regional office or Korean embassy
Step 2 On-site interview (KOICA)	On-site interview at the KOICA regional office or Korean embassy
Step 3 Document screening (University)	Screened by UOS admission committee
Step 4 On-line interview (University)	On-line interview by UOS admission committee
Step 5 Medical check-up (Local)	Additional medical check-up at the local hospital designated by KOICA
Step 6 Admission notification	Admission results notified through the KOICA regional office or Korean embassy

C. Application requirements

All documents should be sent to the KOICA regional office, Korean embassy or the relevant government office. Please do not send the materials to University of Seoul directly.

No	Required / Optional	Document
1	Required	KOICA Application Form
2	Required	[From 1] UOS Application Form
3	Required	[Form 2] Curriculum Vitae
4	Required	[Form 3] Statement of Purpose
5	Required	[Form 4] Study Plan
6	Required	[Form 5-1] Letter of Recommendation by your present organization
7	Required	[Form 5-2] Letter of Recommendation by a professor or expert in your field
8	Required	Photocopy of college and graduate school (if applicable) diploma or proof of anticipated graduation
9	Required	Official academic transcripts of undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) and/or university-level institutions attended
10	Required	Photocopy of passport (If the passport is not yet issued, please send the photocopy of your national ID card. As soon as the passport is issued, please send the copy of the passport)
11	Required	Photocopy of parents' passports (or other official documents indicating parents' nationality such as identification cards)
12	Required	Two ID pictures (3.5 x 4.5 cm or passport size)
13	Optional	English-proficiency test result from one of the following: TOEFL, IELTS, or Others (optional but strongly recommended)
14	Optional	Certificate of employment

III. Curriculum

■ Curriculum and Credits

Students are required to take 51 credits for graduation, the preparatory courses and thesis research. The required coursework consists of 12 credit hours core courses and 24 credit hours elective courses. (The courses are subject to change.)

Course Classification	Course Title (Credit)
Core Courses (4 courses)	12 Credits Global Project Development I, II (3, 3), National Territorial Planning and Development (3), Thesis Seminar (3)
Elective Courses (16 courses, 8 selection)	24 Credits Infrastructure Development and Planning (3), Urban Administration and Finance (3), Urban and Regional Economics (3), Seminar on Public Investment Management (3), Seminar on Public Private Partnership (PPP) (3), Climate Change and Sustainable Development (3), Transport and Sustainable Urban Development (3), Transportation and Infrastructure (3), Smart City Development (3), Water Resource Development and Management (3), Regional Policy (3), Seminar on the Korean Territorial Development Strategies and Cases (3), Urban Planning and Development (3), Housing and Land Policy (3), Global Urban Planning Development Practices (3), GIS and Data Analysis (3)
Thesis & Internship	7 Credits Thesis Writing (6), *Internship Program (1)
Language	8 Credits Basic Korean (2), Korean Culture and History (2), Academic English I, II (2, 2)
Total	51 Credits

* During the winter break, an internship or job shadow opportunity may be offered to enhance students' understanding of University of Seoul 5 urban and regional development practice in Korea.

■ Extracurricular Program

Students are required to take part in Extracurricular Program including *Field Trip*, *Urban Infra Forum*, and, etc.

Classification	Semester	Remarks
Field Trip	All Training Period	Quarterly Field Trips which provide students opportunities to learn exemplary development projects in different parts of Korea
Urban Infra Forum	All Training Period	The Urban Infrastructure 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	All Training Period	Welcoming Ceremony and Orientation, Home Visiting, Sports Day, Cultural Events, Seminars, Forums, and Conferences

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