



2023 SMG - UNIV. OF SEOUL

MUAP

Master of Urban Administration and Planning

International School of Urban Sciences, the University of Seoul
In cooperation with Seoul Metropolitan Government



ISUS



The Leading Education & Research Institution in Urban Sciences in Korea

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President, University of Seoul

The history of the University of Seoul is the history of Korea in view of social development. Since its establishment in 1918, the University of Seoul has changed its specialized area from agriculture, to industry in the 1970's, and again to urban studies in the 1980's. The university of Seoul has become more prestigious in recent years as it develops strategically Urban Studies. As the only university sponsored by the Seoul Metropolitan Government, the University of Seoul is leading the education and research in Urban Studies in Korea.

Urbanization becomes a crucial phenomenon now, and the developing world is where this drastic urbanization is occurring. For the first time, more than half of world population live in cities. Over 90 percent of urban growth is taking place in the developing world. Urbanization in the developing world was once considered unmanageable and hence restricted. However, the question is not how to constrain urbanization, but how to prepare for it, maximizing the benefits of urbanization while minimizing the negative externalities of congestion, crime, and slums. Urban planners and administrators need to understand city and urbanization for better quality of life and socioeconomic prosperity.

Seoul Metropolitan Government and University of Seoul (SMG-UOS) jointly offer a master degree program of urban planning and administration, especially designed for public officers of cities from developing countries. It aims to enable public officers to enhance their ability to improve quality of their citizens' lives by providing world-class theoretical knowledge and Seoul's practical development experiences.

The University of Seoul warmly welcomes to all the SMG-UOS Master of Urban Administration and Planning participants and encourages all of you to keep your passion.

Thank you.



Hub of 'International Networking' for Global Experts

Park, Hyeon

Dean of ISUS, University of Seoul

In the midst of rapid urbanization during the process of compressed economic growth our country has accumulated unique experiences and know-hows in urban development and administration field. Such urban growth of the Republic of Korea has helped gain the attention of many countries abroad hoping for an opportunity of sharing the experience. Meanwhile, although our construction companies have won high reputation in infrastructure development such as road, harbor and plant construction, the turning point for a qualitative take off has become necessary as the competition with other development-pursuing countries intensified.

Like so, having the domestic and foreign demand in consideration, providing a comprehensive solution relative to the urban development and management with our experience and know-hows and opening the way to the comprehensive package of urban development towards the whole world have become a national agenda that we must pursue. During the process, we anticipate further overseas expansion of the Korean construction companies by the development of new modules.

University of Seoul, which pioneered through the research and education of urban related fields, has met such demands of the current era by establishing the International School of Urban Sciences with the goal of fostering global city professionals in 2012. On one hand, we educate domestic city professionals so that they will be able to advance towards overseas urban development and management fields, and on the other hand, we provide foreign public officials the opportunity to learn the experience of Korea first-handedly by managing the International Urban Development Program (IUDP). In addition, our graduate school will be the platform on which domestic professionals and foreign public officials cultivate global perspectives and insights by interacting with each other and create an international network. The ISUS is committed to establishing itself as the center of research and international cooperation in the area of urban sciences.

We expect your continued interest and support. Thank you.

University of Seoul, The Birthplace of Korea's Urban Study

The University of Seoul was founded in 1918 and has provided higher education opportunities for the intelligent, motivated, and creative scholars. As a public institution, the University of Seoul is committed to addressing the social, regional, technological, and creative 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.

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

In this sense, the 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.



I. Program Overview

■ **Program Title:** Master of Urban Administration and planning (MUAP)

■ **Duration**

- **August 2023 ~ August 2025 (25 months)**
 - ON-campus Education: Students will take courses for 13 months (Aug. 2023 ~ Aug. 2024) in the International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul
 - Off-campus Education: Students will prepare a thesis for 9 months (Sep. 2024 ~ May. 2025) in his/her home country and submit a completed thesis by June 2024
- **Master's Degree will be granted in August 2025**
 - Master of Urban Administration and Planning

■ **Objectives**

- To train mid-career public officials who specialize in city planning and urban administration by learning Seoul's successful development cases and experiences.
- To give opportunities to experience Korean culture and to learn language that can increase students' understanding of Korea
- To develop a basis for collaborative relations between Seoul and its sister cities

■ **Hosting Institution**

- International Urban Development Program (IUDP), International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS), University of Seoul

■ **Language:** English

■ **Qualification**

- **Applicant Qualification**
 - Foreign nationals whose parents are both foreign nationals
 - Applicants who have excellent command of both spoken & written English
 - Applicants who are in good health. (Pregnancy is regarded as a disqualifying condition)
- **Career Qualification**
 - Governmental officials who experienced more than 3 years and under 40-year-age
 - College graduates or those with equivalent degrees

■ **Financial Support**

- The Following expenses will be covered by the Seoul Metropolitan Government and the University of Seoul
 - Tuition & Dormitory fees
 - Economy class, round-trip airfare between Seoul and the Participant's home country
 - Textbook and materials
 - Monthly living allowance based on SMG regulations

II. How to apply

■ APPLICATION/ADMISSION PROCEDURE

A. ADMISSION DECISION PROCEDURE

- Round 1: Evaluation of Application Package
- Round 2: Phone (or Skype) Interview

Note: A phone/Skype interview will be conducted only for those applicants who have passed Round 1. The interview will be conducted in English.

