

2027 Handong Global University Admission Guideline for International Students



English Website



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Please note that applicants must refer to the respective 2027 academic year admissions guidelines announced on the admissions website for detailed information.

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Your journey to change the world begins at Handong.

Learn and grow beyond the classroom on a global stage, alongside peers from 60 countries.

Begin at Handong, Lead the World

Handong at a Glance

Handong By the Numbers

International Students

270

Countries Represented

60

Global Partner Institutions

318

Major Courses Taught in English

43.9%

Christian Faculty

100%

Guaranteed Dormitory for
International Freshman

100%



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HOW YOU LEARN

The Handong Educational Experience

Flexible Major Selection

Explore a wide range of academic fields during your first year and freely choose your major upon entering your second year.

Integration of Faith and Learning

Connect academic knowledge with a Christian worldview to discover purpose and direction in life.

Global Rotation Program (GRP)

Make the world your classroom by learning in the field and solving real-world problems.

COMMUNITY & FAITH

Let Us Be Your Second Home

A Second Family: The Team System

Around 30 students and a Team Professor form one team. With 111 teams in total, we conduct 10,749 faculty-student consultations annually.



Residential College (RC) Community

Guaranteed Dormitory for International Freshman. Holistic Growth Through the RC Community.



A Campus of Daily Worship

Early Morning Prayer, Last Hour Worship, Public Reading of Scripture, RC Chapel, and River Worship where worship — becomes a part of everyday life.



International Education
Quality Assurance System

Accredited by Ministry of Education
of Republic of Korea

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I. Essential Information Before Applying

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01 Important Notes



Online
Applications Only

All applications must be submitted through the online application system on the University's English website.

In-person and postal applications will not be accepted.

An application is considered complete only when the online application form has been submitted, all Required Documents have been uploaded, and the Application Fee has been paid.

* Please refer to [07 Application Procedure and Application Fee](#) for the access path and the application process.



Please Check the
Foreign-National
Eligibility Requirements
Before Applying

This admission process is open only to applicants for whom both the applicant and the applicant's parents hold foreign nationality (non-Korean nationality).

Applicants who hold dual nationality where the applicant or either parent holds Korean nationality are not eligible to apply.

If there are any special circumstances related to family relationships or nationality (divorce, remarriage, death, disappearance, acquisition of Korean nationality, etc.), please submit supporting documents that verify those circumstances.

* Please refer to [05 Eligibility Requirements](#) for the detailed eligibility criteria.



Language proficiency
scores are
recommended
documents and are
required for
Cornerstone Scholarship
applicants

Official language proficiency scores (TOPIK Level 4 or higher, or an official English proficiency score) are recommended documents for submission.

Applicants who do not submit them will have their language ability assessed during the interview if they pass the document screening.

However, Cornerstone Scholarship applicants must submit both a language proficiency score certificate and the scholarship application form.

* Please refer to [06 Required Documents](#) for the detailed criteria.



Please Check the
Educational
Backgrounds That Are
Not Recognized as
Meeting the Eligibility
Requirements

The following educational backgrounds are not recognized as meeting the eligibility requirements: homeschooling, cyber/online learning, adult education, and equivalency examinations (e.g., GED). Unaccredited educational backgrounds not recognized by the country in which the school is located may result in cancellation of admission even after acceptance.

Provisional or Temporary Certificates are not recognized as official graduation documents.

* Please refer to [05 Eligibility Requirements](#) for details.



All Final Admitted
Students Must Submit
Original Academic and
Nationality Documents

At the application stage, you only need to upload scanned copies of all documents; submission of originals is not required.

- Original academic and nationality documents (with an Apostille or Consular Authentication) must be submitted only by final admitted students within the designated period.

