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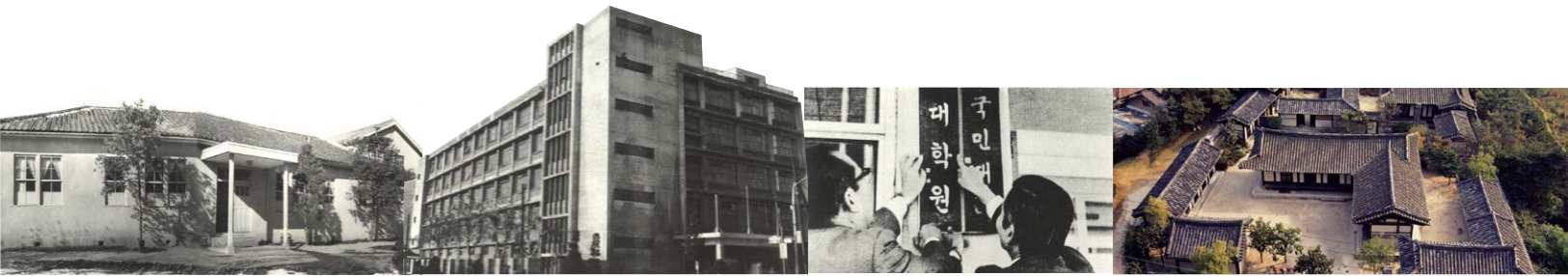


KOOKMIN\* UNIVERSITY  
The new standard for  
higher education

**Kookmin University is committed to educating  
Korea's next generation of leaders, to be equipped  
with practical knowledge and a community mindset  
that values compassion and cooperation.**

# UNIVERSITY FOR THE NATION

Kookmin has evolved from a “university for the nation” to a prestigious private education institution dedicated to nurturing global leaders and creating positive change through pragmatism and a community mindset.



## Evolution from a university for the nation

1946-

Became the first private university established after the liberation of Korea

Shin Ik-Hee appointed as the first president after the foundation of Kookmin University



Having inherited the spirit of the Provisional Government, Mr. Shin Ik-Hee and his colleagues established Kookmin University with the aim of training the professionals necessary for the foundation of Korea as an independent nation.

1959-

Value of intellect and freedom based on a foundation of action, practicality, and empiricism

Kim Sung-Gon inaugurated as chairman of the board New school buildings built in Changseong-dong



Kim Sung-Gon, a successful businessman, took the helm of the Kookmin Foundation in 1959, after the demise of Shin Ik-Hee, going on to usher in a period of growth and advancement for the university.

1971-

Establishment in Bugak to actualize the university’s long-term educational vision

1971 University moved to Jeongneung-dong, Seongbuk-gu, Korea

1974 Construction of the campus landmark building (present-day Bugak Hall) completed

1976 Master’s programs launched after securing approval to establish a graduate school

1978 PhD programs launched

1980-

Pursuit of further growth as a mid-tier university

1980 Elevated to “comprehensive university” status; six colleges launched (College of Humanities, College of Law, College of Economics and Commerce, College of Engineering, College of Design, and College of Education)

1981-1997 College of Law, College of Social Sciences, College of Forest Science established, along with 11 specialized graduate schools and professional graduate schools



**Selected as “Best University and Graduate School”**  
 KMU was selected as the best university in terms of both of its undergraduate and graduate programs and an institution equipped with advanced infrastructure for higher education by the Korean Council for University Education.



**70th anniversary of KMU**  
 In celebration of its 70th anniversary, KMU announced the new slogan “70 Years of Innovation, the Future of Kookmin” and held a wide range of commemorative events.



## to a university for the world

### 1998 –

**Evolution into a comprehensive university with diverse academic offerings to meet the demands and interests of the time**

- 1998  
College of Arts established
- 1999  
College of Physical Education and Graduate School of Techno Design established
- 2001  
College of Architecture established
- 2002  
Graduate School of Business IT and Graduate School of Total Arts established

### 2006 –

**Taking a bold step forward into the new millennium**

- 2006  
College of Business Administration and College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science established
- 2012  
Yu Ji-Soo inaugurated as 10th president of the university
- 2014  
College of Automotive Engineering and Graduate School of Global Entrepreneurship established and construction of the Innovation & Partnership Building and Global Center completed
- 2016  
Yu Ji-Soo inaugurated as 11th president of the university

### 2017 –

**Kookmin University, an institution ahead of its time striving to become a truly global university**

- 2017  
Kim Ji-Yong inaugurated as 22nd chairman of the board
- Global College of Humanities and Area Studies, College of Creative Engineering, College of Science and Technology, and College of Computer Science established
- KMU CRC selected to receive funding as part of the second phase of a project of the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning
- Selected for the LINC+ (Leaders in Industry-University Cooperation+) project by the Ministry of Education

## EXPANDING HORIZONS TO THE BIGGER WORLD

Amid the rapid changes underway in learning environments today, KMU is creating a new paradigm of higher education by building an advanced academic world of its own.



