

Sol International School Fact Sheet for 2021

About Sol International School (SIS)

Created in 2014, Sol International School ([SIS](#)), was a result of Woosong University's Global Initiative. SIS belongs to [Woosong University](#), which has a history of work in education, teaching, and training since 1995. Located in Daejeon, South Korea, SIS offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs fully taught in English. The mission is to provide students with a superior education through theory, practical training, and internships for excellence in global employment.

The following 4-year programs are available at the Bachelor level:

- Culinary Arts ([SICA](#))
- Hospitality Management ([SIHOM](#))
- Global Railroad & Transport Management ([SIRA](#))
- Restaurant & Entrepreneurship ([SIRES](#))
- Media & Communications Arts ([SIMA](#))

The following Master degree programs can be completed in 1.5 year, but not sooner than one year:

- Master of Science in [Hospitality Management](#)
- Master of Science in [International Events and Catering Management](#)

The following Doctorate program is available and cannot be completed in less than 2.5 years

- Doctor of Philosophy in [Hospitality & Tourism Management](#)

Since its establishment in 2014, SIS has signed more than 80 Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with universities and schools in more than 27 countries. Available programs include student and faculty exchange programs, joint research, dual degree, and study abroad.

Students are admitted based on past academic achievements and English language performance scores. Newly admitted full-time students may earn up to 70% scholarship covering tuition and enrollment fees based on cumulative GPA and English proficiency test scores.

Facts and figures (2020)

- 1,085 students
- 20% international students – 80% Korean students
- 95% international faculty members mostly with Ph.D. degrees
- 27 nationalities on campus
- American curriculum with a focus on providing practical education for employment
- Multiple language course choices: Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, French
- 80+ partner universities for exchange and dual degree opportunities
- Scholarship opportunities available from 30 to 70%

An American-style curriculum focusing on Asian expertise

Based on an American curriculum, SIS delivers an international-focused education with global perspectives. During their studies, students will acquire a superior knowledge through theory, practical training, and internships for excellence in global employment.

Scholarships

First-semester admission scholarships require a combination of an English proficiency score (IELTS, TOEFL) and GPA earned at their previous academic institution. For Bachelor's students, the amount ranges from 30 to 70%. For a Master's degree and Ph.D. students, scholarships range from 10% to 30%. From the second semester onward, merit-based scholarships depend upon GPA only and awarded for the following 15-week semester. For Bachelor students' if they qualify for a scholarship, then the next 5-week semester includes a 16.3% scholarship. Merit-based scholarships apply to one semester.

Internships

Bachelor's degree students may elect to complete a 6 – 12-month overseas internship, depending upon the department and other factors related to the student's passport and English proficiency. Qualified students may enjoy paid internships and credits equivalent to those generally earned while studying during a similar period. The School's Career Development Center assists in applying for an internship and related matters (visa, interviews with host properties, etc.). Master's degree students may elect to experience an optional one-year management trainee job placement. Ph.D. students may qualify to teach some undergraduate courses depending upon course availability and student ability.

Location

Sol International School is located in Daejeon, 55 minutes away from Seoul by high-speed train. With a population of 1.5 million, Daejeon is Korea's fifth-largest city and is renowned for being Korea's Silicon Valley with about 30 research and development institutions and 18 universities. Daejeon has the highest concentration of researchers, with more than 7,000 Ph.D. holders living and working in the city.

Bachelor's Degree Programs

The Undergraduate degree programs are designed around the completion of eight semesters to earn a Bachelor's Degree (4 years). If students elect to study during two optional 5-week summer and winter semesters each year, they can graduate within 3.5 years.. Students have to complete a minimum of 132 credits to graduate. They can choose up to 6 classes per semester for a maximum of 17 credits. Most courses are equivalent to 3 credits (equal to 5 ECTS). All students must complete at least one summer program.

Mandatory English proficiency– a minimum of 5.5 IELTS or TOEFL IBT 61 (or equivalent)

Previous Academic record – High School Certificate / 12th Grade, minimum 60% (or equivalent). The final academic certificate must be apostilled, depending on the country.

Proof of finances – A bank balance equivalent to a minimum of USD 18,000, which is to be in the account for at least six months. Transaction history & letter from the bank with the seal and signature are mandatory for the application.

Part-time job opportunities – working part-time is allowed only after completion of the first six months of study in Korea. According to the Korean government regulations, students can work on or outside campus up to 20 hours per week. The Korean immigration department will impose severe penalties on students found working illegally.

Student Council Assessment - Student Council is active in promoting various extracurricular activities. Approximately \$270 will be requested from each student to cover these student activities, excursions, and off-site visits during the four years of study. Some departments include a school jacket and tee-shirts for students. Student participation in these events is optional.

