Yonsei is the only university in Korea with 4 campuses. These are the flagship campus in Sinchon, the Yonsei University Health System (Severance Hospital) also in Sinchon, the Wonju Campus, and the Yonsei International Campus in Songdo, Incheon. Yonsei’s educational and research capacity has been multiplied by its integration of all 4 autonomous campuses into a single network.

SINCHON CAMPUS
Flagship of Academics and Research
The Sinchon Campus is the traditional core of Yonsei University, and it continues to serve as a focal point for Korean culture, society, politics and economics. As the flagship campus, Sinchon is the base for fields that include the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, business, and engineering. Connecting Yonsei’s three other campuses, Sinchon is at the heart of Yonsei’s drive to become one of the world’s elite universities.

YONSEI UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM (SEVERANCE HOSPITAL)
The Cutting Edge of Medical Training and Research
Yonsei University Health System (YUHS) was founded in 1885 as the first modern medical institution in Korea. With more than 130 years of experience in medicine, YUHS is a leader in the industrialization and globalization of medicine, striving to achieve the goal of becoming the medical hub of Northeast Asia.

WONJU CAMPUS
Eco-friendly Campus
The Wonju Campus is a cooperative integrated campus, organized according to academic clusters rather than traditional departments. It focuses on developing international cooperative models for dealing with issues related to the environment, health and medical services, and poverty.

INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS
Cultivation of Global Leaders
The Yonsei International Campus (YIC), with its international environment, Residential College (RC), and integrated education, represents a new paradigm in Korean higher education and provides a leading educational model in Asia. It was established in 2010. Academic units based at the YIC include Integrated Technology, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS), Integrated Science and Engineering (ISE), Techno-Arts, Asian Studies, and the College of Pharmacy.
Truth

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

(John 8:32)

Dr. Underwood, the missionary and founder of Yonhee College, prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ: “I believe that Korea will become a ‘land of grace.’” Yonseians believe that God has blessed them with a great history. Yonsei’s goal is to cultivate Christian leaders filled with the spirit of truth and freedom who will change Korea and the world in the 21st century.

and Freedom

HISTORY

History of 130 Years Goes Beyond Vision

1st Founding (1885 - 1956)

1885 Gwanghyewon, the first modern hospital in Korea, established; subsequently renamed Jejoongwon.
1886 Medical School established at Jejoongwon, the first of its kind in Korea.
1905 Severance Hospital dedicated.
1915 Chosen Christian College established; first classes held at YMCA.
1917 Chosen Christian College accredited as “Yonhee College,” “Severance Union Medical College” first accredited.
1946 Yonhee officially recognized as a university with 4 colleges and 11 departments.
1957 Yonhee University and Severance Union Medical College merged into Yonsei University.
1959 Korean Language Institute established.
1961 Wonju campus becomes Wonju College with 10 departments.
1985 100th anniversary celebration.
2005 Underwood International College(UIC) established.
2008 Yonsei-Samsung Library opened.
2010 Yonsei International Campus(YIC) in Songdo, Incheon established.
2013 Introduction of Residential College(RC) Program.
2015 Baekyang-ro Renovation Project completed.

2nd Founding (1957 - 2011)


3rd Founding (2012 - )
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Yonsei University strives to create future-oriented knowledge through its biomedical complex and a wide range of integrated majors whose teaching staff continues to grow. In 2014, an integrated, multidisciplinary research community was established by faculty members from the College of Medicine and the College of Life Science and Biotechnology. And in order to realize integrated education drawing from the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and engineering, Underwood International College has established the fields of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) and Integrated Science and Engineering (ISE).

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Wonju Campus
The Wonju Campus is well known for establishing the Institute for Poverty Alleviation and International Development (IPAID). IPAID works to find creative and effective solutions to address poverty in the third world, and it has been designated as a priority research institute by the National Research Foundation of Korea. Additionally, the Institute for Bio-Medical Wellness (IBMW) was established in August 2013 through the merger of five institutes from the natural sciences, engineering, and medicine. IBMW plays a key role in facilitating cooperation between national organizations and corporations that move to the Wonju Innovation City.

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INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS
At the International Campus, integrated education and research is conducted in diverse scientific fields such as information, nano, energy, and medicine. There is also integrated education and research that brings together the humanities, social sciences, arts, and design at the Residential College (RC). In particular, the Department of Integrated Technology (College of Engineering) and the Yonsei Institute of Convergence Technology (YICT) work together to establish integrated research and education. Yonsei Technology Holdings also contributes to creative research through the technology transfers it facilitates between the Yonsei University Health System and YICT and business and industry.
GLD  _Global Leadership Division

The Global Leadership Division (GLD) is a specialized and prestigious education program conducted in Korean and designed for international and overseas Korean students. This program aims to shape students into global leaders with a deep appreciation for Korean values and a strong understanding of Korean language, culture, and society. GLD emphasizes the importance of service, communication, and cultural diversity, while promoting creativity and originality through interdisciplinary study. GLD graduates will play an important role in creating the core values of the future.