B. APPLICATION & REGISTRATION TIMETABLE

Procedure	Application Due(Online)	Document Review	Zoom Interview	Final Admission Decision	Arrival in Korea
Date	April 13, 2023	April 17 ~ 21, 2023	May 3 ~ 12, 2023	May 18, 2023	August 3, 2023

※ Notice

1. An application is conducted on ISUS homepage. (<http://isus.uos.ac.kr>)
2. Click on "Admission for 2023 Master Program" banner Or You can move from the menu bar: Admissions / Application Guidelines / International Students.
3. The dates are subject to change. All dates are in Korean Standard Time (KST)

C. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

※ Any documents not written in Korean or English should be notarized in Korean or in English (All notarized translations should be issued in the country where the documents are issued except for unavoidable cases.)"

※ All documents must be issued within 1 year from the very last day of documents submission.

No.	Documents	Submission Type		Reference
1	Application Form		◎	Link for Submission: http://isus.uos.ac.kr/isus/iudp/iudp_agree.do
2	Two Photos, 3.5X4.5cm (with white-colored background)		◎	Two original pictures must be brought when you are admitted, and then come to Korea
3	Two letters of recommendation		◎	One should be from the applicant's current organization
4	Curriculum vitae		◎	—
5	Transcripts of all colleges/graduate schools		◎	1. Chinese: Verification Report is additionally required 2. non-Chinese: Apostille or the Consular Authentication (You can check further information here: https://url.kr/ug54xf)
6	Certificate of (expected) graduation of all colleges/graduate schools		◎	* The name of the school and the date of graduation between the application form and the documents must match. * An applicant who has completed even one program at a Korean school during the entire education course is not eligible.
7	Certificate of Employment		◎	—
8	Two copies of Medical Reports		◎	One should be from the applicant, and the other from authorized physician
9	TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS score report		△	★The Korean Embassy may ask you to submit the TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS score report as one of the required document. Make sure to check if it is required for visa issuance before application.
10	Project/Policy-making Concept Note for applying SMG policy to your country		△	You can find 154 cases of Seoul's policy at the URBAN SDG KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM below by typing a keyword as "Seoul"
11	A certificate of family relations between the applicant and his/her parents (No. 11 document is applicable only to those who passed Round 2.)		◎	Chinese Nationals 1. A certificate of household registration [Notarized translation] 2. A certificate of family relations[Notarized translation] (Note: If a parent is a head of household and the applicant is registered in the parent's household, its submission is not required.)
				Other than Chinese Nationals A Certificate of family relations issued by the government (such as Certificate of birth or family registration)

 Online Submission

 Hard copy submission by post

◎ Mandatory submission

△ Optional submission

III. Curriculum

■ Curriculum

- Students are required to take at least 48 credits for graduation. (* The courses are subject to change.)

Course Classification	Course Name
Core Courses	18 Credits
	Global Project Development 1, 2 / Research Methodology and Quantitative Analysis / Thesis Seminar
Elective Courses	19 Credits
	Urban Planning and Development / Urban Design and Historic Preservation / E-Government / Seminar on the Korean Territorial Development Strategies and Cases / Development of Smart City / Urban Administration and Finance / Transportation and Infrastructure / Seminar on Public Investment Management / Geographic Information Systems / Urban Growth and Employment / Environment and Climate Change / Housing and Land Policy / Urban Transportation Policy / Transport and Sustainable Urban Development / Seminar on Public Private Partnerships / Internship
Language	8 Credits
	Basic Korean I • II / Academic Writing I • II
Thesis	6 Credits
Total	51 Credits

■ Extracurricular Program

- Students are required to take part in Extracurricular Program, including *Internship*, *Field Trip*, *Urban Infra Forum*, and *Thesis Seminar Presentation*. (* The programs are subject to change due to COVID-19 situation.)

Classification	Semester	Remarks
Internship	Winter Session	Participating agencies : Seoul Metropolitan Government, Korea Land and Housing Corporation, Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements, etc.
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	A discussion forum held on the second Thursday of each month where global experts in urban development and infrastructure construction engage with each other
Thesis Seminar Presentation	Summer Session	Two presentation sessions where students present the performance on the thesis research to the faculty

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