Residence – Bachelor's Degree students will share a room with another person in the international dormitory on campus. Students are required to reside on-campus for at least the first semester. If they wish to live off-campus after that, they may request permission from their Department Chair and the Director of Administration. The dormitory contract includes a requirement for each student to subscribe to at least one meal per day. Additional meals are available in the dormitory cafeteria, or outside.

Foreign languages - Regular Bachelor students are required to take basic Korean language courses during the first year. During the second and third years, students may elect to study a language of their choice, including Korean, Chinese, Spanish, French, and Japanese. Students who wish to remain in Korea for employment are encouraged to learn the Korean language to be successful in the job market in Korea or abroad. Master's degree and Ph. D. students are not required to take language courses but may take them as an audit class.

Study abroad opportunities - SIS offers exchange, study abroad, and dual degree opportunities with over 80 partner universities in 27 different countries. Students can spend one or two semesters abroad in places such as the United States, Europe, Russia, and East, Southeast & South Asia.

Cost Estimates for Undergraduate Study

Estimated Cost of living for First Year of Undergraduate study¹					
	Fall 15-weeks	Winter 5-weeks²	Spring 15-weeks	Summer 5-weeks²	Total (Max)
Enrollment Fee	\$650 - A one-time fee which is waived for students receiving first-semester scholarships				\$650
Residence	\$760.50	\$227.50	\$760.50	\$227.50	\$1,976
Daily meal³	\$374.40	\$112	\$374.40	\$112	\$972.80
Activity Fee	\$28				\$28
Insurance	\$70		\$70		\$140
Remittance⁴	\$20		\$20		\$40
Total:					\$3,806.80.
Tuition Costs for first year of study					
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT⁶					
3 Sem of Study	\$3,198.60		\$3,198.60	\$589.68	\$6,986.88
First-year Cost of Living + 3 Semesters Tuition⁵: \$10,793.68				Second Year Total⁷: \$9,554	
MEDIA & COMMUNICATION ARTS - RAILROAD & TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT					
3 Sem of Study	\$3,708		\$3,708	\$685.08	\$8,101.08
First-year Cost of Living + 3 Semesters Tuition⁵: \$11,907.88				Second Year Total⁷: \$10,592.80	
CULINARY ARTS⁶ - RESTAURANT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP - INSTITUT PAUL BOCUSE⁶					
3 Sem of Study	\$3,996		\$3,996	\$740.52	\$8,732.52
First-year Cost of Living + 3 Semesters Tuition⁵: \$12,539.32				Second Year Total⁷: \$11,148.80	

Footnotes:

1. These costs do not include travel, books, personal expense, additional meals and incidentals. Please also see note 2.
 2. The cost of living estimate is for students who remain in the campus dormitories during summer and winter sessions. If they return home, these costs are not applicable.
 3. The dormitory catering service requires a minimum of one meal per day. Additional meals are available for about \$3 each in the dormitory.
 4. Remittance fee is for inbound wire transfer. Ignore if paid in cash.
 5. The estimated cost includes two mandatory 15-week semesters and one 5-week semester (summer semester in the first year is compulsory) with no scholarship. Summer/Winter semesters are optional thereafter.
 6. SIHOM, SICA and SIREs students will incur additional costs due to kitchen uniforms & knives and standard dress codes.
 7. Includes two semesters of study minus Enrollment fee plus one year cost of living.
- Tuition costs shown do not include scholarship deductions.
 - Admission scholarships apply for the first semester only. Thereafter Merit scholarships are available.
 - Actual costs should not vary from the above estimates by more than 5%.

Graduate Degree Programs

Master's degree students need to complete 27 credits to graduate over two years. Depending on the program, students may be able to complete the degree in 12 or 18 months by completing the 5-week semesters when offered. During regular semesters, students may take up to four courses for a maximum of 9 credits each semester. For each 5-week semester, students can take up to two courses for a maximum of 5 credits. A typical student may take four courses for three regular 15-week semesters and complete the graduation requirements of 27 credits.

Doctoral students need to complete 36 credits to graduate over a minimum period of 2.5 years (5 regular semesters). During each 15-week semester, they can take up to three courses for a maximum of 9 credits. The student would determine the time for completion of the thesis required for graduation.

Mandatory English proficiency– a minimum of 6 IELTS or TOEFL IBT 79 (or equivalent)

Previous Academic record – Applicants for a Master's or Doctorate Degree should have a Bachelor's or a Master's degree, respectively, in a related field. Students should check with the Admissions Director for acceptance. Final academic certificates must be apostilled, depending on the country.