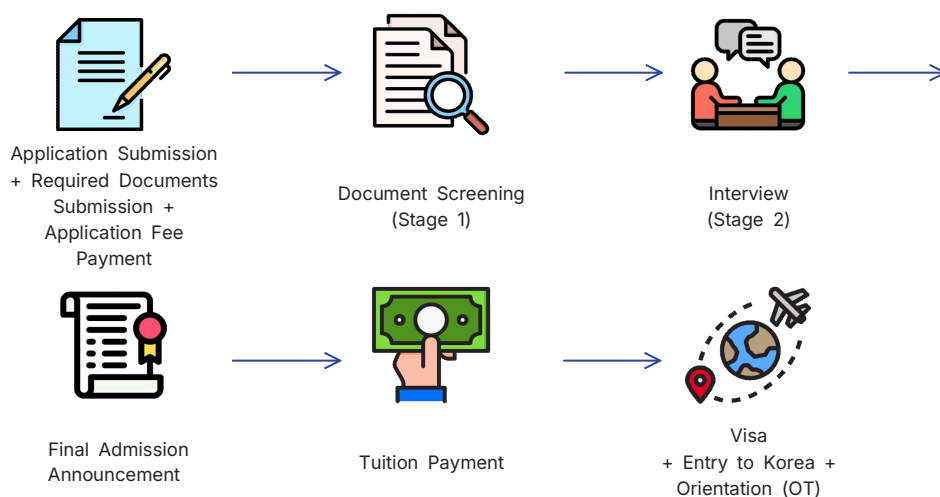
*Submission deadline:

February 28 for spring-semester entrants / August 31 for fall-semester entrants.

* Please refer to [Appendix 2. Apostille and Consular Authentication Guideline](#) for the original-document authentication process.

02 Admission Schedule and Process

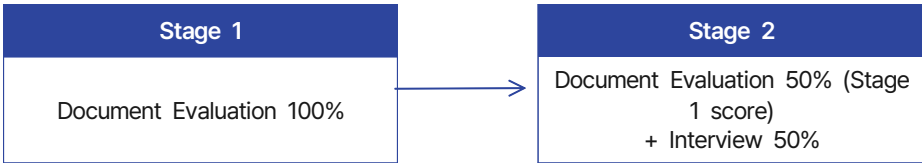
Admission Schedule and Process (overview)



Process	1st Round (Spring 2027 entry)	2nd Round (Fall 2027 entry)	Key Notices
Application + Submit Required Documents + Application Fee Payment	Aug. 1 – Sep. 15, 2026 (Deadline 17:00)	Feb. 1 – Mar. 15, 2027 (Deadline 17:00)	An application is completed upon online submission and payment of the Application Fee.
Document Screening (Stage 1)	Oct. 10, 2026, 15:00	Apr. 10, 2027, 15:00	Check the University's English website.
Interview (Stage 2)	Oct. 14, 2026	Apr. 14, 2027	Conducted only for applicants who pass Stage 1. Either an online-(e.g., ZOOM) or an in-person interview may be chosen.
Final Admission Announcement	Oct. 30, 2026, 15:00	Apr. 30, 2027, 15:00	Check the University's English website.
Tuition Payment	Dec. 15, 2026, 17:00 (deadline)	Jun. 15, 2027, 17:00 (deadline)	Admission is automatically canceled if tuition is not paid within the period. *Payment must be made to the designated bank account.
Visa → Entry to Korea → Orientation (OT)	Orientation: Feb. 22–26, 2027 / Semester begins: Mar. 1, 2027	Orientation: Aug. 23–27, 2027 / Semester begins: Aug. 30, 2027	Submit original Apostille/Consular documents upon entry to Korea. Pay the dormitory fee.

* All dates and times in this schedule are based on Korea Standard Time (KST).

Admission Method



- In Stage 1, interview candidates are selected through a comprehensive evaluation of the submitted documents.
- In Stage 2, admitted students are selected based on the combined total of the Stage 1 score (50%) and the interview score (50%).
- The interview comprehensively evaluates the applicant's character, creativity, communication skills, interview attitude, growth potential, logical reasoning, and originality, in relation to the University's desired student profile.
- Applicants who are absent from the interview or who fail to meet the minimum required interview score will be disqualified, regardless of their other admission scores.
- If measures related to school violence are recorded in the school record, the lowest score will be assigned to the relevant evaluation category in the Stage 1 document evaluation. However, exceptions may apply where the student record cannot be verified, such as for applicants from high schools outside Korea.
- If an applicant applies for both the spring and fall admissions of the same academic year and passes Stage 1 in both semesters, the interview will be conducted only once.

03 Key Notices for Applicants

Before Applying

- If the submitted documents are incomplete or contain information that differs from the facts, if the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements, or if the applicant is judged to lack the academic ability or financial capacity required by the University, the applicant may be disqualified at Stage 1.
- If plagiarism is found in the personal statement, the University may take appropriate measures, including disqualification, following deliberation by the Admissions Management Committee.
- Personal information such as the names and occupations of parents and relatives must not be included in the personal statement; violations may result in disadvantages in the admission process.

