



# International Student Survival Guide

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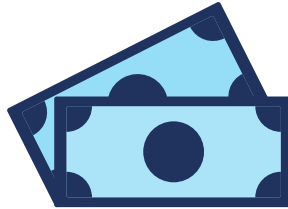
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# Arriving to Korea Essentials



RC (Residence Card)  
or Valid Passport with  
D-2 (Student) Visa



Korean currency (Won)  
and valid credit card in  
Korea



Contact information  
and address of  
SUNY Korea (in KR and EN).



Prescribed medication  
(if applicable) with  
description and  
doctor's note



SIM card from your country or at the  
Incheon International Airport  
\*For more information, please refer to page 7.  
**\*If you are under 19, bring a SIM card  
from home as you won't be able to buy a  
SIM card in Korea until you are of age**

# From the Incheon Airport to SUNY Korea Campus



## Taxi

We recommend taking a taxi from the airport if you are carrying a lot of luggage.

- Estimated cost: approximately 40,000 KRW including the Yong-Jong bridge toll fee
- Estimated time: approximately 30 minutes
- Address: 인천 연수구 송도문화로 119-8,  
인천글로벌캠퍼스 기숙사 A동  
Incheon Global Campus Dormitory A,  
119-8 Songdomunhwa-Ro, Incheon



## Public Transportation

You can refer to the following link for more transportation options such as Bus, Airport Railroad, or Call-Van.



[https://www.airport.kr/ap\\_cnt/en/tpt/pblctpt/pblctpt.do](https://www.airport.kr/ap_cnt/en/tpt/pblctpt/pblctpt.do)



## Closest Subway Station to Campus:

Campus Town OR Technopark Station (Incheon Line 1)  
\*About 15 minutes walk to campus

# Quarantine Guidelines

## (Arrivals From China, Hong Kong, and Macau)

Below is the quarantine policy for arrivals from **China, Hong Kong, and Macau**.

(\*effective from January 21, 2023 ~ February 28, 2023, KST)

### 1. Before Arrival

a. COVID-19 Test: Required to submit one of the following

- Negative **PCR** test result within **48 hours** of the departure date
- Negative **RAT** result within **24 hours** of the departure date

b. Q-code: Input personal information to the [Q-code website](#)

### 2. Upon Arrival:

- From China: Required to take a PCR test **within 1 day** and quarantine until the result comes out
- From Hong Kong /Macau: Recommended to take a PCR test at the local health center **within 3 days**

\*Nearest local health center: Yeonsu-gu Public Health Center (**연수구 보건소**)

- Google Map (location): <https://goo.gl/maps/snq9uTGDyjsHruLn8>
- Contact: 032-749-8160
- Open Hours:
  - Weekdays: 9 AM - 11:30 AM / 2 PM - 5:30 PM
  - Weekends/Holidays: 9 AM - 12:30 PM
  - We recommend you visit the health center at least 30 minutes before they close.

## Q-Code Guidelines

According to the KCDC, individuals arriving from foreign countries can pre-register their quarantine information through the Q-Code to simplify the arrival process at the airport. Please visit the Q-Code website to issue the QR code before your departure.

*\*Make sure to double-check the information, as the quarantine regulations are subject to change.*

✓ **Q-Code User Guide:**  
<https://overseas.mofa.go.kr/viewer/skin/doc.html?fn=20220404054509144.pdf&rs=/viewer/result/202204>

✓ **Q-Code Website:**  
<https://cov19ent.kdca.go.kr/cpassportal/>

**For any requirements specific to your country, please check with your local Korean Embassy/Consulate and airlines.**

# Health Insurance Coverage

All international students studying abroad in Korea are required to have health insurance coverage. There are several options available:

## **Get coverage for your first 3 months in Korea:**

You cannot apply for the Korean National Health Insurance until your Registration Card information is registered to the system. Therefore, you must have health insurance coverage for at least your first 3 months until you can subscribe to the Korean National Health Insurance. It usually takes at least one month to receive your Residence Card after you apply.

All international students must send proof of health insurance or traveler's insurance to the Student Services Team ( [student@sunykorea.ac.kr](mailto:student@sunykorea.ac.kr) ) a week before the SUNY Korea New Student Welcome Week begins.

