Sangmyung University (Cheonan Campus) | International Language and Culture Education Center

2026–2027 Academic Year Admissions for the Regular Korean Language Program

1. Academic Schedule

Term	Class Period	Placement Test / Orientation	Document Deadline
Winter 2026	2026.12.07–2027.02.18	2026.12.03	2026.11.06
Spring 2027	2027.03.15–2027.05.26	2027.03.03	2027.01.08
Summer 2027	2027.06.16–2027.08.26	2027.06.03	2027.04.09
Fall 2027	2027.09.20–2027.11.30	2027.09.01	2027.07.09
Winter 2027	2027.12.16–2028.02.29	2027.12.03	2027.10.08

※ Certain dates, including document submission deadlines, are subject to change.

2. Eligibility

Foreign nationals and overseas Koreans who have graduated from high school or possess an equivalent or higher qualification.

3. Admission Procedures by Visa Type

Visa-free entry

• Applicants who are nationals of countries eligible for visa-free entry with a 90-day permitted stay.

• To extend their stay after entering Korea, applicants must obtain a Korean Language Training Visa (D-4-1).

• Applicants may complete one term of the regular Korean language program.

Admission process: ① Submit application documents → ② Document review and interview → ③ Invoice issued to successful applicants → ④ Pay tuition and fees → ⑤ Enter Korea and take the placement test.

Short-term visa (C-3-1)

• Applicants obtain this visa individually at a Korean embassy or consulate in their home country (stay of up to 90 days).

• To extend their stay after entering Korea, applicants must obtain a Korean Language Training Visa (D-4-1).

• ※ Tourist visas (C-3-2 and C-3-9) cannot be changed to a Korean Language Training Visa.

Admission process:

① Submit application documents → ② Document review and interview → ③ Invoice issued to successful applicants → ④ Pay tuition and fees → ⑤ Enter Korea and take the placement test.

Korean Language Training Visa (D-4-1)

• An initial stay in Korea of at least six months is required.

• The visa may subsequently be extended in three- or six-month increments, up to a maximum total of two years.

Admission process:

① Submit application documents → ② Document review and interview → ③ Invoice issued to successful applicants → ④ Pay tuition and fees → ⑤ Receive the Certificate of Admission → ⑥ Apply for visa → ⑦ Obtain visa → ⑧ Enter Korea and take the placement test.

4. Required Documents by Visa Type

Visa-Free Entry and Short-Term Visa

• All documents must be submitted in Korean or English.

• Documents in other languages must be submitted with their originals and notarized Korean translations.

• Submitted documents will not be returned. Additional documents may be requested during screening.

Required Documents	1. One application form 2. One copy of passport 3. Two color photos (3 × 4 cm, taken within the last six months, white background) 4. Copy of graduation certificate from the last school attended or original certificate of enrollment (issued within the past three months) 5. Copy of international student insurance enrollment certificate (those not insured may enroll in Korea)

Language Training Visa (D-4-1)

• All documents must be submitted in Korean or English.

• Documents in other languages must be submitted with their originals and notarized Korean translations.

• Submitted documents will not be returned. Additional documents may be requested during screening.

• All documents, including proof of financial capacity, must have been issued within the past three months.

Required Documents	1. One application form 2. One copy of passport 3. Two color photos (3 × 4 cm, taken within the last six months, white background); ※ Submit a separate JPG photo file 4. Copy of identification document 5. Copy of graduation certificate from the last school attended or original certificate of enrollment; original Apostille or consular authentication by a Korean diplomatic mission; ※ Chinese nationals must submit a qualification/degree verification report issued by CHSI for the applicable high-school or degree program 6. Original academic transcript from the last school attended (all years, GPA indicated) 7. Proof of financial capacity of at least KRW 8 million: bank balance certificate in the applicant's name (a parent's certificate is also acceptable); bank transaction history for the most recent 3–6 months, with the balance maintained for at least 3 months as of the issue date 8. One copy of family relationship certificate or birth certificate; ※ Chinese nationals must also submit a copy of the household register (Hukou) 9. One copy of parent's ID or passport 10. Proof of parents' financial capacity, such as employment and income certificates or business registration 11. Other supporting documents (if applicable): proof of Korean-language study (TOPIK score report, enrollment certificate, etc.); proof explaining any gap after graduation (employment or enrollment certificate, etc.)

◆ Detailed Financial Documentation Requirements for Language Training Visa (D-4-1) Applicants

Nationality	Details
China	In view of the characteristics of bank balance certificates issued in China, a certificate is accepted only if both requirements below are met: ① The original certificate must have been issued within 30 days before the application date for a visa or Confirmation of Visa Issuance. ② As of that application date, at least six months must remain in the validity period of the bank balance certificate (deposit freeze period)
Uzbekistan	Submit a bank balance certificate issued by a Korean-affiliated financial institution located in Uzbekistan showing a deposit of KRW 8 million. (The balance must have been maintained for at least three months.)
Vietnam	A “Certificate of Deposit for Study Abroad Expenses” is mandatory. Enroll in a payment-restricted financial product at a commercial bank with a head office or branch in Vietnam and Korea, deposit a Vietnamese-dong guarantee equivalent to at least KRW 8 million (for one year of tuition and living expenses, etc.), and submit proof of the balance. * Under this arrangement, KRW 5 million may be withdrawn in installments every six months, with payments restricted for a total of one year

5. How to Apply.

① Email the required documents according to visa type to: smu.cheonanilcec@smu.ac.kr

② After emailing, applicants must submit the original documents by registered mail or in person.

Postal address: Korean Language Program Admissions, International Language and Culture Education Center, Room 201b, Songbaek Hall, Sangmyung University Cheonan Campus, 31 Sangmyungdae-gil, Dongnam-gu, Cheonan-si, Chungcheongnam-do 31066, Republic of Korea.

※ **We recommend contacting us by email or phone for a consultation before applying.**You can also receive more detailed guidance by submitting an admission application in advance through the Google Form available under [Regular Program Application] on the website of the International Language and Culture Education Center, Sangmyung University (Cheonan Campus).

6. Application Deadline: Please refer to the admission schedule above.

※ Individual schedules for supplementary documents and interviews will be announced separately.

7. Tuition and Fees

Total amount payable: KRW 2,590,000 (application screening fee + tuition for two terms).

Application screening fee: KRW 50,000.

Tuition: KRW 2,540,000 for two terms (KRW 1,270,000 per three-month term × 2).

D-4-1 visa applicants must pay tuition for two terms.

Successful applicants will receive an individual invoice with the amount and bank account details.

The application screening fee is non-refundable. Visa issuance and other admission procedures proceed after payment.

8. Admissions Inquiries

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