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UNDERWOOD INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE
The Liberal Arts for International Minds
Welcome to Underwood International College

Underwood International College (UIC) is a highly selective, all-English, four-year liberal arts institution, which combines the intimate, elite learning environment of a liberal arts college with the faculty and resources of a top research university in Korea. UIC students choose from an extensive list of classes conducted entirely in English and taught by a distinguished group of international and Korean scholars. With a student body drawn from around the world, UIC focuses on ensuring that its outstanding students have the intellectual foundation to become exceptional leaders capable of changing the world for the better.

Why UIC?
Global + East Asian + Korean + Interdisciplinary
UIC’s unique program recognizes that the leaders of the future must have a grasp of global, East Asian, and Korean affairs. UIC’s curriculum combines core requirements, major courses, and interdisciplinary upper-level seminars.

Global Competency
- International faculty and culturally diverse student body
- Exclusive exchange programs and global networking tours

East Asian Competency
- Unique exchange programs with Top East Asian universities
- Comprehensive East Asian Studies ranging from culture, language, literature, politics and philosophy

Korean Competency
- Wide range of course selections; 845 courses available in Korean (Yonsei & UIC combined)
- Access to Yonsei University’s extensive 329,985 alumni network (March, 2019)

Interdisciplinary Competency
- Interdisciplinary approaches to the social sciences, design, technology, and the natural sciences

About Yonsei University

Yonsei University
Since its founding in 1885, Yonsei University has been synonymous with international education and exchange in Asia. As the most internationalized liberal higher education institution in Korea, Yonsei enjoys by far the longest history of international education in Korea with the most extensive network of exchange partners worldwide. Spread over two campuses, Yonsei continues to set the golden standard of higher education in the region.

Korea’s No. 1 Private University (5 consecutive years)
QS World University Rankings, 2010-2015

World No.1 in University Impact Rankings
Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings for Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure 2019

Top 20 Asian Universities
Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings, 2018

Top 5 Asian Cancer Research Innovators
Thomson Reuters, The Future is Open: 2015 State of Innovation

Seoul Campus
Located in the center of one of the world’s most vibrant capital cities, Yonsei’s stately campus embodies a happy mixture of tradition and progress. This historic center of Korean student life features restaurants offering a wide variety of cuisine; quiet and charming cafés; plentiful bars; commercial and art-house cinemas; fashion boutiques; and a major department store.

Songdo Campus
Yonsei International Campus (YIC) at Songdo is Korea’s most state-of-the-art college campus. Its award-winning facilities include residential colleges; labs and classrooms equipped with the latest technology; a branch of Yonsei’s main library; and excellent athletic and recreational facilities. The restaurants, cafes, and shopping malls in downtown Songdo are reachable within minutes by bicycle or the campus shuttle bus.
The mission of UIC is to bring together students from a diverse range of national and ethnic backgrounds, providing them with a rigorous, world-class education that emphasizes the following three core values:

- Creative and Critical Thinking
- Democratic Citizenship
- Global Leadership

UIC unites students and faculty from a wide range of cultures, nations, religions, and ethnicities. As a member of this unique community, students will share not only the English language, but also a passion for encountering and understanding other cultures and nurturing the cosmopolitan values needed to become responsible global citizens.

### International Students

- **Countries**: 553
- **Countries**: 66

As of March 2018

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### Academics

#### Common Curriculum

**Freshman Year**

Interdisciplinary Coursework: The first-year common curriculum, drawing on the best of the liberal arts tradition, seeks to produce effective leaders capable of independent, critical, and creative thinking. UIC students take small reading and writing-intensive seminars in literature, philosophy, history, critical reasoning, science literacy, and research methods.

**Upper Years**

UIC Seminars: UIC seminars allow students to explore a wide range of subjects outside of their major, benefiting from the cutting-edge research of their professors. In addition, students can also take classes in the creative arts (writing, filmmaking, music) or in career-oriented subjects (business, law). In their senior year, UIC students have the option of writing a thesis with a guiding professor.

#### Majors

**Underwood Division**

Students can study the following majors at the Sinchon Campus:

- Comparative Literature and Culture
- Economics
- International Studies
- Political Science and International Relations
- Life Science and Biotechnology

**Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences Division (HASS)**

Students can study the following majors at the International Campus:

- Asian Studies
- Culture and Design Management;
- Information and Interaction Design;
- Creative Technology Management
- Justice and Civil Leadership;
- Quantitative Risk Management;
- Science, Technology and Policy;
- Sustainable Development and Cooperation

**Integrated Science & Engineering Division (ISE)**

Students can study the following majors at the International Campus:

- Bio-Convergence;
- Energy and Environmental Science and Engineering;
- Nano Science and Engineering

Applicants select one division upon application submission. Students may choose a major at the end of their freshman year. Students can have multiple majors within the UIC and Yonsei University.
The UIC Advantage

Exchange Programs
UIC students can either participate in Yonsei University’s extensive exchange/visiting/ study abroad programs or alternatively choose from UIC’s exclusive exchange and visiting programs.