## **Korean National Health Insurance**

As of March 1, 2021, the Korean Government has issued a new law in which international students residing in Korea with a valid D-2 student visa are subject to a mandatory subscription to the Korean National health insurance. You can see more information regarding the guidelines in the PDF attachment available on our [website \(click here\)](#).

Subscription Start Period:

- a. If it's your first entry to Korea, then from your alien registration date
- b. If it's your second or reentry, then from your reentry date

Monthly Insurance Fee (for 2023): Average 60,000 ~ 70,000 KRW

As of 2023, the health insurance fee is about 127,510 KRW. However, the Korean Government decided to allow international students to receive the insurance benefits with a 50% discounted fee from March 2023.

\*The reduced fee only applies to students who:

- did not pay any income tax in 2022,
- are not self-employed insured whose contribution (fee) is above the average contribution, and
- has a household income of KRW 3.6 million or below, and the property tax base of KRW 135 million or below.

# Health Insurance Coverage (cont.)

**Q. What if I am subscribed to a health insurance plan through a local (Korean) private health insurance company?**

– You cannot request for a waiver and you will still be required to subscribe to the Korean national health insurance plan.

**Q. What if I am subscribed to a health insurance plan from home/overseas that covers my stay in Korea.**

– If your international health insurance plan covers your hospital and medical fees in Korea, then you may request for a waiver of the Korean national health insurance plan. You need to show proof of the coverage and submit them at a NHIS office. Keep note that you will still be automatically subscribed to the national insurance plan until you are confirmed for a waiver. Please contact NHIS via phone or visit their office for more information on the required documents and process.

**Q. What if I used to work in 2022, but not anymore? Can I be eligible for the reduced insurance fee?**

– We called NHIS regarding this question. However, they said that the best way to find out is for the student to call them or visit their office for details.

**NHIS Office for Foreigners:**

– Hours: 09:00 – 12:00 / 13:00 – 18:00

– Location: 88, Bupyeong-daero, Bupyeong-gu, Incheon, Republic of Korea (Bupyeong-daero Post Office Building, 7th Floor)

– Map: <https://naver.me/FHYwRQbf>

\*Always take your Residence Card (RC) with you

If you have any questions regarding the Korean national health insurance, please contact NHIS at 033-811-2000 for services in English, Chinese, Vietnamese, or Uzbek. You can also visit the nearby NHIS branch office for consultation ([click here to access the NHIS website](#)).

**Please keep the SUNY Korea Student Services Team updated with any changes to your coverage or health insurance plan.**

# Phone Plan

Having a working phone in Korea is essential, but figuring out how the plans work is not always easy. Below are some options for phone plans for international students:

## At the Airport

For more information: [airport.kr/ap/en/svc/getFacilityMain.do#](http://airport.kr/ap/en/svc/getFacilityMain.do#)

Company	Location	Key Services	Hour
SKT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminal 1: 1F, 3F, 4F</li> <li>Terminal 2: 1F, 3F</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roaming</li> <li>Prepaid SIM</li> <li>WiFi Router</li> <li>Smartphone</li> <li>Data SIM</li> </ul>	06:00 - 22:00  One 24-Hour located @ Terminal 2 4F
KT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminal 1: 1F, 3F, 4F</li> <li>Terminal 2: 1F, 3F</li> </ul>		06:00 - 22:00  One 24-Hour located @ Terminal 2 1F
LG U+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminal 1: 1F, 3F</li> <li>Terminal 2: 1F, 3F</li> </ul>		06:00 - 22:00  One 24-Hour located @ Terminal 2 3F

