

2014 KOICA - UNIV of Seoul

Master Degree Program in Urban and Regional Development (MURD)

Sponsored by Korea International Cooperation Agency



International School of Urban Sciences
University of Seoul

ISUS



'Truth', 'Creation', and 'Service'

Seoul's Global University

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President, University of Seoul

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.



Hub of ‘International Networking’ for Global Experts

Man Hee HAN

Dean of ISUS, University of Seoul

The International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) of the University of Seoul (UOS) was launched in Spring 2013 in an effort to contribute to the development of sustainable urban communities in the world through an interdisciplinary program of teaching, research, and outreach. ISUS offers two graduate programs in global construction management and sustainable urban & regional development to seek an interdisciplinary, engaged learning environment in which students from various fields acquire the knowledge and professional skills necessary for becoming leading practitioners in the global urban and regional profession.

In addition to the regular graduate programs, ISUS created the International Urban Development Program (IUDP) in cooperation with partner agencies and institutions in order to share Korea’s achievement in urban and regional development with scholars and practitioners from the world. Each year, IUDP invites about 20 government officials from Seoul’s global partner cities for a master degree program, Master of Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP) in cooperation with Seoul Metropolitan Government.

Recently, ISUS develops another sponsored graduate degree program in urban and regional development (MURD) in partnership with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) for government officials from KOICA’s partner countries. These sponsored graduate programs are expected to contribute to the sustainable development in developing countries by providing the academic and professional skills necessary for working in the particular contexts of partner countries. We hope many public officials from the world will be able to take this great opportunity. Thank you.

I. Program Overview

■ **Program Title:** Master Degree Program in Urban & Regional Development (MURD)

■ **Duration:** August 6, 2014 ~ December 10, 2015 (16 Months)

■ **Objectives:**

- To provide theoretical and practical education that can enable government officials from KOICA's partner countries to formulate a long-term national comprehensive plan for territory development
- To enhance program participants' knowledge and experiences in the field of urban and regional development including master planning, land use planning, real estate and housing development, urban redevelopment, new town development, etc.
- To develop program participants' capacity to manage infrastructure development projects for their own countries
- To provide program participants with opportunities to develop cooperative relationships and personal networks with scholars, professionals, and government officials from Korea and other countries

■ **Training Institute**

- **International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul** (<http://isus.uos.ac.kr>) in cooperation with the following Korean research and development agencies:
 - * **Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS):** In October 1978, the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS) was established to address spatial policy issues of Korea. The main tasks of KRIHS are to develop long-term and short-term plans and policies to lead to more efficient use of land resources and to restructure imbalanced spatial structures. KRIHS carries out various research projects in the areas of national territorial development, environment, regional and urban development, infrastructure, land use, transportation and geographical information system.
 - * **Korea Land & Housing Corporation (LH):** LH was established to spearhead the improvement of the quality of life and development of the national economy through the realization of stable housing for the country's citizens and the efficient utilization of the national land. LH's organization consists of HQs (9 divisions, 1 research institute, and 47 departments), 12 regional HQs, and 21 project divisions. Its 6,100 staff members specializing in land and housing are striving to systematically implement national land and housing policies.

■ **Language:** English

■ **Cost:** Full - Ride Scholarship with a Monthly Stipend will be provided.

II. How to apply

▣ APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be a citizen of the Scholarship Program target countries.
 - Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent.
 - Applicants must be a **government official** or a **public sector employee whose work is closely related to national territory planning, urban and regional planning, infrastructure planning and development, and other areas of physical planning and development.**
 - Applicants should be officially nominated or endorsed by his/her government.
 - Applicants should have sufficient command of both spoken & written English to take classes conducted entirely in English.
 - Applicants should be 40 years old or younger at the time of application and in good health, both physically and mentally .
 - Applicants have not previously received a scholarship for a Master degree program from Korean government.
- * Officials or public employees whose colleagues from the same office or organization have previously withdrawn from KOICA's scholarship program due to submission of false documents, below average school performance, or violation of school regulations are not eligible to apply.