Residence – Graduate students are required to live off-campus. The Graduate School Admissions assistant will connect students with a local English-speaking realtor to assist in finding suitable housing. The student will be provided contact information for the realtor to facilitate housing arrangements before arrival if the student wishes. On arrival, graduate students may stay in the international dormitory for a few days while finalizing housing arrangements.

Financial proof – A bank balance equivalent to a minimum of USD 18,000, which is to be in the account for at least six months. Transaction history & letter from the bank with the seal and signature are required for the application.

Work experience – No previous work experience is required.

Cost Estimates for Graduate Study

Estimated Cost of Living Expenses for the first year of Graduate School					
	FALL 15-Weeks	WINTER 5-Weeks	SPRING 15 Weeks	SUMMER 5-Weeks	Total (Max)
Enrollment	\$700 – Onetime Fee				\$700
Residence	Minimum Monthly cost estimate including utilities and Internet: \$320				\$3,840
Insurance	\$110		\$110		\$220
Remittance	\$20		\$20		\$40
Estimated Total first-year Annual costs:					\$4,800
Tuition Costs for Master’s Degrees					
Hospitality Management - International Events & Catering Management					
Master’s Degree Tuition	Maximum credits	Maximum courses	Cost per Semester	Maximum Annual Cost	Remarks
15-week sem ¹	9	4	\$3,172.80	\$6,345.60	Two 15-week semesters/year
5-week sem ²	5	2	\$518/credit	\$4,662	Assumes max of 9 credits
One-year Cost of Living + Tuition (2 Semesters Study): \$11,145.60					
Tuition Costs for Doctorate Degrees					
Hospitality & Tourism Management					
Doctoral Degree Tuition	Maximum credits	Maximum courses	Cost per Semester	Maximum Annual Cost	Remarks
15-week Sem ¹	9	4	\$4,438	\$8,876	Two 15-week semesters/year
5-week Sem ²	5	2	\$692/Credit	Total cost/year depends on if & when courses are offered	
One-year Cost of Living + Tuition (2 Semesters of study): \$13,676					

Please note the footnotes to the references within the table for explanation and clarification.

1. The 15-week semester cost is regardless of how many courses a student elects to study.
2. The 5-week semester courses may or may not be offered, depending on faculty & student availability.
 - The remittance fee is for inbound wire transfer. Ignore if paid in cash.
 - Above costs are best estimates: actual values should not vary by more than 5%.
 - Tuition costs are exclusive of scholarship considerations.

Merit-based Scholarship Matrix for Undergraduate Students

Applicant	CGPA or GPA for last Assessment Period	Percent of Tuition Scholarship Awarded
International Students from 2 nd semester and above	4.50	100%
	4.25 – 4.49	70%
	4.00 – 4.24	50%
	3.75 – 3.99	40%
	3.00 – 3.74	30%
Transfer Students	At least 3.00	30%
International Intern Students	For students who work part-time each semester at the administrative department	Scholarship according to payment instructions
International Students Recommended by Developing Countries	For students from developing countries recommended by the university with an agreement of industry's regulations	Full tuition for each semester (excluding entrance fee)

- *Definition: GPA = 15-week. CGPA = Cumulative GPA*
- *Students must have earned 15 credits without receiving an "F" grade during the last Assessment Period to receive a scholarship in the following semester.*
- *Students who receive a scholarship for a Spring or Fall semester will automatically receive a tuition scholarship of 16.3% for the immediately following Winter or Summer semester.*

Merit-Based Scholarship Matrix for Graduate Students

IELTS/TOEFL	Special case	5.5/61	=>6.0/79
CGPA	3.0 – 3.49	3.50 – 3.99.	> 4.00
Scholarship	10%	20%	30%

- *Students with GPA scores less than 2.5, no award will be granted regardless of English proficiency*
- *A scholarship of 30% is awarded to all first semester Freshmen, after that, issued according to scholarship matrix*