## Purchase Online

You can decide the pick-up date and where to pick up: <https://www.krsim.net/>

Product	Options	Key Services	Price
Korea SIM Gold	1 Day, 3 Days, 5 Days, 10 Days, 20 Days, 30 Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4G LTE Unlimited Data (Speed: 10Mbps)</li> <li>Korean Mobile Number (if pick up at the airport)</li> <li>See 'Service Information' under Korea SIM Gold for more info.</li> </ul>	\$6.10 ~ \$64.00
Korea SIM Blue	5 Days, 7 Days, 10 Days, 15 Days, 30 Days, 60 Days, 90 Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10GB (4G LTE Full Speed Max. 150 Mbps) + Unlimited data (Lower speed) + Korean phone number + Local Voice 100min. + Local Text Message 100EA + Free kt Olleh Public WiFi</li> <li>See 'Service Information' under Korea SIM Gold for more info.</li> </ul>	\$28.00 ~ \$210.00



# Residence Card (RC)

Your Residence Card (otherwise known as RC) acts as both your ID and visa while in Korea. It is required when using various services such as applying for health insurance and a phone plan, so it is recommended to apply as soon as possible but **no later than 90 days from your arrival in Korea.**

## Required documents:

- ✓ Valid passport (valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of the application)
- ✓ Enrollment verification from SUNY Korea
- ✓ Application form (available at the Immigration Office or online)
- ✓ ID photo in color (3.5x 4.5cm) taken within the past 6 months
- ✓ Copy of your visa
- ✓ Certificate of Korean Residency / Proof of Residence provided by IGC Housing
- ✓ Service charge of 30,000 KRW in cash (+ 4,000 KRW postal fee)
- ✓ Medical report from local health center (if applicable)



**\*The Student Services team will assist international students in the registration process during the New Student Welcome Week (NSWW).  
Please check your email regularly.**

# Health Services

There are various English-speaking clinics located around the campus for your medical needs.

## On-Campus: IGC Health Center

The IGC Health Center provides primary and outpatient clinical care for students and staff on campus. Services include medical care for injuries, symptom management, medication treatment, health screenings, and health consultations.

**Operating hours:** Monday–Friday 10:00am~5:00pm (Lunch break: 12:00pm~1:00pm)

**Location:** Housing B Lobby

**Phone:** 032-626-0553

## Off-Campus: Hospitals (24-hour emergency room) / 119

Name	Address	Contact
Nasaret International Hospital	98 Meongeum-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon	+83-32-899-9999 <a href="http://nasaret.co.kr/english">http://nasaret.co.kr/english</a>
Gacheon University Gil Medical Center	21 Namdong-daero, 774beon-gil, Namdong-gu, Incheon	+82-32-460-3213 <a href="http://foreigner.gilhospital.com">http://foreigner.gilhospital.com</a>
Inha University Hospital	27 Inhang-ro, Jung-gu, Incheon	+82-32-890-2080 <a href="http://inha.com/eng">http://inha.com/eng</a>

## Off-Campus: Primary Care and Specialists

Name	Specialty	Contact
Yonsei ChoiSun	Internal medicine	+82-32-859-7582
Koa ENT	Ear, nose, and throat (ENT)	+82-32-834-9009
Samsung Bone Prime	Orthopedics	+82-32-833-1236
Seoul Michigan Dental Clinic	Dental	+82-32-858-2280
Laon Neuropsychiatry	Neuropsychiatry	+82-32-831-8906
Shin Dermatology	Dermatology	+82-32-831-7582
PNC Ophthalmology	Ophthalmology	+82-32-833-7119

# Transportation

It is recommended for you to get a prepaid T-money card from a convenience store or subway station, although cash is acceptable on most public transportation. There are several different modes of transportation available in Songdo:



## Buses

**Express bus:** Buses to different cities that depart from Incheon Bus Terminal and require a ticket purchase ahead of time online at KOBUS

**General red bus:** Long-distance buses that connect central business districts (there are 21 red buses that travel from Incheon to Seoul)

**General blue bus:** Mid-range buses traveling within Incheon to major landmarks and more specific destinations

**Local bus:** Short-distance routes within the area



## Subway

Incheon's subway consists of two lines, Incheon Line 1 and Incheon Line 2. You can get to Seoul by transferring to Seoul Metropolitan Subway Line 1 at Bupyeong Station, or the Airport Railroad (AREX) at Gyeyang Station.



## Taxi

Incheon has many taxi companies providing 24-hour service with relatively cheap fares. Call the Incheon Michuhol Call Center at 120 and press 9 for assistance with calling a taxi. Taxis can also be called using apps such as Kakao Taxi.

