

Student Exchange Program

SungKyunKwan University (SKKU) Department of Architecture (DOA)

Application Procedure:

Students have to submit their application in both printed (postbox department office) and electronic format (t.schuetze@skku.edu) to Prof. Thorsten Schuetze. The application has to consist of the following material:

- An essay (written in English) of **maximum** 2 pages A4. The essay has to contain the following information:
 - *Motivation to study abroad*
 - *Priority list for specific Universities (1, 2, 3, 4)*
 - *Intended length of stay (1 or 2 semesters)*
 - *Language certificate (requirements and deadlines see below)*
- Copy of official SKKU Certificate with grades of all courses.
- Hand signed statement which declares the following:
 - “I will start the exchange study period after finalization of 1st, 2nd and 3rd year of study and successful finalization of Design Studios 1, 2, 3 & 4.”
 - “After returning from exchange study period I will spend the final two semesters of my study at SKKU because the 5th grade needs to be studied in one set of two semesters. The final two semesters may consist of two regular semesters or of one regular and one extra semester.”
 - “In addition to the foreign university certificate(s) with my courses and grades, I need to submit an official document provided by the foreign university. That document needs to contain information how many students have got which grades in the specific courses that I have been taking. Without provision of such an overview, SKKU Department of Architecture cannot transfer the absolute grades that I have achieved at the foreign university to relative grades according to the SKKU relative grading system for international courses.”

** According to the relative grading system of international courses at SKKU, grades are generally better after transfer from the absolute to the relative grading system. However, grades can only be transferred to the relative grading system if sufficient course specific information on the number of students who achieved specific grades in a course can be provided.*

Compulsory Deadlines:

- **1 November 2017 is the deadline for submission of applications for the participation in the Fall Semester 2018 student exchange program.**
- *Students will be informed by the beginning of December 2017 if they are accepted or not (conditional acceptance in case of language certificate absence).*
- **Conditionally accepted students need to submit their language certificate with sufficient score latest by 1 March 2018 (Spanish, Swiss and Belgium Universities) or by 1 May (German University) in order to be finally accepted and officially nominated as SKKU DOA exchange students for Fall Semester 2018 (see also requirements below).**

SKKU DOA Globalization Program – Requirements for Participation*

** Applicable for both Exchange Student Programs with partner universities and Visiting Student Programs with non-partner universities, if not stated differently in the requirements.*

Minimum requirements for eligibility (study achievements):

- Students have to have achieved at least one A+ (4.5) or A (4.0) grade for one of their Architectural Design Studio works.
- Students may apply earliest after completion of their 2nd year of study.
- Students have to have completed all compulsory courses of the first 3 years of their study, including Design studios 1-4, at SKKU Department of Architecture prior to their study abroad.

Minimum requirements for eligibility (language skills):

Students who want to participate in the international Exchange Student Programs and Visiting Student Programs of the Department of Architecture, Sungkyunkwan University, have to proof their foreign language skills (including reading, writing, listening and speaking) by internationally accepted certifications. The detailed requirements are:

General requirement: For all students participating in Visiting and Exchange Student Programs. For Spanish and Italian Universities (ULB, ETSAM*, ETSAG* & IUAV*) an English language test certification is required. The minimum scores and accepted certification types are: TOEIC: 650, TOEFL PBT: 503, TOEFL CBT: 190, TOEFL IBT: 70, IELTS: 5.0.

*Exceptions: Students meeting the following requirements don't need to hand in English language test certifications:

- Students applying for ETSAG (Granada) and ETSAM (Madrid) submit a Spanish language test certificate. The minimum score and accepted certification type is: (Instituto Cervantes: http://seul.cervantes.es/ko/dele_diplomas/dele_diplomas.htm) A2.
- Students applying for IUAV (Venice) submit an Italian language test certificate. The minimum score and accepted certification type is: (Instituto Italiano di Cultura: http://www.iicseoul.esteri.it/IIC_Seoul/Menu/Imparare_Italiano/Certificazioni/) A2 (CELI 1, CILS A2), PLIDA A2).
- Students studying at ULB (Bruxelles) submit a French language test certificate. The minimum score and accepted certification is A2 (e.g. DELF - Diplome d'Etudes en Langue Francaise).