2017 University Rankings by the *JoongAng Ilbo* daily newspaper

**1<sup>st</sup>** in terms of entrepreneurship education  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** in terms of educational environment  
**4<sup>th</sup>** in terms of popularity among international students (based on number of international students in degree programs)  
**8<sup>th</sup>** in terms of revenue generated by technology transfers per professor in science

Selected as a recipient of government grants for software education by the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning

**12 billion KRW** (over 6 years)

Selected for the secondary education normalization project

**4 consecutive years** (From 2014)

Selected for the LINC+ project (Leaders in Industry-University Cooperation)

**3.3 billion KRW** (2017)

Selected for the advanced research center support project by the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning

Engineering (ERC) **13 billion KRW** (over 7 years)  
 Convergence (CRC) **10 billion KRW** (over 5 years)

Selected for the BK (BrainKorea) 21 Plus Project

Five teams for the Future-oriented Creative Experts Training Project **8.35 billion KRW** (over 7 years)  
 Three teams for the Specialized Experts Training Project **10.74 billion KRW** (over 7 years)

Received "A" grade in the university restructuring assessment conducted by the Ministry of Education

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Selected for the K-startup project by the Ministry of SMEs and Startups

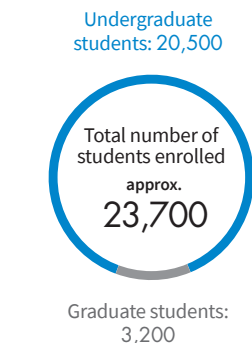
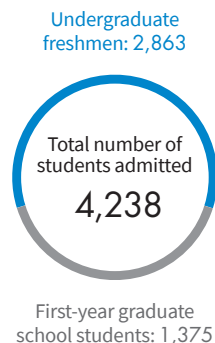
**7.5 billion KRW** (over 3 years)

University Organization

9 offices 21 divisions 91 organizations

Undergraduate/Graduate School

14 colleges 47 departments  
 40 departments in general graduate schools  
 10 specialized graduate schools 3 professional graduate schools (master's programs)  
 38 departments in general graduate schools  
 3 professional graduate schools (PhD programs)





## Global College of Humanities and Area Studies

### Talented professionals equipped with a broad range of knowledge and a global mindset

Playing a pivotal role in preserving traditions and culture and promoting the humanities and global competence through humanities and area studies

School of Korean Language and Literature <Korean Language and Literature, Korean as a Global Language>  
School of English Language and Literature <English Literature and Linguistics, English for Global Communication>  
School of Chinese Studies <Chinese Literature and Linguistics, Chinese Politics and Economy>  
Department of Korean History  
Department of Eurasian Studies  
Department of Japanese Studies

## College of Social Sciences

### Professionals who lead the Korean way of thinking, culture, and society to build a better future

Preparing future-oriented experts capable of taking on active and creative leadership roles in diverse areas of society

School of Public Administration and Public Policy <Public Administration, Public Policy>  
Department of Political Science and International Relations  
Department of Sociology  
School of Communications <Media and Communication, Advertising & Public Relations>  
Department of Education

## College of Law

### Pragmatic legal professionals equipped with specialized legal knowledge and global competitiveness

Producing competent individuals capable of serving as competent democratic citizens who uphold constitutionalism

School of Law <Public Law, Private Law>  
Department of Business Law





## College of Economics and Commerce

### Creative professionals who lead the national economy and international trade

Training experts in the realm of economics and international trade, who possess both theoretical knowledge and practical, field-oriented skills

Department of Economics  
Department of Commerce and Finance

## College of Creative Engineering

### Engineers equipped with practical skills that are highly sought-after across the industries

Producing creative, future-oriented engineers capable of taking the initiative and leading the smart era based on their expertise in engineering technology

School of Advanced Materials Engineering <Metallurgical and Structural Materials, Electronic and Functional Material>

School of Mechanical Engineering <Mechanical Systems Engineering, Convergence Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical and Energy Engineering>

School of Civil and Environmental Engineering <Civil and Environmental Engineering>

School of Electrical Engineering <Electronics Convergence Engineering, Electronics & Information System Engineering, Energy Electronics Convergence>

## College of Design

### Designers equipped with professionalism, extensive interdisciplinary knowledge, and a strong sense of ethics

Producing creative professionals with the pioneering spirit necessary to fulfill society's needs based on the educational philosophy of "Design for People, Nature, and the Future"