# Dining

There are several dining options located within IGC's campus, serving a variety of different foods.

## **IGC Cafeteria**

The IGC Cafeteria is conveniently located between dorms A and B. It offers healthy and affordably priced options for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Meals are usually 4,500~5,500 KRW.

## **Nanum Cafe**

Nanum Cafe is located in the B1 level of the Multi-Complex building. There are a variety of drinks such as coffee, tea, and desserts available for reasonable prices.

## **Spoon**

Spoon is also located in the B1 level of the Multi-Complex building and sells Korean "snack foods" such as tteokbokki, ramyeon, and kimbap. You can eat at the store or order takeout.

## **E-mart 24**

e-mart 24 is also located in the B1 level of the Multi-Complex building and this is a convenience store. You can purchase instant food and living necessities there. You can eat snacks at the store.

## **GS25**

GS25 is a convenience store located in Triple Street - D dong building (outside). Along with selling living necessities like tissues and soap, there is a variety of instant, frozen, and prepared foods (kimbap, lunch boxes) available to purchase. It is especially convenient as it is open on the weekend, while the cafeteria isn't.

## **Triple Street/Hyundai Premium Outlets**

Triple Street and Hyundai Premium Outlets, located across campus, have a wide range of dining options available for dine-in or takeout. There are various different cuisines available at different price ranges. Most eateries are located in the B1 level.

# Shopping

The SUNY Korea campus is located within walking distance of places to shop for everything from groceries to clothing.

## Triple Street

Triple Street is a large mall located right across of campus. There, you can find well-known clothing brands, furniture stores, office supply stores, and Daiso, the living goods store where most items are priced between 1,000~5,000 KRW.

**Address:** 172-3 Songdo 1(il)-dong, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/Wb5uyZkFCGM8XCcb9>

## Hyundai Premium Outlet

Hyundai Premium Outlet has outlet stores of many luxury fashion brands, as well as restaurants, food courts, cafes, and appliance stores.

**Address:** 123 Songdogukjae-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/v138XLE0oa81LdCf9>

## Homeplus

Homeplus, located right next to Technopark Station, has a supermarket in its basement where you can buy groceries, and several restaurants and food courts in the upper floors.

**Address:** 165 Songdogukjae-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/ScmXfnMnnhbHdC878>

## Lotte Mart

Lotte Mart is located near Central Park, about 10 minutes away from campus by taxi (it's also reachable by bus or subway). Like Homeplus, it features a large supermarket that also sells various living essentials and has a food court.

**Address:** 177 Convensia-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/XD8rBWUWVyKCitQT6>

## Costco

Costco is a membership-only warehouse that sells an extensive variety of bulk groceries, electronics, and more. Everything must be paid in cash or Hyundai credit card. Memberships cost 38,500 KRW. If you have a membership from a different country, it is most likely valid at Costco - Korea as well.

**Address:** 60, 230 beon-gil, Convensia-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/hD99DFvdK4rK8wk99>

## Daiso

Daiso has a lot of essential goods and products at a reasonable price. It is located on Triple Street.

**Address:** B1, D dong, 16 beog-gil, Songdogwahak-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/iVFbljALEppqh5co6>

# Leisure

There are many places to visit and hang out in Songdo with friends or by yourself.

## Central Park

Central Park is located in the heart of the city, and is Songdo's largest and most well-known park. Not only are there great paths for walking, you can also rent a bike, or ride a boat down the lake with friends. At one end of the park is Posco Tower Sondo, and Songdo Convensia, and at the other is the Incehon Arts Center. Attractions near the park include the Tri-Bowl, G-Tower, and a hanok-themed hotel.

**Address:** 196 Technopark-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/Ni61t27FCnKDhMMw6>

## Haedoji Park

Located a few blocks away from Central Park, Haedoji Park is a smaller park that is a great place to enjoy leaves in the fall or the rose garden in the summer. 'Haedoji' means 'sunrise' in Korean, and at the end of the park there is a hill that offers a great view of Songdo.