▣ APPLICATION/ADMISSION PROCEDURE

A. ADMISSION DECISION PROCEDURE

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

B. APPLICATION & REGISTRATION TIMETABLE

Procedure	Date
Application Due	May 23, 2014
Document Review	May 26 ~ May 30, 2014
Phone / Skype Interview	June 2 ~ June 20, 2014
Final Admission Decision	June 30, 2014
Arrival in Korea	August 6, 2014

- Please note that the dates are subject to change. All dates are in Korean Standard Time (KST).

C. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All of the following application materials should be sent to the regional KOICA office (if available) or the relevant government office. Please do not send the materials to the University of Seoul directly.

- ① KOICA application form
 - ② Application form of International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul (Form 1)
 - ③ Personal statement (Form 2)
 - ④ Statement of purpose/ Study plan (Form 3)
 - ⑤ Curriculum vitae
 - ⑥ Two letters of recommendation (Form 4; One letter should be from the applicant's current agency or organization)
 - ⑦ Photocopied college and graduate school (if applicable) diplomas or proof of prospective graduation (Applicants must carry the original diplomas to Korea if selected)
 - ⑧ Official undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) academic transcripts. Transfer students must submit official transcripts from all colleges or university- level educational institutions they attended.
 - ⑨ Certificate of employment (if applicable)
 - ⑩ A photocopy of passport (If the passport has yet to be issued, please send a photocopy of national ID card. As soon as the passport is issued, please send the photocopy of the passport)
 - ⑪ Two photos, 3X4 cm or passport size
 - ⑫ English-proficiency test result from one of the following: TOEFL or IELTS (optional but strongly recommended)
- * The most recent scores are preferred, and must be issued within two years from the application deadline.

✂ Important Notes for All Applicants:

1. All forms should be typed in English and all the supporting documents should be in English. Documents in any other language should be accompanied by a notarized English translation.
2. Original documents should be submitted. Should they be unavailable, however, copies must be authorized by the originating institution before they are submitted.
3. If any of the submitted materials contain false information, admission will be rescinded.
4. Applicants whose forms and supporting documents are incomplete or unsatisfactory will be disqualified from the admission process.
5. Applicants should take full responsibility for any disadvantage due to their mistakes or omissions in the application process.

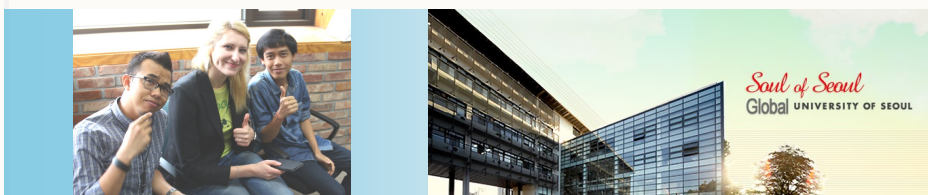
III. CURRICULUM

▣ Curriculum and Credits

Students are required to take at least 33 credits for graduation, excluding the preparatory courses and thesis research. The required coursework consists of 21 credit hour core courses and 12 credit hour elective courses.

Semester	Course Classification	Credit	Course Name
Preliminary Session	Preparatory courses	NC	Basic Korean Language & Culture
		NC	Basic Computer Skills
		NC	Introduction to Urban and Regional Development
1 st	Core Courses	3	Research Methodology & Quantitative Analysis
		3	Territorial Planning & Regional Development
		3	Urban Planning & Policy
	Elective Courses (Select 2 courses)	3	Urban Development in the Third World
		3	Development Finance & Public Private Partnership (PPP)
		3	Transportation Policy
		3	Climate Change & Resilient City
2 nd	Core Courses	3	Thesis Writing Seminar
		3	National Infrastructure Development: Korean Experiences
		3	Seminar on Korean Territorial Development Policies & Strategies
	Elective Courses (Select 2 Courses)	3	Land & Housing Policy
		3	Urban & Regional Development and ICT
		3	Urban Growth & Employment
		3	Water Resource Development & Management
		3	Environmental Planning & Policy
		3	GIS & Its Application
3 rd	Core Course	3	Internship

* The courses are subject to change.





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