During the Admission Process

- If an applicant is absent from the interview because they failed to check the interview schedule, or if the interview evaluation results in a failing (below-minimum) score, the applicant will be disqualified regardless of their document-screening score.
- If an applicant does not bring an identification document (passport) for identity verification at the interview, or if any misconduct is found during the interview (e.g., receiving help from a third party during an online interview), the applicant will be immediately removed and disqualified.

After Acceptance

- If an admitted student does not pay tuition within the registration period, the acceptance will be canceled.
- If a prospective graduate of highschool fails to meet the graduation requirements before the admission date, the admission will be canceled.
- If, after acceptance, it is found through verification of the previous school's academic records or confirmation of residence that admission was obtained through false statements, forgery or alteration of submitted documents, or any other fraudulent means, the acceptance or admission approval may be canceled, whether before or after enrollment.
- If a response to the academic-record verification request to the previous school is not received within six months after acceptance, the applicant must directly request a response from their previous school. If the academic-record verification response is ultimately not confirmed, the admission may be canceled.
- If the applicant fails to obtain the permits required to enter the Republic of Korea by the first day of the semester, the admission may be canceled.
- Freshman and transfer students may not take a leave of absence in their first semester, except in cases that fall under the exceptions stipulated in the University regulations.
- If a student is found to be simultaneously enrolled at this University and another university, the admission at all of those universities may be canceled.
- Even after enrollment, if admission is found to have been obtained through forgery or alteration of submitted documents, false statements, omission of important matters, or any other fraudulent means, the admission may be canceled in accordance with the relevant laws and University regulations. In such cases, the tuition already paid will not be refunded. However, if the semester for which the tuition was paid has not yet ended, the tuition may be refunded according to the refund criteria of the relevant statute, the 'Rules on University Tuition'.
- If a student withdraws their registration, the tuition refund will be processed

in accordance with the 「Rules on University Tuition」.

- Admission evaluation scores are not disclosed, and submitted documents and admission-related records are neither copied nor returned.
- If a fraudulent application, or assistance in such an application, is confirmed, the admission may be canceled, and the person concerned may not apply to this University for three years from the date the admission is canceled.

Any matters not specified in this Admission Guideline, or any disagreements in interpretation, will be resolved according to the decision of the University's Admissions Management Committee.

* The applicant is solely responsible for any disadvantage arising from a failure to fully understand the contents of this Admission Guideline.

II. Application Guide

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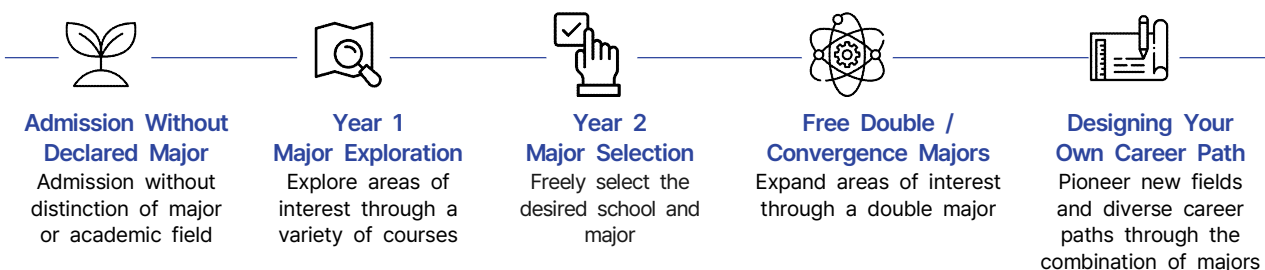
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04 Department and Major Information

Flexible major selection

- After admission, students explore majors thoroughly for one year and select their major upon entering the second year.
- As a rule, students follow a double-major system in which they select two or more majors, and they may freely combine majors across academic fields to design their own learning.
- * Freshmen participating in the engineering education accreditation program, and students who wish to major in Life Science, may also choose a single major.