**Address:** 51 Haedoji-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/Fa8NAmuukY4RRBVE6>

## Moonlight Park (Pentaport Park)

Moonlight Park offers tennis courts, basketball courts, and trails for walking and biking that lead to Songdo Moonlight Festival Park, otherwise known as Pentaport Park, where annual festivals such as the Pentaport Rock Festival are held.

**Address:** 1 Songdo-dong, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/53okXch9ZTEW5Mqv5>

## Michuhol Park

Michuhol Park is located across the street from Technopark Station, and features a traditional culture plaza and a small lake known as "Michuhol Sea."

**Address:** 59 Haesong-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon / <https://goo.gl/maps/gM6aGm5QMdCZriQ19>



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## Zeus Bowling

Located in Triple Street D 1st floor. All equipment is provided. It is a perfect place to relieve stress with friends and drink beverages such as coffee, ade, beer and etc. The cost differs depending on the time of day and weekdays and weekends.

**Address:** 33-4, 16 beon-gil, Songdoghwaka-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon  
/ <https://goo.gl/maps/fuJmMb6ZXaV4MkYZA>

## Discovery Climbing Climb Sqaure

Located on Triple Street D 1st floor. If you are looking for a place to exercise besides the gym, and want a challenge, this is a place to go.

**Address:** 211A ho, D dong, 33-4 Triplestreet, 16 beon-gil, Songdoghwahak-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon  
/ <https://goo.gl/maps/hwgRR7Yv3kuGTAAw6>

## Megabox

Located in Triple Street D 2nd floor. Megabox is one of the well-known movie theaters in Korea. They give discounts for students and promote events when new (and popular) movies come out, including selling movie-related goods.

**Address:** 2-4 floor, D dong, 33-4 Triplestreet, 16 beon-gil, Songdoghwahak-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon  
/ <https://goo.gl/maps/udutWrqn1ztMAMfy8>

## Photo Booth

Located in Triple Street B and D, there are photo booths where you can take various photos on your own or with your friends!

## Boardgame Cafe (Board Stage)

Located in Triple Street C, you can find various card and board games to play! Play a round of exciting games, such as the classic Monopoly, and enjoy a meal if you wish.

**Address:** 2 floor, C dong, 33-3, 16 beon-gil, Songdoghwahak-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon  
/ <https://goo.gl/maps/ntztmsMVPJWKomwWA>



## Places of Religion

Living up to its reputation as a "global city," there are many different places of worship in and around Songdo.

Religion	Name	Address	Contact
Protestant	Life Spring Church	4F Ara Plaza, 42 Convensia-daero 230 beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon	032-831-3775
Protestant	Disciples Methodist Church	3 Haedoji-ro 84 beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon	032-858-1212
Catholic	Songdo 2-Dong Church	13 Sinsong-ro, 125 beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon	032-858-9960
Buddhist	Heungryunsa	806-12, Dongchun-Dong, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon	032-834-1330
Muslim	Faizan-e-Madina (Incheon Masjid & Islamic Center)	574-19 Shipjeong-dong, Bupyeong-gu, Incheon	032-512-2612
Muslim	Seoul Central Mosque	39 Usadan-ro, 10 gil, Yongsan-gu, Seoul	02-793-6908

\*Keep note that these are just some of the options available in Korea.



# Banking

Banking in Korea can be a bit complicated for foreigners, but it is recommended for you to have a bank account to make it easier to pay for various services.

## Banking

There are several banks near the campus, with the closest being Industrial Bank of Korea (IBK) located in Technopark Station and Woori Bank located in Yonsei University International Campus.

## Opening a bank account

To open a bank account, you will need your passport, Residence Card, tax identification number (not available for all countries), and Enrollment Verification to a nearby bank. You will need to provide your local address and fill out an application form, which has several options such as online banking or phone banking. You will also receive a bank book to keep a record of your transactions, and a cash card to use at ATMs.

You will be able to complete the bank application form during the New Student Welcome Week (NSWW). It will take about a month or two to create your bank account. Therefore, we recommend you to bring sufficient cash and a debit/credit card that can be used in Korea until your bank account is available.

## ATM

There are several ATMs around the campus offering services in both English and Korean. You can withdraw/deposit or transfer money using your bank book or card.