Department of Visual Communication Design

Department of Industrial Design

Department of Metalwork and Jewelry

Department of Ceramics

Department of Fashion Design

Department of Spatial Design

Department of Entertainment Design

Department of Automotive &

Transportation Design



## College of Science and Technology

**Open-minded and brilliant scientific researchers who are eager to break new grounds**



Producing creative professionals capable of developing and applying technology for the creation of new growth models and systems based on thorough knowledge of scientific theories

Department of Forestry · Environment and Systems  
Department of Forest Products and Biotechnology  
Department of Nano and Electronic Physics  
Department of Applied Chemistry  
Department of Food and Nutrition  
Department of Information Security · Cryptology and Mathematics  
Department of Advanced Fermentation Fusion Science and Technology

## College of Arts

**Artists with a global mindset who engage in a wide range of artistic genres**

Serving as a cultural center in the global era by developing and operating comprehensive arts programs through partnerships with other institutions working in various art genres and related academic fields

School of Music <Voice, Piano, Orchestral Instruments, Composition>  
School of Fine Arts <Painting, Sculpture>  
School of Performing Arts <Theater and Film, Dance>

## College of Physical Education

**Knowledgeable and ethical sports specialists well versed in all aspects of the human body**

Fostering professionals who will go on to become the next generation of sports leaders in Korea by offering a well-balanced academic and technical education

School of Physical Education <Sport Education, Sport Industry and Leisure, Sports Health and Rehabilitation>

## College of Business Administration

**‘Creating the Wave’  
Global talent making waves throughout business and society**



Providing students a ground to gain diverse experiences and create brands of their own

School of Business Administration <Business Administration, Business Analytics and Statistics>  
School of Corporate Management <Corporate Management>  
School of Management Information Systems <Information Management>  
KMU International Business School <International Business>  
School of Finance and Accounting



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## College of Computer Science

### **Creative, world-class software developers**

Producing unrivaled software developers based on open source software education

School of Software <Software>

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## College of Architecture

### **Peerless professionals who pursue creative and experimental architecture**

Korea's first design-focused architecture school serves as an incubator for young architects with vision and insight

School of Architecture <Architectural Design, Architectural Systems>

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## College of Automotive Engineering

### **Engineers who will lead the advancement of automotive technology**

Offering a professional, field-oriented curriculum in collaboration with the Graduate School of Automotive Engineering, Korea's only graduate program in automotive engineering, to enable students to gain cutting-edge knowledge on the engineering involved in creating a car

Department of Automotive Engineering  
Department of Automobile and IT Convergence

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## College of General Education

### **Talented individuals capable of thinking, expressing themselves, and working and engaging in creative activities as part of a team**

Liberal arts education that focuses on exploring a wide range of academic fields and enhancing people's convergent thinking capabilities

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# Different Thinking, Different Future

While turning potential into a strong competitive advantage and creating partnerships based on responsibility, compassion, and understanding, the KMU will change the world by pushing itself to achieve innovation.

## Practice-oriented Education



### Academia-industry partnerships with both domestic and international corporations

- Operation of the Hyundai Motor Group Automobile Track and LG Electronics Industry-Academia Cooperation Center
- Partnerships with MS Korea, GM Korea, IBM Korea and other global businesses



## Software-centered Education



### Utilization of software as a specialized tool for education in the era of information and communication technology

- Selected as a software-centered university with government grants totaling KRW 12 billion
- Offering of coding classes for all first-year students and IoT training for all the deans
- Internship and employment opportunities in Silicon Valley and participation in the California State University research project

## Education Designed to Foster Creative Individuals



### Reinforcement of high-tech education for aspiring leaders in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

- First Korean university to hold the Fourth Industrial Revolution Festival:
  - Leader in self-driving and solar vehicles and smart fashion
  - Home to the largest 3D printer in Korea
- Operation of a modular smart fashion platform research center
- Launch of the Graduate School of Techno Design 3D Printing Product Innovation Design Lab



## Convergence Education



### Operation of innovative programs that combine seemingly unrelated fields of study

- Capstone Design (creative construction) Competition
- “Team Team” (Interdisciplinary) Class
  - Learning philosophy together with disabled people (philosophy of law and sports for people with disabilities)
  - Bringing imagination into reality through AR game programs (AR convergence design + game software)

## Civic Engagement



### Expansion of student engagement in communal problem solving

- Field trips to cultural heritage sites in Seongbuk-gu
- Production of musical about the unification of Korea
- Autonomous robot class at Seongbuk-gu Office for students in grades 1 to 12
- First university in Korea to undertake the community mapping project