Admission Process – step by step

1. Register at the online admission site: <https://wsu.embark.com/auth/register>.
2. Complete the online admission form and attach requested documents. Students may logout/login at their convenience using a username/password to complete the process. Supporting documents should be submitted entirely by 5 January for Spring, or 30 June for Fall.
 - Submit Proof of English proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL)
 - Bachelor's degree: minimum IELTS 5.5, TOEFL IBT 61
 - Master's degree: IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL IBT 79.
 - Ph.D.: minimum IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL IBT 79.
 - Passport ID Page copy (must be valid for at least 6 months)
 - Personal essay or Statement of Purpose
 - Proof of finances: a bank statement showing a minimum amount of USD 18,000 and a signed bank letter attesting to the balance.
 - Grade transcripts/mark sheets: scanned and certified copies with mandatory English translation are acceptable. Depending upon the country of origin, the documents must be either apostilled or certified by the Korean embassy. Students must show original certificates to admissions on arrival.
 - Diploma/Degree certificate: scanned and validated certificates with mandatory English translation are acceptable. Final Degree Certificate must be submitted in Apostille form or embassy certified form, depending upon the country of origin.
 - Recommendation letters: 1 for Undergraduate students, 2 for Graduate students
 - Resume / CV: for graduate applicants only
3. Schedule an online Skype or other admission interviews with the admissions team
4. Verification of documents by the Admissions Department
5. Successful candidates are issued a Letter of Acceptance invoice for payment
6. A student should initiate a wire transfer to the university for payment of the invoice quickly to facilitate the application of a visa.
7. After receipt of invoice payment, the university will send an official Certificate of Admission and other documents via DHL Courier to the student for the D-2 visa application.
8. After receipt of official documents from the university, a student should immediately apply for a D-2 student visa at the nearest Korean embassy.
9. Upon arrival in South Korea, students must present all original documents and certificates for verification. All original documents will be returned to the student after verification.

Student Council Fees for SIS Departments

In addition to the fees paid as part of general admission, Student Council assesses an additional cost to support student activity participation. All departments have a Student Council Fee (administered by Student Council and monitored by Department Chairs) to include activity costs during a student's four years with the university. Most departments manage the fees in the same approximate manner. We have included some examples in Korean won. Students who do not wish to participate may consider this optional.

Hospitality Department

Department Letter Jacket 40,000
 name tag - 9,000
 cooking clothes for culinary lecture - 25,000
 t-shirt - 8,000 × 2/yr
 field trip - 10,000 × 3/yr
 party fee - 10,000 × 3/yr
 other parties/events - 30,000 × 3/yr
 sports day food expenses - 15,000 × 2/yr
 academic seminars - 10,000 x 3/yr
 Total: 300,000

Restaurant & Entrepreneurship Department

Sports day food and Bev - 30,000×2/yr
 T-shirt - 9,000×2/yr
 Field trip - 12,000×3/yr
 Membership Training Events - 15,000 x 3/yr
 Annual party - 15,000 x 3/yr
 Other events - 12,000 × 3/yr
 Festivals 10,000 x 3/yr
 Graduation Gifts - 15,000
 Operational Fee 5,000 x 3/yr
 Total 300,000

Railroad & Transport Management Department

Department Letter Jacket- 40,000
 T-shirts - 8,000 × 2/yr
 Field trip - 10,000 × 3/yr
 Party / Event - 30,000 × 4/yr
 Sports day food and snack - 30,000 × 3/yr
 Gifts for freshman - 4,000
 Total: 300,000

Culinary Arts Department

Membership Training - 25,000 x 3/yr
 Sports Day Events - 25,000 x 2/yr
 Deep Cleaning Events - 5,000 x 4/yr
 Festivals - 25,000 x 2/yr
 Field Trips - 5,000 x 3/yr
 Council operation fees - 5,000
 End-of-Year gift events - 30,000 x 3/yr
 Total: 305,000

Media & Communication Arts Department

Department Letter Jacket - 50,000
 Sports day T-shirts - 8,000 x 2/yr
 Food & Bev - 15,000 x 2/yr
 Field trips - 20,000 x 4/yr
 Membership Training/Event - 14,000 x 3/yr
 Festival - 14,000 x 4/yr
 Office maintenance - 6,500 x 4/yr
 Total: 300,000

Additional Costs: Uniforms and other expenses

Hotel Management, Culinary Arts, and Restaurant & Entrepreneurship departments require a standardization of uniforms and dress related to the department. If students already have these regulation items, they do not have to be purchased again.

Culinary Arts Uniforms and other costs		Uniform Set Contents:	2 neck Scarves - 8,000 3 Hats - 3,000 2 Side Towels - 12,000 Scarf ring - 5,500 Name tag - 10,000
Books	72,000 won		
Knife Kits	249,000 won	6 Arm patches- 12,000	
Kitchen Shoes	39,600 won	2 Pants - 52,000	
Uniform Sets	195,000 won	2 Aprons - 14,000	
Total	555,600 won		

Restaurant & Entrepreneurship Uniforms and other costs		Uniform Set Contents:	neck Scarf - 4,000 1 Hats - 1,000 1 Side Towel - 6,000 Scarf ring - 5,500 Name tag - 10,000
Knife Kits	134,000 won		
Uniform Set	137,500 won	4 Arm patches- 12,000	
Kitchen Shoes	30,000 won	1 Pants - 26000	
Total	301,500 won	1 Apron - 7000	

Hotel Management

All students must dress appropriately for special events, guest speakers, visitors, internships, etc.