Course study in GLD includes a number of disciplines within the humanities and social sciences, and one of the program’s signature majors is Korean Culture and Commerce. Seeking to provide an intimate and international learning environment, GLD gives students a specialized education with one-on-one discussion sections, small-group seminars, independent research projects, and personalized curricula and intensive language courses. GLD also offers students specialized academic counseling services and specialized administrative services for international students. Additionally, there are specially designed student exchange programs, internship opportunities with Korean companies, and a number of cultural programs and field trips.

EIC  _EastAsia International College

EastAsia International College (EIC) was founded by Yonsei University Wonju Campus in 2008 as a special program to develop professionals to play leading roles in the global age of the 21st century. Offering courses exclusively in English, EIC has two major tracks of study: East Asian Politics and Culture, East Asian and Economy and Business.

1 http://gld.yonsei.ac.kr/kor/
Yonsei University established Underwood International College in 2005 as a highly-selective, English-language college combining the intimacy and rigor of a liberal arts program with the resources of a major research university. Providing an Ivy League-caliber education to an elite academic community, UIC has students from over 47 countries who are guided by full-time international faculty trained at some of the world’s most prestigious academic institutions. With class sizes limited to 20-30 students, UIC professors provide individualized attention to students, ensuring a supportive, demanding, and stimulating academic environment. UIC students are prepared to meet the complex challenges facing the twenty-first century through its humanities-based, interdisciplinary Common Curriculum and its sixteen majors in five academic divisions.

UIC graduates currently work at top global corporations, such as McKinsey, Goldman Sachs, Samsung, and Hyundai, and attend graduate school at Harvard, Yale, Oxford, and other elite institutions.

http://uic.yonsei.ac.kr
**Yonsei Global MBA**

Yonsei Global MBA (GMBA) aims to produce creative global leaders equipped with expert knowledge of management theories and a variety of business practices. In addition to the innovative curriculum, with its emphasis upon collaborative projects, Yonsei GMBA provides a truly global experience by bringing together a diverse group of participants from around the world with a variety of experiences and academic backgrounds, while offering opportunities to study abroad through exchange programs at one of our partner schools in the United States, Europe and Asia. Dual degree programs with Peking University, the University of Washington, and the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis are also available.

Yonsei GMBA is the only Korean MBA program to be ranked within the top 100 Full-Time MBA Rankings by “the Economist”, on an initial invitation, for four consecutive years. Yonsei School of Business is accredited by both AACSB, EQUIS, and KABEA. And Yonsei School of Business is a member of GMAE as a result of meeting all the required standards as a competitive MBA program.

http://mba.yonsei.ac.kr

**Global Institute of Theology (GIT)**

The Global Institute of Theology (GIT) is a Christian education program based at the International Campus in Songdo. Offering high-quality theological education to students from isolated regions in Asia and Africa, GIT’s aim is to cultivate a new generation of Christian missionaries to serve these areas. The program is exclusively composed of international students, and each student receives a full scholarship along with room and board. Korean churches provide the money for tuition fees, while Yonsei gives the students room and board. The degrees conferred to GIT students include Master of Theology (ThM), Master of Divinity (M. Div.), Doctor of Theology (ThD), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

http://git.yonsei.ac.kr/
The Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) was founded in 1987 as the first English-language professional school in Korea dedicated solely to international studies. Designed for both Korean and international students, GSIS’s mission, from its founding, has been to train graduate students to become international experts attuned to the complex interchanges between the political, economic, and cultural spheres. For more than 27 years, Yonsei’s GSIS has been at the forefront of Korea’s rapid process of globalization, educating and mentoring international leaders for the 21st century.

Yet the most important and enduring asset of the GSIS is its unique student culture—with the highest foreign student enrollment (54%) in Korea. This unique melting pot, consisting of students from 52 countries, will result in life-long friendships and the ability to master contrasting prisms and paradigms. With its graduates assuming numerous leadership positions in Korea and abroad, Yonsei’s GSIS remains committed to creating a “Global Corps” of “Global Citizens,” and it is well on its way to achieving the goal of becoming one of the Asia-Pacific region’s top professional schools in the field of international studies.

http://gsis.yonsei.ac.kr
OUTBOUND PROGRAM

ESP (Exchange Student Program)
Exchange Student Program (ESP) allows students to study abroad for one or two semesters at universities that have signed an agreement with Yonsei University. Credits earned during the exchange period are transferred to the student’s academic account at Yonsei. The application period is about a year before departure.