## Start-up Incubator



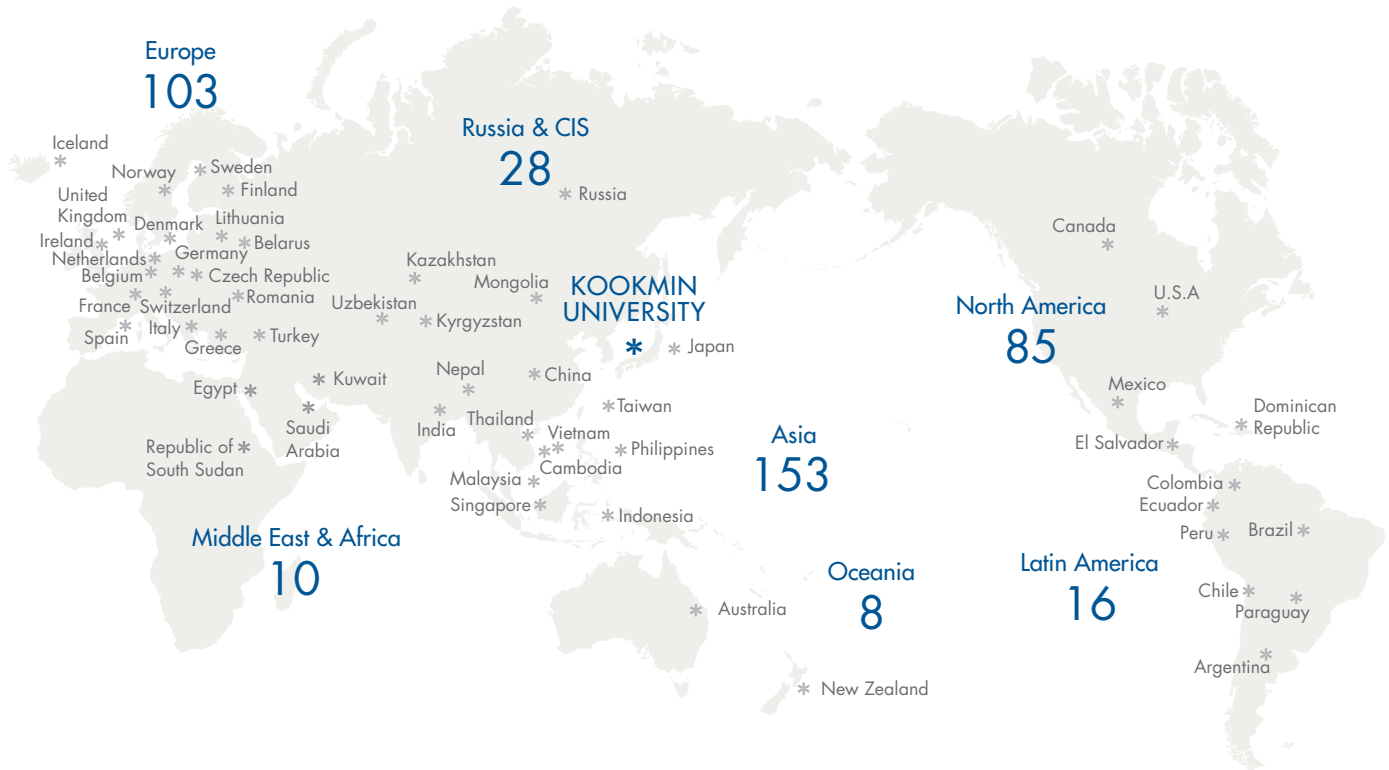
### Encouragement of young entrepreneurs and support of their entry into international markets

- Ranked first in terms of entrepreneurship education in the University Rankings by the *JoongAng Ilbo* daily newspaper in 2017
- Operation of “Jiam Innovators’ Studio,” an academic course designed for students to gain product development experience in IT businesses
- Held “Kookmin Global Entrepreneurship Bootcamp”



## KMU on the Global Stage

Through the student exchange agreements with 403 universities in 55 nations around the world, the KMU is broadening the horizons of education.



### Study Abroad Programs

#### Student Exchange Program

KMU students can choose to spend a semester or two at one of our partner institutions and earn credit towards their degree. KMU also welcomes exchange students from all over the world which makes our campus more diverse. KMU supervises over 500 student exchange with partner universities annually.

#### Visiting Student Program

KMU students can choose to study abroad as a Visiting Student if they wish to study at a non-exchange institution. Visiting students will need to pay tuition to both home university and host university, and KMU will provide scholarship which covers the home university's tuition and some living expenses.

#### Dual Degree Program

KMU students has an opportunity to graduate from KMU and a partner university under the dual degree agreement. Some of our dual degree partners are including University of Oregon in the US and University of Victoria in Canada.

#### Language Training Program

KMU students can learn English, Spanish or Japanese at our partner universities during the Summer/Winter vacation period. The 3 to 6 week language program is a great way for students to learn the foreign language and culture at the same time.

#### Sungkok Global Exposure (SGE)

SGE program is KMU's faculty-led program which is organized by each department or college. KMU students participating in the SGE will be able to deepen their knowledge though hands on experiences related to their majors.

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