Schools and Majors

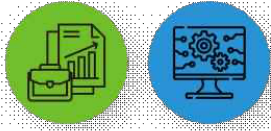
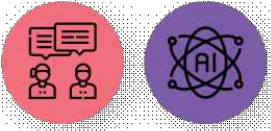
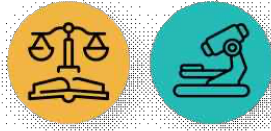
School of Management and Economics Management Major Economics Major Global Management	School of International Studies, Languages and Literature International and Area Studies Major English Major	School of Law Korean Law Major U.S. and International Law Major	School of Counseling Psychology and Social Welfare Counseling Psychology Major Social Welfare Major	School of Communication Arts Media & Communication Studies Major Visual and Performing Arts Major
School of Spatial Environment System Engineering Construction Engineering Urban and Environmental Engineering	School of Mechanical and Control Engineering Mechanical Engineering Major Electronic Control Engineering Major	School of Life Science Life Science Major	School of Contents Convergence Design Visual Communication Design Major Product Design Major	School of AI Computer Science and Electrical Engineering Computer Science Major Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science and Engineering Electronics Engineering Major Information Technology
School of Creative Convergence Education Student-Designed Convergence Studies Global Convergence Studies	School of Applied AI and Entrepreneurship Global Korean Studies (Language Education) Global Korean Studies (Language and Culture)	School of Applied AI and Entrepreneurship Global Entrepreneurship AI Convergence Data Science		

- The following majors are taught 100% in English:

Global Management, US & International Law, Information Technology, and Global Convergence Studies.

- The Global Convergence Major and the Student-Designed Convergence Major are majors that students design themselves: the Global Convergence Major must combine at least two majors, and the Student-Designed Convergence Major must combine at least three majors. The Modular Design Major is completed by selecting three modular curricula. (Inquiries: School of Creative Convergence Education, +82-54-260-3306)

Sample Interdisciplinary Tracks:

 Management + Computer Science Possible Career Paths: Digital business / service planning, fintech startup founding, IT strategy consultant, etc.	 Counseling Psychology + AI Convergence Possible Career Paths: EdTech content development, user experience (UX) research, cognitive science research, etc.	 Law + Life Science Possible Career Paths: Specialized lawyer in the bio field, pharmaceutical company legal team, patent law firm, health/medical policy research, etc.
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Notes on Major Selection

- Even after selecting a school (major), students may change their school (major) without any limit on the number of semesters.
- The detailed criteria for selecting a major and the completion requirements will be announced after admission through the Academic Handbook(Course Book).

05 Eligibility Requirements

Common Requirements (Freshman Admission · Transfer Admission)

- Both the Applicant and the Applicant's parents must hold foreign nationality (non-Korean nationality).
- Foreign nationals whose parents are both foreign nationals
- Recognized if both the Applicant and the Applicant's parents acquired foreign nationality before the Applicant entered high school.
- In the case of dual nationality holders, recognized only if both the Applicant and the Applicant's parents renounced Korean nationality before the Applicant entered high school.

Freshman Admission	Transfer Admission	
	Second-Year Transfer Admission	Third-Year Transfer Admission
Academic Qualification: Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from high school - Applicants expected to graduate are recognized only if they are able to graduate before the start of the semester of admission.	Applicants whose parents and the Applicant are all foreign nationals by birth, or who acquired foreign nationality after birth, such as through naturalization, and who meet one of the following requirements: - Applicants who have completed at least one year of a regular curriculum at a domestic or foreign regular university equivalent to a four-year university in Korea, including three-year universities under the British education system. - Applicants who have completed at least one year at a domestic or foreign regular university equivalent to a two-year college in Korea.	Applicants whose parents and the Applicant are all foreign nationals by birth, or who acquired foreign nationality after birth, such as through naturalization, and who meet one of the following requirements: - Applicants who have completed at least two years of a regular curriculum at a domestic or foreign regular university equivalent to a four-year university in Korea, including three-year universities under the British education system. - Applicants who have graduated from a domestic or foreign regular university equivalent to a two-year college in Korea.
* Transfer Admission Applicants must refer to Appendix 3. Essential Information for Transfer Students for credit transfer criteria and other important notes.		

Common Notes

- * If false documents are submitted in relation to eligibility requirements, acceptance will be canceled.
- * During the document screening process, additional documents may be requested if necessary, and Applicants must submit such documents. Applicants may be contacted individually if needed. Any disadvantages arising from incorrect contact information or failure to reach the Applicant are the responsibility of the Applicant.