Special requirement: For the German HafenCity University Hamburg (HCU) a German language test certification is required: The minimum score and accepted certification type is A2 (e.g. Goethe-Zertifikat): <http://www.goethe.de/ins/kr/seo/lrn/prf/ft2/koindex.htm>)

Transfer of Credits and Grades from European Partner Universities

SKKU Department of Architecture accepts the transfer of credits and grades of courses that address objectives that are comparable with Students Performance Criteria (SPC) assigned to the corresponding courses at SKKU Department of Architecture: Course objectives and workload of courses successfully finalized and graded at a foreign university correspond with SPC and workload of courses at SKKU Department of Architecture = Provision of Full Credit Transfer is provided for the specific course at SKKU.

Credit transfer is based on the official credit transfer method determined by SKKU. For European universities the following method is applied: 1 European ECTS credit corresponds to 1 CFU that is 25 hours: 10 hours of lectures and 15 hours of individual work. 2 ECTS correspond approx. to 1 SKKU credit points. (1 ECTS = 0.53 SKKU credit points, 1 SKKU credit point = 1.89 ECTS)

At foreign partner Universities different grading systems are applied. For courses graded at foreign universities eligible for credit transfer, grades are transferred from the specific university grading system to the SKKU relative grading system for international courses. The specific relative grade achieved by a student for a course is calculated based on the ranking amongst all students that have been taken the same course. The relative grading system applied at SKKU is based on the following method: A+ (4.5): Best 25% of students, A (4.0), second best 26%-50% of students, B+ (3.5) third best 51%-70% of students, B (3.0) fourth best 71%-90% of students, C+ (2.5) – F (0) worst 10% of students. For details see the following table:

SKKU Percentage students	SKKU Percentage points	SKKU Grade	SKKU Grade
50%	95 - 100 (98)	4,5	A+
	90 - 94 (93)	4	A
40%	85 - 89 (88)	3,5	B+
	80 - 84 (83)	3	B
10%	75 - 79 (78)	2,5	C+
	70 - 74 (73)	2	C
	65 - 69 (68)	1,5	D+
	60 - 64 (63)	1	D
	0 - 59 (0)	0	F

Compulsory deadlines for submission of language certificates:

Students applying to study at a foreign University during the **Spring Semester** have to hand in their language certifications latest the year before prior to the following due dates:

Belgium (ULB): 1 September
Italy (IUAV): 1 September
Germany HCU: 1 November
Spain (ETSAM, ETSAG): 1 September

Students applying to study at a foreign University during the **Fall Semester** have to hand in their language certifications latest the same year prior to the following due dates:

Belgium (ULB): 1 March
Italy (IUAV): 1 March
Germany (HCU): 1 May
Spain (ETSAM, ETSAG): 1 March
Switzerland (HSLU): 1 March

Partner Universities with Architecture Student Exchange Agreements:

Belgium:

ULB - Universite Libre de Bruxelles

Available online: <http://archi.ulb.ac.be/faculte>

PDF: http://archi.ulb.ac.be/sites/default/files/documents/brochure_facultaire_architecture.pdf

Master course overview:

http://banssbfr.ulb.ac.be/PROD_frFR/bwkkspgr.showpage?page=ESC_PROGCAT_AREREQ&pname=PPROGCODE&pvalue=MA-ARCH&pname=AREA&pvalue=M-ARCHS&pname=TERM&pvalue=201516&pname=ARETERM&pvalue=201516

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IUAV - Universita IUAV di Venezia

Available online: <http://www.iuav.it/homepage/>

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ETSAM UPM - Escuela Tecnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid - Universidad Polytechnica de Madrid

