

Overview of Pai Chai University

■ General Information

- Established by Rev. Henry G. Appenzeller, an American Missionary, In 1885.
- **Foundation Motto:** Whoever would be great among you must be your servant (Matthew 20:26)
- **Affiliated Schools:** Pai Chai Middle School and High School, Pai Chai University (Main Campus and Daedeok Valley Campus), Graduate School, Specialized Graduate Schools, university-affiliated Kindergarten
- **Education Goal:** Fostering young Appenzellers with a ‘servant leadership’ mindset who can contribute to community, society, and humanity
- **Capacity**
 - 7 colleges 8 divisions 30 departments (54 majors), Graduate School (26 master courses, 23 doctoral courses), and Specialized Graduate Schools
 - about 10,000 students, 1,200 international students from 40 countries, about 700 faculty members, about 200 administration staff
- **Location: Daejeon Metropolitan City**
 - about 1.5 million population, located in the central region of South Korea, Daejeon serves as a hub of transportation, the capital city, Seoul is about 160km away and it takes about 50 minutes by KTX (high-speed train)
 - as one of South Korea’s administration hubs, Government Complex Daejeon and national government offices are located in Daejeon
 - called the “Science City, high technology city”, Its Daedeok Innopolis is the home of government-funded public research institutes, corporate R&D centers, and venture companies For more information about Daejeon, please visit [here](#)
- **Globalization**
 - signed agreement with 301 institutions in 43 countries
 - about 80 to 100 students are reciprocated every year through student exchange programs
 - 1,200 international students from 47 countries are studying
 - participating in the GKS degree program, Korean language program, and GKS exchange program & invitation program
- **Education Center for Korean as a Foreign Language(ECKFL)**
 - opened in 1992, awarded the 26th King Sejong Culture Prize in Education by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism
 - operating Korean class levels from 1 to 4 in a quarter academic calendar
 - has 25 seasoned Korean language instructors and many of them are participating as a TOPIK examiners or a grader
 - publishes its own Korean textbooks
 - runs King Sejong Institutes in Brazil
- **Support for International Students**
 - Airport pickup for newly admitted international students(fee-paying), student visa extension assistance, health insurance arrangements, extracurricular cultural activities, etc.

Student Exchange Program

Students who are enrolled in partner universities of PCU and selected as exchange students by the partner universities are able to study for one or two semesters at PCU. International exchange students may take classes up to 18 credits per semester.

■ Academic Calendar

Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
[Spring Semester] 15 weeks				[Summer Break]		[Fall Semester] 15 weeks				[Winter Break]	
Spring Semester 2027.3. Mid-term in mid-April Final-term in mid-June				End of June to August		Fall Semester 2026.9 Mid-term in mid-Oct. Final-term in mid-Dec.				End of Dec to February	

※ For the academic schedule, please visit <https://www.pcu.ac.kr/kor/30/schedules/CAT072>

■ Provided Classes

A. Exchange students with zero Korean language knowledge or level 2 or lower in TOPIK, or equivalent Korean proficiency are arranged to take a set of Korean language classes provided by the department of Korean Language and Literature open exclusively for international students.

Subject(credit)	Korean Speaking(3), Korean Listening(3), Korean Reading(3), Korean Writing(3) and Korean Grammar & vocabulary(3), total 15 credits
Level	Beginner (Level 1), Intermediate (Level 2), Advanced (Level 3) (A class level is assigned after a level placement test.)
Class time	9:00 to 12:00, Monday to Friday, total 15 hours per week

- Exchange students can take one more undergraduate class (3 credits).

B. Exchange students who have Level 3 or higher in TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean), or equivalent Korean proficiency are allowed to take undergraduate classes provided by all departments and divisions. Those classes are taught in Korean and open for full-time students and exclusively for international students of PCU.

※ For more information on subjects, please visit <https://pcu.ac.kr/kor/contents/155> download the brochure, and check page 95 (subjects 개설교과목).