UIC Exclusive
- Amherst College
- University of Geneva, Switzerland
- 3-Campus Program Keio University, Japan, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Dartmouth College, US
- Barnard College, US
- University of Berkeley, Economics Department, US
- Waseda University, School of International Liberal Studies, Japan
- University College Ultrecht, Netherlands
- The University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Arts, Hong Kong
- Leiden University College The Hague, Netherlands
- Jacobs University, Germany
- Wellesley College, US
- Lingnan University, Hong Kong
- Swinburne University of Technology, School of Design, Australia
- Aalto University, Finland
- Yale-NUS College, Singapore
- Claremont McKenna College, US
- Frankfurt Goethe University, Germany
- University of California Irvine, US

Design Factory Korea (DFK)
Design Factory Korea (DFK) is an educational institution housed at Yonsei University’s International Campus in Songdo. It is part of the Design Factory Global Network (DFGN) – an innovative and interdisciplinary program that was first established by the Aalto University in Finland. Design Factory (DF) is currently established in 9 countries and DFK joins the network as the sixth member. The DFK provides solutions to the practical problems that companies and societies face today through collaboration and exchange of ideas among students from diverse backgrounds.

Career Development Center
UIC places a great importance on student career development. Faculty at the center assist students in pursuing their professional and academic goals through individual counseling. UIC aims to ensure that UIC graduates are uniquely positioned to take advantage of the increasingly globalizing job market or to pursue graduate studies for advancement opportunities post-graduation.

Global Career Tour
The Global Career Tour provides students on-site learning opportunities by visiting multinational corporations (MNCs) and meeting with corporate recruiters and professionals from a diverse range of industries. Students can benefit from enhancing their understanding of the global job market and gathering information for career planning in advance. Previous tours include visits to MNCs and international organizations in Hong Kong, London, New York, San Francisco, Singapore, and Tokyo.

Global Research Competition
UIC gives students an opportunity to plan and execute a self-directed research project at their chosen overseas destination while taking credit courses at UIC. Selected students are awarded with grants and upon completion of the research, students can showcase and publish their work followed by faculty review.

UIC Forums and Lecture Series
The Underwood Global Forum and Lecture Series invite distinguished international scholars from a variety of academic fields, providing UIC students a learning opportunity to engage in discussions with internationally acclaimed scholars.

Student Life

The Freshman Residential College
As Yonsei freshman, UIC students will reside in the newly-built Yonsei International Campus (YIC) in Songdo, Incheon. The Residential College (RC) system provides community-based academic and social activities including arts, sports, and community services beyond the classroom. The first in the nation to adopt the RC system for all incoming freshman students in 2013, YIC serves as the benchmark for other leading universities in Korea.

Upper Student Housing
On Campus Housing: I-House, SK Global & Muhak Dormitory at Sinchon, Seoul. There are three housing options available for upper-class students at the main campus in Sinchon: The International House (I-House or Kulke Hakul), SK Global House, and Muhak dormitory. A mixture of Korean and non-Korean students live in the dormitory, providing an international atmosphere where English is the primary language.

Student Experience
The UIC student clubs were organized to promote a creative and progressive student-led campus culture for maximum student engagement. UIC students actively participate in student clubs to explore diverse interests ranging from arts, career development, debate, journalism, music, religion, sports, and technology. Examples of student organizations include Nodaji (band), UVE (ensemble), Haze (basketball), Student Ambassadors (student-led PR organization for prospective students), Underwood Global Community (networking community of international students), Global Career Society (student-led career development organization), and The UIC Scrbe (official student-led publication organization).
## Admissions

### Overview

There are different admissions tracks at UIC. Applicants must apply through the appropriate admissions track based on rolling admission policy.

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### Contact

- UIC Office (uicadm@yonsei.ac.kr) 82-2-2123-3923
- Yonsei University’s Office of Admissions (yadms@yonsei.ac.kr) 82-2-2123-4131

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## Evaluation Process

### First Stage
Document Review

### Second Stage
Interview (excludes 12 years abroad Overseas Korean students)

## Required Documents for Submission

Printed application form, transcripts, high school diploma, personal statements in English, letter(s) of recommendation, and other supporting documents. Required documents for submission may vary according to the different admission tracks. All documents submitted for admission must be either an original copy or have a seal affixed by the issuing institution or by UIC. Documents in other languages must be accompanied by a notarized English translation.

### Scholarships

UIC offers the following scholarships to outstanding applicants as well as to current UIC students who show academic excellence. These scholarships are based on financial need, academic merit, or both.

#### Admission Scholarship
- For newly-admitted international students
- Full tuition for 4 years
- Selection based on the academic credentials

#### Need-based Scholarship
- For currently-enrolled UIC students
- Full, Half, or One-third of tuition per semester
- Selection based on the review of students’ need for financial aid

#### Merit-based Scholarship
- For currently-enrolled UIC students
- Full, Half, or One-third of tuition per semester
- Students within Top 10% GPA each semester

#### Other Scholarship Opportunities
- For currently-enrolled UIC students
- Half or One-third of tuition for exchange programs