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ETSAG - Escuela Tecnica Superior de Arquitectura de Granada – Universidad de Granada (ETSAG - UGR Granada)

Available online: <http://etsag.ugr.es>

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1. Luis Javier Martin: vrietsa@ugr.es (International Office)
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Switzerland:

HSLU - Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts

Available online: <https://www.hslu.ch/de-ch/technik-architektur/studium/bachelor/architektur/>

English Modules: Undergraduate Architecture Modules (44,1 KB) .PDF - Download

at: <https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-school-of-engineering-architecture/degree-programmes/international/course-offerings/>

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Semester periods Partner Universities and closing dates for applications:

University	Semester	Closing date for Application*	Semester Start	Semester End	Exam Period End
ULB (Belgium)	1.	15.06.	15.09.	25.01.	15.02.
ULB (Belgium)	2.	30.11.	18.02.	01.06.	22.06.
ETSAM (Spain)	Fall Semester	30.06.	01.09.	31.01.	
ETSAM (Spain)	Spring Semester	15.12.	01.02.	31.05.	
ETSAG (Spain)	1. Semester	30.06.	23.09.	23.01.	14.02
ETSAG (Spain)	2. Semester	15.12.	16.02.	10.06.	11.07
HCU (Germany)	Winter Semester	15.07.	01.10.	31.03.	31.03.
HCU (Germany)	Summer Semester	15.01.	01.04.	30.09.	30.09.
IUAV (Italy)	1.	15.07.	1.10.	25.01.	15.02.
IUAV (Italy)	2.	30.11.	18.02.	01.06.	22.06.
HSLU (Switzerland)	2.	30.04.	17.09. (12.09.)	18.02.	

Bold: Fall Semester

Regular: Spring Semester

***Closing dates for application:**

- Submission of complete set of application documents needs to be finalized before the due date.
- Nomination by SKKU Department of Architecture and International Office needs to be completed at least one month before the closing dates for application.

Compulsory requirements for Korean undergraduate students after return from foreign study in the framework of the SKKU DOA student exchange program:

Minimum required study period before graduation:

- After returning from study abroad students need to spend the final two semesters of their study at SKKU DOA. The reason is that the 5th grade needs to be studied in one set of two semesters.
- The last two semesters may consist of
 - Two regular semesters, or alternatively of
 - One regular and one extra semester.

Grade and credit transfer from foreign universities to SKKU DOA:

- After return from their study abroad students need to submit official and **approved foreign university certificate(s)**.
- The certificate(s) need to contain the precise course names, the **amount of assigned credit points** (ECTs) and the **absolute grades** that the exchange student achieved.
- Students also need to provide a document, officially approved by the foreign university, which contains **information how many students have got which grades** in the specific courses that the concerned student has participated in, and requests the transfer of credits and grades to the SKKU grading system for international courses. Desirably this information should be included in the approved foreign university certificate(s). Alternatively, the required information can be provided in an additional and officially confirmed document.
- In case of conflicting information in multiple submitted certificates, the information listed in the most official and endorsed certificate will be used for the transfer calculation of credits and grades achieved at a foreign university.
- **Without provision of an officially approved grade overview**, both the number of **credits**, and the **absolute grades** that have achieved at the foreign university **cannot be transferred** to relative grades according to the SKKU grading system for international courses.
- **Grades and credits can only be transferred** to SKKU DOA courses **if the required student performance criteria (SPCs) have been addressed** accordingly in the courses that a student successful participated at a foreign university.
- **SKKU Professors** teaching the specific courses at SKKU **approve the compliance of SPCs addressed in courses taken by students at foreign universities with the concerned SKKU courses**.
- **Prof. Thorsten Schuetze calculates and approves the transfer of course credits and absolute grades** achieved at foreign universities **to grades according to the relative grading systems** of international SKKU DOA courses.
- Finally, the **SKKU DOA chairman approves the correct credit and grade transfer** officially.

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