■ How to Apply

Students whom their home university nominates follow the online application.

- Fall application Link: <https://forms.gle/d8HHFYenkrqS7n5V6>

The nomination & online application deadline for the spring semester is **12 June 2026**.

- Spring application Link: <https://forms.gle/Z88VeUkDjAYFFxBY9>

The nomination & online application deadline for the fall semester is **11 December 2026**.

■ **Documents to submit :**

- a copy of the passport
- an enrollment certificate of home university with an apostilled or Korean consular certificate (applicants from OECD countries such as Japan, the UK, the US, and Mexico are exempt)
- a transcript of academic records of the home university
- a bank balance statement showing a balanced amount over \$5,000 (for one semester-long applicant) or \$10,000 (for one year-long applicant) with the applicant's or parents' name (applicants from OECD countries such as Japan, UK, and US, Mexico are exempt)
- a head-shot photo with white background in jpg format (for student ID card)

Submit the documents written above to the exchange program coordinator in your home country.

* All documents must be in Korean or English.

* Original copies of an enrollment certificate from the home university and a bank balance statement are subject to submission to the Immigration office after the applicant arrives at PCU.

■ **Contact**

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Mr. Yukyung Jang	ykjang@pcu.ac.kr	Japan
Ms. Tao	thaonht@pcu.ac.kr	Vietnam
Ms. Erin Jee	jhw@pcu.ac.kr	English-speaking countries, Mongolia, Russia, Mexico, etc.

■ **Accommodation Options and costs**

Building	Room type	Amenities	Remarks	Fees
Paitel A	A room for 2 people (4 rooms in a suite)	Shared bathrooms and shower rooms in a suite	Female only	680,000 ~ 740,000 /15 weeks
	A room for 3 people (2 rooms in a suite)		Male only	
Paitel B	A room for 3 people (2 rooms in a suite)	Shared bathrooms and shower rooms	Male only	550,000/15 weeks
Jiphyun Hall	A room for 4 people		Male only	550,000/15 weeks
Magnolia Hall	A room for 4 people		Male only	880,000/15 weeks
Seojaepil Hall	A room for 2 people	bathroom in a room	Intl student only	880,000/15 weeks

* Please note that students cannot choose the building, however, if you choose the room type, PCU will try to allocate a room by students' preferences. However, students may be

allocated to a different type of room depending on availability.

* Dormitory residents must take a tuberculosis test before check-in and submit the test report.

Measles vaccination (twice in a whole life) certificate is also required.

* Cooking and smoking are prohibited in the dormitory.

* For cooking, you can use shared kitchen facilities (KFC) after application. (30,000KRW)

* For more information, please visit <https://dorm.pcu.ac.kr>

■ Estimated Costs

TB test	Approx. 10,000KRW in a local clinic(optional)
National health insurance	Approx. 79,000KRW a month
Alien card registration fee	Approx. 35,000KRW
Textbooks	Approx. 30,000KRW ~
Bedding set(pillow & cover, sheet & cover)	Approx. 80,000KRW(optional)
Mattress cover	Approx. 15,000KRW
Meal	Approx. 6,500KRW/ per meal
Shared Kitchen	Approx. 30,000KRW per semester(optional)
Airport shuttle bus (airport → PCU)	Approx. 30,000 KRW

The above figures are estimates only and are subject to change without notice. Personal expenses are not included.

■ Notes

- All of the exchange students are required to live on-campus dormitory. On-campus dormitory residents are required to submit a tuberculosis(TB) test result and Measles vaccination(MMR) certificate to the dormitory office.

- Exchange students are subject to the mandatory subscription to the National Health Insurance of Korea from the date of alien registration. Alien registration takes about a month. Therefore, it is advised to buy traveler insurance covering the first month in Korea to get reimbursement for medical expenses.

■ VR Campus Tour <https://www.pcu.ac.kr/vr1/index.html>