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KOOKMIN*UNIVERSITY
The new standard for
higher education

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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.

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.

Evolution from a university for the nation — to a university for the world

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

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 for funding as part of the second phase of a project of the Ministry of Science and ICT

Selected for the LINC+ (Leaders in Industry-University Cooperation+) project by the Ministry of Education

2018
Selected for the University Innovation Support Pilot Project by the Ministry of Education

2019
Graduate School of Software established

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.

2018 University Rankings by the *JoongAng Ilbo* daily newspaper

1st

in terms of entrepreneurship education

3nd in terms of educational environment

5th in terms of popularity among international students (based on number of international students in degree programs)

8th 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 and ICT

10.6 billion KRW (over 6 years)

Selected for the secondary education normalization project

5 consecutive years (From 2014)

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

15 billion KRW (over 5 years)

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

Engineering (ERC)

13 billion KRW (over 7 years)

Convergence (CRC)

10.8 billion KRW (over 7 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
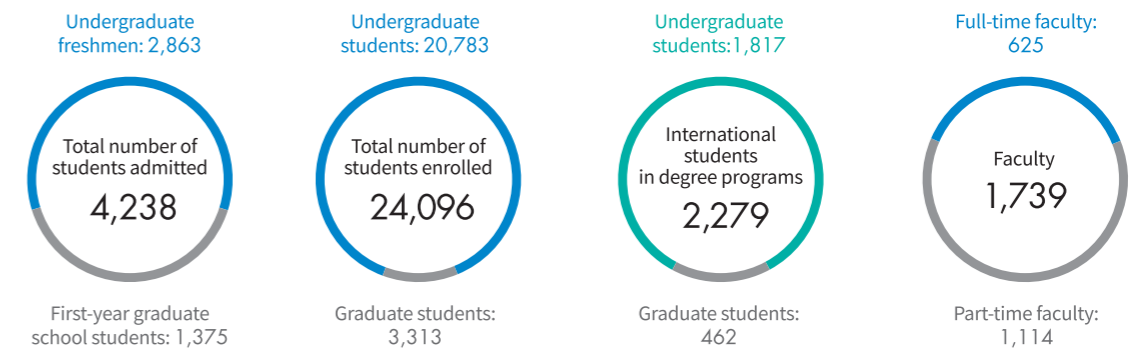
10.74 billion KRW (over 7 years)

Certified as Autonomic Improvement University on Assessment of Basic Capability by the Ministry of Education

BEST

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

8.1 billion KRW (over 4 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)

Undergraduate freshmen: 2,863

Total number of students admitted

4,238

First-year graduate school students: 1,375

Undergraduate students: 20,783

Total number of students enrolled

24,096

Graduate students: 3,313

Undergraduate students:1,817

International students in degree programs

2,279

Graduate students: 462

Full-time faculty: 625

Faculty

1,739

Part-time faculty: 1,114

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

Department of Sports Education, Department of Sports Industry and Leisure,
Department of 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>
The school of Finance and Accounting<Finance major, Accounting major>

College of Computer Science

Creative, world-class software developers

Producing unrivaled software developers based on open source software education

School of Software <Software>

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>

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

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

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 10.6 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

- Selected as a Leading University of Innovation in the 4th Industrial Revolution Era(Unmanned Automotive Vehicle)
- 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
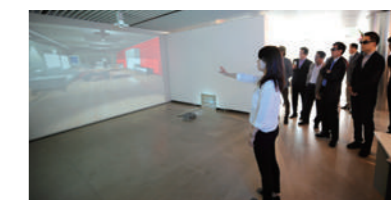- First university in Korea to undertake the community mapping project