* Students pay the tuition to Yonsei University only.

VSP (Visiting Student Program)
Visiting Student Program (VSP) is just like the ESP except that students pay tuition fees to both Yonsei and the host university. Yonsei provides a VSP Scholarship which covers 80% of Yonsei tuition for all VSP participants.

SAP (Study Abroad Program)
Study Abroad Program (SAP) is a program where students study abroad and earn credits while they take a leave of absence from Yonsei University.

GIP (Global Internship Program)
Global Internship Program (GIP) was developed to provide students with practical skills and experience in an international business environment. GIP participants develop greater language proficiency and gain diverse cultural experiences while becoming tomorrow’s global leaders. Students participate in the program while enrolled at Yonsei, and they receive academic credit for their internships.

http://oia.yonsei.ac.kr
Study Abroad at Yonsei (SAY)

Study Abroad at Yonsei (SAY) allows international students to study for a semester or full year at Yonsei. In addition to experiencing Yonsei’s academic excellence, SAY students have numerous opportunities to take part in authentic Korean cultural activities. SAY students are also encouraged to join and participate in Yonsei student clubs.

[i]http://oia.yonsei.ac.kr

Yonsei International Summer School (YISS)

The Yonsei International Summer School (YISS) opened its doors in 1985; since then, YISS has become an integral part of campus life with its unique blend of Korean and global cultures. YISS offers more than 100 courses in 8 different areas over a six-week period. YISS continues to grow and evolve, striving to meet the challenges of a fast-paced global society.

[i]http://summer.yonsei.ac.kr

Winter Abroad at Yonsei (WAY)

Winter Abroad at Yonsei (WAY) opened its doors in 2013. WAY is composed of 2 separate 3-weeks sessions, with intensive course work in the morning and Korean language and taekwondo classes in the afternoon. On weekends, WAY students have many opportunities to enjoy Korean winter activities.

[i]http://winter.yonsei.ac.kr

Tailor-Made Programs

Yonsei boasts a wealth of experience in designing short-term, special programs for students from overseas partner institutions. Since 1996, Yonsei has offered specially designed courses and field trips for students from partner institutions, providing them with unique intellectual and cultural experiences in Korea.

[i]http://summer.yonsei.ac.kr
Yonsei University celebrates its 130th anniversary this year. As Korea’s first university, Yonsei has firmly established itself as a diverse and vital place of learning founded on the Christian principles of truth and freedom. In educating global leaders who will contribute to Korea and all humankind, Yonsei remains faithful to the vision of H. N. Allen, H. G. Underwood, and O. R. Avison, whose passionate devotion to this land gave birth to the university.

While the name Yonsei is derived from the combination of Yonhee College and Severance Hospital, Yonsei also means “leading the world.” Since its establishment, Yonsei endured the pain and suffering of Korea’s modern history, while becoming a world-class center for Korean studies and medical science, and a pioneer in medical volunteer work. Enduring and overcoming historical hardships, Yonsei has demonstrated its resilience, courage, progress, and innovation, solidifying its status as the top private university in Korea.

Jejoongwon, Severance Medical School, and Yonhee College stand as the origin and foundation of higher education in Korea. The “First Founding” is represented by the establishment of Jejoongwon in 1885, while the “Second Founding” occurred in 1957 with the merging of Yonhee College and Severance Medical School into Yonsei University. In 1978, nearly a century after its founding, Yonsei opened the Wonju Campus. The recent establishment of the Yonsei International Campus in Songdo, Incheon marks the “Third Founding,” signaling Yonsei’s bright future as a global university.

Today, Yonsei boasts 300,000 alumni, 4,800 faculty members and four campuses including Sinchon, Wonju, and International Campus, as well as the Yonsei University Health System. It is also elected the top 20th private university in the world.

In celebrating its 130th anniversary, we at Yonsei will take another step forward to raise our educational and research excellence to a world class level. The integrated RC educational environment, combining dynamic learning with a vibrant community life, serves as a cradle for future leaders. We will continue to strive to become a leader in solving social struggles through research, education and technological development. And, it is also our duty to provide marginalized groups with more opportunities through higher education.

Yonsei University has been a place of miracles under God’s providence over the past 130 years. Yonsei’s frontier spirit and heart of devotion will continue to work miracles and the next 100 years will witness Yonsei grow into a world-class university.

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