## Transferring Money

To transfer money from your home country to Korea (or vice versa), the sender will need to know the following information: **1) the name of the bank and bank swift code, 2) address of the bank, 3) account number of the receiver and name of the account owner.** Domestic transfers to other Korean bank accounts can be done at ATMs, and you can receive assistance for overseas transactions at the bank.

## Exchanging Money

Currency can be exchanged at any bank, but you must have your passport with you. There is a money exchange section at most banks with a display of the exchange rates (which usually include commission). The bank staff can assist you.

# Postal Services

In addition to shipping companies such as DHL and UPS, Korea has its own national postal service which you can send letters and packages domestically or abroad.

## Location

Yonsei University Post Office (nearest location)  
Underwood Library B1, +82-32-749-5162

**Operation Hours:** Weekdays (excluding national holidays), 9:00am~6:00pm

## Domestic Mail

Letters typically cost around 480~1,000 KRW depending on the weight and destination. Parcels and packages are usually between 9,000~30,000 KRW depending on the weight and destination. Domestic shipping usually takes less than one week. To send domestic mail, you should know the receiver's name, address, and phone number.

## Express Mail Service (EMS)

Korea Post offers an Express Mail Service for sending international mail. Pack your items (or buy a box at the post office and pack there) and fill out the free label provided at the post office. Be sure to ask an employee to ensure that you fill out the right label for your type of mail and destination.

## Writing Addresses in Korean

It is possible to write the address for domestic mail in English; however writing in Hangul might be faster and more accurate. The format is typically as follows:

Recipient's name	
Phone number	
City, District, Neighborhood	
Street Address/Building name	
Postal code	
	Sender's name
	Phone number
	City, District, Neighborhood
	Street Address/Building name
	Postal code

# Language

For international students with little to no knowledge of the Korean language, it can be difficult to adjust to your first few months in Korea. Below is a list of phrases in Korean that can help you in your daily life:

## General Expressions

English	Korean (Hangul)	Pronunciation
Hello	안녕하세요	An-nyeong-ha-se-yo
I am sorry.	죄송합니다	Je-song-ham-ni-da
Please help me.	도와주세요	Do-wa-ju-se-yo
Yes/No	네/아니요	Ne/ Ah-ni-yo
Can you speak English?	영어 할 줄 아세요?	Yeong-eo hal jul a-se-yo?

## Useful Expressions for Taxis

English	Korean (Hangul)	Pronunciation
Please go to ~	~로 가주세요	~ro ga-ju-se-yo
Please stop here.	여기서 세워주세요	yeo-gi-seo se-wo-ju-se-yo
Please wait.	기다려주세요	gi-da-ryeo-ju-se-yo
How much is it?	얼마예요?	eol-ma-ye-yo?

## Useful Expressions for Eating

English	Korean (Hangul)	Pronunciation
I would like to order.	주문할게요	ju-mun hal-ge-yo
Please give me ~	~ 주세요	~ ju-se-yo
Please make it to go.	포장해주세요	po-jang-hae-ju-se-yo
Is there ~ in this dish?	~ 들어가있어요?	~ deu-ro-ga i-sseo-yo?

# Etiquette

One of the most valuable benefits of studying abroad is the opportunity to learn about a different culture. You may experience culture shock in your first few months of living in Korea, so here is some helpful information regarding etiquette and culture in Korea:

## Meeting Others

When meeting someone for the first time in Korea, it is not unusual to ask for your age. This is in order to establish the age hierarchy--those older than you should be treated respectfully and spoken to in formal language. When you first meet someone who is in a higher position than you (an upperclassman, professor, etc.) it could be considered rude if you offer a handshake first.

## Public Transportation

When on the subway or bus, try to avoid talking on the phone as much as possible and listen to your music using earbuds. Avoid bus and subway seats with pink covers (for pregnant women) or handicap seats; these should always be yielded to appropriate parties. If you are wearing a backpack or a large bag, take it off to avoid unknowingly hitting people with it.

