



2025 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

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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 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.

Thank you.



Hub of 'International Networking' for Global Experts

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 two Master's programs for Korean students: global construction management and sustainable urban development. 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 Infrastructure Planning and Development (MIPD) with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. These funded programs have common aims of providing international professionals with the 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.

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 2025 ~ August 2027 (25 months)**
 - ON-campus Education: Students will take courses for 13 months (Aug. 2025 ~ Aug. 2026) in the International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul
 - Off-campus Education: Students will prepare a thesis for 9 months (Sep. 2026 ~ May. 2027) in his/her home country and submit a completed thesis by June 2025
- **Master's Degree will be granted in August 2027**
 - 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	March 13, 2025	March 17~21, 2025	April 2 ~ 11, 2025	April 17, 2025	August 6, 2025

※ Notice

1. An application is conducted on ISUS homepage. (<http://isus.uos.ac.kr>)
2. Click on "Admission for 2025 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.
- ※ Hard copy submission by post is applicable only to those who passed Round 2.

No.	Documents	Submission	Type	Reference
1	Application Form		◎	Link for Application: 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		◎	At least one of the letter should be from the applicant's current agency or 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		△	1. Applicants holding nationality of an English-speaking country 2. Applicants who finished their Bachelor's curriculum in full English. Please submit the certificate for the medium of instruction or corresponding documents 3. Applicants holding English-proficiency test result from one of the following: TOEFL S30, TOEFL CBT 197, TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 5.5, CEFR B2, TEPS 600 (NEW TEPS 326) ★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 157 cases of Seoul's policy at the URBAN SDG KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM below by typing a keyword as "Seoul"
11	Proof of parents' nationality, and relationship		◎	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 50 credits for graduation. (*The courses are subject to change.)

Course Classification	Course Title
Core Courses	12 Credits
	Global Project Development 1, 2 / Research Methodology and Quantitative Analysis / Thesis Seminar
Elective Courses	24 Credits
	Urban Administration and Finance / Urban Planning and Development Urban Design and Historic Preservation / Urban Economics for International Urban Development / Urban Growth and Employment Housing and Land Policy / Geographic Information Systems / Korean Urban Development Studies / Seminar in International Urban Development and Planning / Development of Smart City / E-Government / Environment and Global Markets / Environment and Climate Change / Transportation Policy and development / Sustainable Mobility Planning / Seminar on Public Private Partnerships / Seminar in Public Investment Management
Internship(optional)	1 Credits
Language	8 Credits
	Basic Korean 1, 2 / Academic Writing 1, 2
Thesis	6 Credits
Total	50~51 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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