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Introduction

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In 1885, Rev. Henry G. Appenzeller, an American missionary, established Pai Chai Hakdang Foundation, Korea's first accredited school for higher education. In 1886, Emperor Gojong of Joseon Dynasty authorized the name, which means 'fostering talented individuals.' The establishment of Pai Chai Hakdang was the starting point of modern education in Korea and it has produced numerous historical figures, including the first president of the Republic of Korea Dr. Seung-man Rhee, the famous Korean Linguist Si-gyeong Ju, and the poet So-wol Kim, among others.

The founding motto, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant," chosen by Pai Chai's founder from a passage in the book of Matthew, lives in the hearts of all those associated with Pai Chai. We aim to foster young Appenzellers with the 'servant leadership' mindset who can contribute to community, society, and humanity.

Pai Chai Hakdang, our parent institution, is located in the center of Seoul, near Seoul City Hall. The original building has been renovated and is used as a historical museum. The building was designated as a cultural property of Seoul in 2001.

Pai Chai Middle School and Pai Chai High School, two other affiliated schools of Pai Chai Hakdang are located in Seoul. Pai Chai University's main campus and its affiliated kindergarten are located in Seo-gu, and the second campus is in Yuseong-gu, Daejeon.

700

Faculties

200

Full-time administration staff

1,173

International students

- Undergraduate 405
- Graduate 195
- Korean Language Program 502
- Exchange student 71

9,500

Korean students

30 departments (54 majors) and 8 divisions in 7 colleges, Graduate School (26 master courses, 23 doctoral courses) and Specialized Graduate School

For more information, please visit us at <https://www.academyinfo.go.kr>

DAEJEON

Metropolitan City



A hub of transportation and administration,
a city of education and advanced science

Daejeon Metropolitan City, where Pai Chai University is located, is South Korea's fifth-largest metropolis with a population of about 1.5 million and GRDP (Gross Regional Domestic Product) of about 2.1 million won.

Located in the central region of South Korea, Daejeon serves as a hub of transportation and has many geographical advantages. The nation is connected by convenient bullet trains and express buses, so any regions in Korea can be reached within 3 hours.

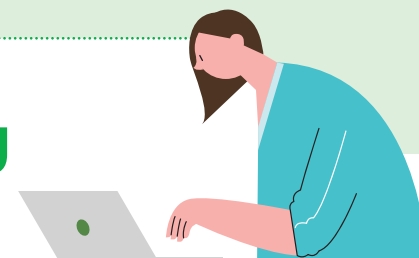
Daejeon is located near Sejong, which is the new administrative capital with major governmental departments including the Ministry of Education. Daejeon is one of South Korea's administration hubs. Currently, 12 national government offices are located in Daejeon.

Located close to the Daedeok Innopolis (Daedeok Research and Development Special Zone), which was appointed as the Science & Business Belt by the government, Daejeon is known as the Silicon Valley of Korea.

For more information about Daejeon, please visit <https://www.daejeon.go.kr/english>



01 Globalization of PCU



> Certified by the government as an excellent university of international education

The Internationalization Index
by Joongang Daily

Top 10 a top ten university
in Korea in 2006

The Globalization Index
by Chosun Daily/ QS University Evaluation

8th ranked 8th
in Korea **22nd** ranked 22nd
in Asia in 2010

> Granted IEQAS (International Education Quality Assurance System) certification,
Pai Chai University has been maintaining the status since 2015.

> International Education Quality Assurance System (IEQAS)

Korea's Ministry of Education assesses universities to certify their capacity for international education. Among 263 universities with 4-year curriculums, only 111 universities are IEQAS-certified. Those certified universities have exclusive access to government-funded projects and programs, and can also recruit international students with minimized visa document requirements. In addition, by checking the list of IEQAS-certified universities, international students are able to choose a qualified school to study. Pai Chai University is certified for both undergraduate and graduate degree programs as well as the Korean language program.



For more information, please visit <https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr>

> Partners Worldwide

Pai Chai University has signed MOUs with 301 universities in 43 countries. We also actively participate in student exchange programs, where approximately 70 to 80 students are reciprocated every year.

> 74 universities and institutions from 20 nations in North America, South America, Oceania, and Europe.

Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, Czech, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and USA

> 227 universities and institutions from 23 nations in Asia and Africa.

Algeria, Cambodia, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Vietnam, Zimbabwe

For more information, please visit www.pcu.ac.kr/inter

02 Student Exchange Program (Inbound)

Study Abroad Program Guide



Students who are enrolled in partner universities of PCU and selected as exchange students by the partner universities are able to study up to 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			

Classes Offered



Exchange students who have zero Korean language knowledge or TOPIK Level 2 or lower are arranged to take a set of Korean language classes offered by the Ju-Sigyeong Liberal Arts College.

Subject (credit)	Korean Speaking (3), Korean Listening (3), Korean Reading (3), Korean Writing (3) and Korean Grammar & vocabulary (3), total 15 credits
Level	Level 1 to 4 - Beginner (Level 1 ~ 2), Intermediate (Level 3 ~ 4) ※ A class level is assigned after a placement test.
Class time	9:00 to 12:00, Monday to Friday, total 15 hours per week

- Exchange students may take an additional undergraduate class open for international students.



Exchange students who have TOPIK Level 3 or higher or equivalent Korean proficiency are allowed to take undergraduate classes offered by all departments and divisions in the colleges. Those classes are taught in the Korean language and are open for Pai Chai full-time students (some classes are open exclusively for international students).

- A class PCU provides is 2 credits or 3 credits.

※ The exchange program offers two to three cultural fields trips per semester as part of the overall experience.

How to Apply

➤ Send applications and required documents listed below to PCU through your home university.



Application (given form), a copy of passport, a transcript of academic records, and an enrollment certificate of home university

* All documents must be in Korean or English.

➤ The application deadline for the spring semester is the end of December, for the fall semester is the end of June.

Notes

- All of the exchange students are required to live in an on-campus dormitory. On-campus dormitory residents are required to submit tuberculosis(TB) test results and measles vaccination certificate (MMR) 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 travelers' insurance covering the first month in Korea to get reimbursement for medical expenses.



INTERVIEWS



The exchange experience has been the best of my life. It marks my first journey outside of my home country, and I am thrilled to embark on the adventure of learning a new language. The Korean language class I am taking is excellent. My peers are international; there are from China, Mongolia, Vietnam, the UK, Rwanda, and us, representing Mexico. We all in similar Korean proficiency level, which enables me to engage in conversations with them about class-related subjects or various topics.

Having previously studied Korean as part of my degree at my home university in UK, coming to Korea has given me the right environment to put my studies into practice and improve my skills. Having the experience of living in Daejeon I feel like I have been able to accelerate my Korean learning and experience more of the country. Pai Chai University has offered a few experiences for international students including trips to theme parks, concerts, and regional festivals, which have been well organized and have enabled me to create some great memories during my time here, and I would definitely recommend this program to future students.



Throughout one year I had the opportunity to stay in Korea, learn the language and study about the Korean Media. It was a complete experience when I saw the country's culture and lifestyle. Some moments may have been tough, others were like living a dream. Not only being able to grow academically but also as a person. Traveling, making friends, learning new things everyday while dealing with different situations. My time in Korea was a once in a lifetime experience. It showed me new ways of thinking and ways to reach my goals.