## Other tips

- Take off your shoes when entering someone's home or your own dorm room
- Try to give and receive things with two hands; money should especially be handled carefully
- Keeping personal hygiene is especially important in the COVID-19 situation. Showering daily, brushing your teeth often, and washing your hands are a few ways to maintain good personal hygiene.
- In Korea, there is no tipping culture. You do not need to leave tip when you eat at a restaurant or ride in a taxi.

# Trash and Recycling

Korea has an advanced and very strict waste disposal system, so although it might be difficult at first, try to get used to sorting trash and recycling.

Category	Type of waste	How to dispose
General trash (일반쓰레기)	Items without the recycling symbol and non-compostable food waste (ex. animal shells and bones)	Collect in the provided trash bag, tie it tightly, and throw it away in the designated area
Plastic recyclables (플라스틱류 재활용)	PET and other plastics (ex. water bottles, takeout food containers)	Clean off any residual food, remove labels from bottles, and throw away in the designated area
Paper recyclables (종이류 재활용)	Boxes, newspapers, books	Remove any tape, springs, or plastic labels. Fold boxes and throw away in the designated area
Can recyclables (캔류 재활용)	Drink cans, food cans, soup cans	Clean off any residual food, remove labels from cans, and throw away in the designated area
Glass recyclables (유리병류 재활용)	Drink bottles, glass jars, other glass items	Rinse with water, remove labels from bottles, and throw away in the designated area
Food waste (음식물 쓰레기)	Food scraps, leftovers, vegetables and fruits	Dispose of liquids separately, and collect the food waste in the provided trash bag. Tie it tightly and throw away in the designated area.

If you live on campus, there are designated trash areas located in the B1 parking lot that are labeled with each type of waste. IGC also provides trash bags in the security offices.

## Recommended Apps

There are several apps that will make your time in Korea much easier and more convenient. These apps can be downloaded for free on both iOS and Android devices.



### Naver Maps

Naver Maps is one of the many map apps in Korea. It provides service in English and Korean, and is helpful for finding destinations or bus/subway routes. It also provides information like travel time and arrival time estimates



### Naver Dictionary/Papago

Naver Dictionary and Papago are generally more effective than Google Translate for Korean. Naver Dictionary is available in multiple languages and is helpful for looking up specific words. Papago is useful for translating sentences to and from Korean.



### KakaoTalk

KakaoTalk is the primary app used for communication in Korea, and provides a range of other services such as KakaoTaxi and KakaoPay. The app can be used for free messaging and calling over data and wi-fi rather than paying for international calls or SMS.



### Coupang

Coupang is a helpful app for shopping for necessities online. The app operates similar to Amazon. It offers several payment options, including foreign and domestic cards. Many products are available with free shipping, and delivery usually takes less than a week.



### Baedalyi Minjok (배달의 민족)

Korea is well known for the food delivery service. Baedalyi Minjok is the most popular app for take-out or delivery food in Korea. After setting your address, the app will introduce you to nearby restaurants that you can order from. You can also choose what type of food you want among the different food style (Korean, Asian, Western, Chinese, etc.)

## Recommended Apps (Cont.)

There are several apps that will make your time in Korea much easier and more convenient. These apps can be downloaded for free on both iOS and Android devices.



### **i-ONE Bank (IBK Bank App)**

If you make an IBK Bank Card through the university, it is helpful if you have this app on your phone. You can check your bank account to see how much money you have or easily transfer the money. You will need a valid Korean phone number (connected to your RC) to create a mobile account.



### **Sosok**

This app that gives you a 10% discount at the restaurant around you. Not every restaurant around you will be on this app but it will help you save some money when eating out. You will need to create an account with your SBU or FIT email address.



### **Kakao Taxi**

KakaoTaxi helps you to call a cab near you. You can set your current location (to be picked up) and the destination and can check the estimated cost. Also, you can borrow Kakao Bike (electric bike) through the app.



### **Kakao Metro**

Kakao Metro provides information on metropolitan area subway lines. This app lets you know the fastest route, how long it takes, and which subway cart stops near the exit.



### **Kakao Bus**

Kakao Bus can give you information on a specific bus or the bus station that you are currently at. It is also convenient since you can set an alarm to notify you when the bus is only a couple of stations away.