Notes on Nationality

1. Applicants whose parent(s) or the Applicant hold dual nationality including Korean nationality are not recognized as foreigners and are not eligible to apply for this admission process. If an Applicant is confirmed to hold dual nationality, admission will be canceled even after acceptance.
2. If there are any special circumstances related to family relationships or nationality, such as divorce, remarriage, unmarried parent status, death, disappearance, or acquisition of Korean nationality, supporting documents verifying the relevant circumstances must be submitted.
Examples: divorce certificate, family relationship certificate, single-parent certificate, death certificate, disappearance certificate, documents proving acquisition of Korean nationality, etc.
 - * If a Korean national among the Applicant or the Applicant's parents has remarried, the family relationship certificate (detailed) of the Korean spouse who remarried the Applicant or the Applicant's parent must be submitted.
 - * For Chinese nationals only, a death certificate may be replaced by one of the following documents:
 - ① Original notarized certificate of household registration cancellation
 - ② Original notarized translation of a family relation certificate indicating "deceased"
3. Recognition Criteria for Changes in Family Relationships
Undergraduate Freshman Admission and Transfer Admission: Only cases in which changes in family relationships were completed before the Applicant entered high school are recognized.

Notes on Academic Qualifications

1. If an Applicant expected to graduate or complete a program fails to submit a certificate of graduation or certificate of completion before the start of the semester of admission, admission will be canceled.
2. If the academic qualification is not recognized in the country where the school is located, admission will be canceled even after acceptance.
3. Academic qualifications obtained through homeschooling, cyber learning, adult education, equivalency examinations, or similar means are not recognized.
4. Provisional or Temporary Certificates are not recognized as official graduation documents.

- * Matters concerning the interpretation and application of eligibility requirements shall be finally determined by the Admissions Management Committee and shall follow the relevant regulations of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea.

06 Required Documents

Category	Required Documents	Freshmen	Transfer	Details
Application Documents	Application Form	Required	Required	To be entered through the online application system
	Honor Pledge	Required	Required	Download and print the form from the online application system, complete and sign it by hand, and upload a scanned copy to the system.
	Letter of Consent	Required	Required	
	Financial Statement	Required	Required	
Academic Documents	Original High School Transcript Must include records for all years, grading scale, and GPA.	Required	Optional	- If the document is not in English or Korean, a notarized translation must be submitted together. - Applicants must refer to Appendix 2 regarding Apostille or Consular Authentication before submission.
	High School Graduation Certificate or Expected Graduation Certificate	Required	Optional	
	Original Transcript from Previously Attended University GPA must be indicated.	-	Required	
	Graduation Certificate or Expected Graduation Certificate from Previously Attended University * For foreign universities: additional proof of the required semesters for graduation, required credits for graduation, and grading criteria must be submitted.	-	Required	
Nationality Documents	Proof of Nationality of the Applicant and Parents	Required	Required	Copies of the passports of the Applicant and parents * If a passport is unavailable, a copy of an identification document that can verify nationality and identity may be submitted. Driver's licenses are excluded.
	Family Relation Certificate - A document proving the parent-child relationship	Required	Required	Original family relation certificate or birth certificate
Other Documents	Supporting Documents for Other Activities	Optional	Optional	Documents proving academic or social achievements during high school, such as official scores including SAT/IB/AP/GCE A-Level, awards, certificates of social service activities, certificates of extracurricular activities, School Profile, personal statement, and study plan * Documents written in a language other than Korean or English must be submitted with an original notarized translation.
	Language Proficiency Scores Korean: TOPIK Level 4 or higher English: TOEFL iBT 85+ / IELTS 5.5+ / New TEPS 285+	Recommended	Recommended	If official language proficiency scores are not submitted, language ability may be verified during the interview only for Applicants who pass the document screening. • Applicants for the Cornerstone Scholarship must submit a language proficiency certificate and Scholarship application form.
	Cornerstone Scholarship Application Form (Personal Statement)	Optional	Optional	Recommender Criteria: principal or teacher of the Applicant's high school, missionary, or pastor of the Applicant's church
	One Letter of Recommendation	Optional	Optional	* Letters of recommendation from parents or relatives cannot be submitted and will not be accepted.
	Bank Balance Certificate	Required	Required	Bank balance certificate showing USD 13,000 or more under the name of the Applicant or financial sponsor * Applicants for the Cornerstone Scholarship may submit this optionally.