Start-up Incubator

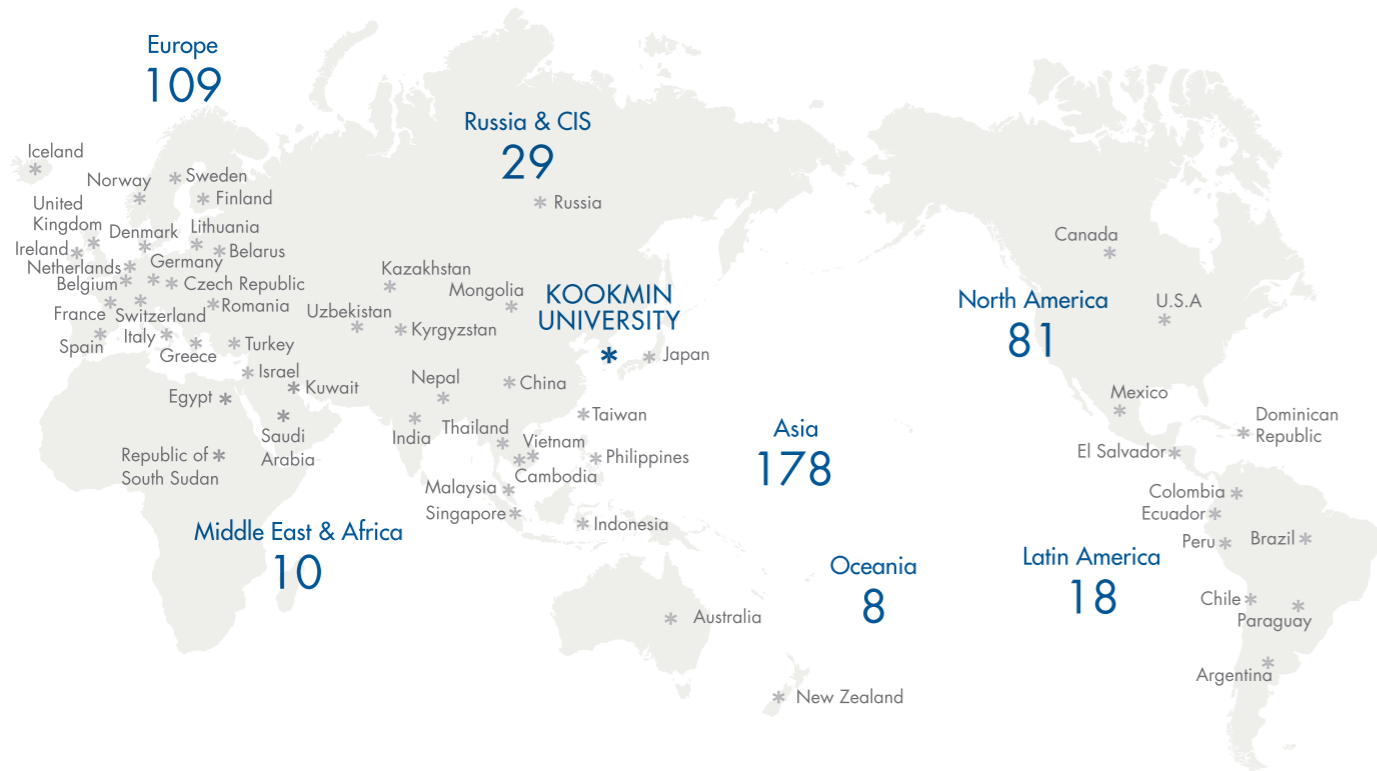**Encouragement of young entrepreneurs and support of their entry into international markets**

- Ranked first in terms of entrepreneurship education in the University Rankings by the *JoongAng Ilbo* daily newspaper in 2017~2018
- 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 433 universities in 59 nations around the world, the KMU is broadening the horizons of education.

Europe
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Russia & CIS
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Iceland
Norway Sweden
Finland
United
Kingdom Denmark Lithuania
Ireland Belarus
Netherlands Germany
Belgium Czech Republic
France Switzerland Romania Uzbekistan
Spain Italy Kyrgyzstan
Greece Turkey
Israel Kuwait Nepal China
Egypt
Saudi India Thailand
Republic of Arabia Vietnam Philippines
South Sudan Cambodia
Malaysia
Singapore Indonesia

Russia

Kazakhstan
Mongolia

**KOOKMIN
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Japan

Canada

North America
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U.S.A

Mexico
Dominican
Republic
El Salvador
Colombia
Ecuador
Peru Brazil

Asia
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Middle East & Africa
10

Oceania
8
Australia

Latin America
18
Chile
Paraguay

Argentina

New Zealand

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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