# IGC Housing Overview

If you decided to live on campus, here are some things you should know about where you will be living:

## Dorm Types

IGC Housing has two types of housing: Single and double. Students can choose the type of housing they prefer when applying during the housing application period. The single room costs more than the double.

## Facilities in the Dorm

The facilities available for students in the dormitory include a laundry room, fitness room, study room, printers, and etc. (Please note some of the facilities may close due to COVID-19)

## Basic Furnishings

Furniture such as desk, chair, wardrobe, bed, mattress, and light stands are provided by the IGC Housing. The shower and toilet are built in the room.

## Personal Belongings to Bring

Students should bring their own bedding, toiletries, wifi router, LAN cable, mini-fridge (46 L max), and other personal belonging they think are necessary. However, we recommend bringing only necessities and purchase the rest after arriving on campus. (Additional information is provided on the next page)

## IGC Housing Contact Information

IGC Housing is the main contact point if you have any questions or concerns regarding the housing application, maintenance, and refunds.

You can contact the housing office via email ([housing@igc.or.kr](mailto:housing@igc.or.kr)) or call +82-32-626-4856. More information can be found at

<https://housing.igc.or.kr/welcome/organization.do>



# IGC Housing Overview (Cont.)

## HOUSING PACKING LIST

### What to bring for Check-in

- Bed Sheet
- Clothes & Hangers
- Adapters
- Masks
- Detergent & fabric softener
- Toiletries (towels, shampoo, etc.)
- Cooking utensils (frying pan, pot, etc.)
- First-Aid Kit
- ID Card/passport and TB test

### What NOT to bring

- Big refrigerators
- Pets
- Microwave
- Alcoholic beverages
- Anything you may contemplate, whether you can bring or not



# Residence Hall Life 101

Living in the Residence Hall is a great experience and a way to learn about independence, community, responsibility, and compromise. If you are planning to reside in the dorm for the upcoming semester, here are some things you should know:

## **SUNY Korea Resident Advisors (RA)**

On each SUNY Korea residence hall floor, there is a Resident Advisor who helps and guides students to enjoy a safe and happy dormitory life.

## **Live On Campus Requirement Policy**

According to the [Live On Campus Requirement Policy](#), new students of SUNY Korea have to live on campus in their first two enrolled semesters.

## **Weekly Check-In**

For the safety of each resident and for residents to interact with their floor RAs, SUNY Korea requires students living in the dorm to meet with their floor RA once a week. Use this chance to get to know your RA and neighbors living on your floor.

## **Public Kitchen**

The residence hall kitchens are shared areas. Please clean after yourself after you use the area. Due to COVID-19, eating in the kitchen is not allowed at the time being. Please make sure you only cook or clean your dishes in the kitchen.

## **Trash**

Your individual trash (trash from your room) should be thrown out in the basement trash area, not in the public kitchen. You are responsible for your own trash.

## **Follow Housing Policies & Respect Others**

Rules exist to maintain a healthy and respectful community. If you have any questions regarding the existing rules. Please ask your floor RA or IGC Housing staff.

# Resources

Here are some contact information you can refer to when you need assistance or are in an emergency.

Contact	Contact Information
SUNY Korea Student Services Team	TEL: 032-626-1198 Email: student@sunykorea.ac.kr
IGC Housing Office	TEL: 032-626-4856 Email: housing@ig.or.kr
RA Emergency Phone	010-4768-1196
IGC Health Center	TEL: 032-626-0553 Location: Housing B Lobby Operating Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00 - 12:00 / 13:00 - 17:00
IGC Disaster Management Control Room	032-626-0100 / 0101 / 0102
Emergency Contacts	Police: 112 119 Safety Center: 119
SUNY Korea Counseling and Wellness Center	TEL: 032-626-1164 / 1167 counseling@sunykorea.ac.kr
Sexual Offense Services for 24 hrs	1366 (Orisis phone)
Sexual Assault Prevention, Support & Counseling	KSVRC (Korea Sexual Violence Relief Center) TEL: 02-338-5801 / <a href="http://www.sisters.or.kr">www.sisters.or.kr</a>

**In case of a medical emergency, call 119.**



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