

South Korea

KAIST College of Business Study Abroad Program

The KAIST College of Business, the first business school to be established in Korea, is a highly respected graduate school with a stellar reputation in Korea and throughout the world for research and teaching in management and technology. KCB currently umbrellas two Schools: School of Management Engineering (Seoul) and School of Business Technology Management (Daejeon). The School of Management Engineering in the Seoul campus houses two graduate schools: KAIST Graduate School of Business and Graduate School of Finance.

Located on the Northeastern side of one of the world's top financial and commercial centers, Seoul, KAIST College of Business is well suited for students wishing to gain global business experience. KAIST strives hard to provide its students with a global perspective of the international business environment by establishing strong links with multinational corporations, other international institutes, and government and private agencies. It also offers a mixture of cultural heritage and modern architecture, serving as the national hub for music, entertainment and cultural industries.

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) accredits KAIST. It is a member of GMAC, Partnership in International Management (PIM), and a founder of the Association of Asia-Pacific Business School (AAPBS). It is the first business school in Korea to acquire an AACSB International accreditation. KAIST Business School ranked 53rd in the world by QS World University Rankings in 2025 and 10th in the Asian University Rankings.

FACILITIES/HOUSING

Exchange students are automatically assigned on-campus housing unless requested otherwise. The rooms are single occupancy, with personal beds, desks and closets provided. On each floor, there's a shared restroom and shower room (8 rooms). The dorm fee is KRW 270,000 (around USD 190) per month and the student must pay 4.5 months in the fall or 4 months in the spring upon arrival. Students who wish to stay off-campus must search for local housing on their own. There are also cafeterias on campus for lunch and dinner along with indoor exercise rooms.

SEMESTER DATES

Fall Semester: September 1 – December 19, 2025

Orientation: August 29, 2025

Spring Semester: March 2 – June 19, 2026

Orientation: February 27, 2026

WORKLOAD

Courses at KAIST are either 3 credit courses or 1.5 credit courses. 3 credit courses run for 16 weeks. 1.5 credit courses run for 8 weeks. Each credit has 16 contact hours.

UNIT VALUE AND CONVERSION

1 KAIST Unit = 1 USC Unit

Minimum: 9 KAIST/USC units

Maximum: 15 KAIST/USC units

Note: You may earn less than 15 units if some courses are not approved for study abroad.

PASSING GRADE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN USC CREDITS

B or better

ESTIMATED COSTS This is an estimated student budget, and all costs are subject to change without notice.

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Item	Estimated Amt in US Dollars
USC MBA Tuition Rate (Maximum 15 units x \$2421* per unit)	\$36,315.00
Room and Board	\$1,000.00
Food	\$2,500.00
Books and Supplies	\$500.00
Airfare	\$2,000.00
Local Transportation	\$1,000.00
USC Health Insurance*	\$1,977.00
Insurance at Host Institute	\$240.00
Visa	\$100.00
Passport	\$140.00
Vaccinations/Health Fees	\$300.00
Miscellaneous/Personal	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$48,072.00

*Rate based on Spring 2025

More information can be found at <https://www.business.kaist.edu/global/0403>