Notes on Document Submission

- ① All application documents must, in principle, be prepared according to the stated requirements and submitted online within the application period.
- ② At the application stage, all documents may be submitted as scanned copies. However, final Accepted Applicants must submit the original academic documents with Apostille or Consular Authentication and the original nationality documents, such as a family relation certificate or birth certificate, within the designated period.
- * Any disadvantages arising from failure to submit the original academic documents and original nationality documents with Apostille or Consular Authentication within the designated period are the responsibility of the Applicant.
- ③ All submitted documents must be in A4 size and submitted in the order listed in the Required Documents list.
- ④ All documents not written in Korean or English must be submitted with a notarized Korean or English translation.
- ⑤ Applicants expected to graduate must submit the final graduation certificate after the announcement of Accepted Applicants. Failure to submit it may result in cancellation of acceptance.
- ⑥ Applicants should prepare application documents after inquiring with the relevant institution regarding authentication procedures.
- ⑦ Documents with Consular Authentication, Apostille, copy notarization, or translation notarization must be submitted in the original form issued by the notarizing institution. If the binding of notarized documents is removed or only some pages are submitted, the validity of the notarization may not be recognized.
- ⑧ If the results of academic background verification differ from the submitted documents, admission may be canceled even after enrollment.
- ⑨ When submitting other documents, such as awards or certificates, Korean or English translations must be submitted together.
- ⑩ Notarized documents are valid for six months from the date of issuance. Specifically, documents must be issued on or after September 1, 2026 for 2027 Spring Semester applicants, and on or after March 1, 2027 for 2027 Fall Semester applicants. Meanwhile, Apostilled documents do not have an expiration date.
- ⑪ All submitted documents will not be returned. Applicants are advised to prepare extra copies of documents in advance in case they are needed for future procedures, such as visa application.

* Documents not written in Korean or English must be translated and submitted together with the original notarized translation.

07 Application Procedure and Application Fee

Application Procedure

A. Application Method

Applications are accepted only through the online application system on the University's English website.

* In-person and postal applications are not accepted.

* Application Access path: English website → Admissions → Undergraduate → Apply Now → Start Application

B. Account Creation

When using the online application system for the first time, Applicants must create an account by registering an email address and password.

• Applicants must register with an email address that they personally use frequently. Announcements of Accepted Applicants and various notices will be sent based on the registered email address.

• Applicants must keep their password separately to avoid losing it.

• Applicants may use the same email address and password to revise their application or check their submission status during the application period.

• If the email address or password is lost, Applicants may be restricted from revising or checking their application.

C. Application Process

① Complete and enter the Application Form online.

② Enter all items displayed on the application page accurately based on facts.

③ Prepare and upload the Required Documents specified in "06 Required Documents."

④ Among the Required Documents, the Honor Pledge, Letter of Consent, and Financial Statement are forms designated by the University. Applicants must download and print the forms, complete and sign them by hand, and upload scanned copies.

⑤ All documents not written in Korean or English must be submitted together with a notarized Korean or English translation.

⑥ After paying the Application Fee, submit the remittance information through the designated link. For details, please refer to the Application Fee section below.

⑦ The application will be properly completed only when the online application form has been submitted, all Required Documents have been uploaded, and the Application Fee has been paid.

* Even after submitting the application form, Applicants may log in with the same account and revise the application during the application period.

D. Submission of Original Documents (For Final Successful Applicants Only)

• At the application stage, all documents are submitted as scanned copies, and no original documents are required.

• Final Accepted Applicants must submit original academic documents, such as transcripts and graduation certificates, with Apostille or Consular Authentication, as well as original nationality documents, such as a family relation certificate or birth certificate, to the staff member in charge of international student admissions at the Office of International Affairs within the designated period.

• Failure to submit original documents by the deadline may result in cancellation of acceptance or admission.

• For details, please refer to Appendix 2. Apostille and Consular Authentication Guideline.

Application Fee

Item	Details
Application Fee	100,000 (KRW)
Payment Method	After paying the Application Fee, submit the remittance information through the link below. *Remittance information submission link
* The second-stage interview Application Fee of KRW 20,000 is waived. No additional Application Fee will be charged even if the Applicant is selected for an interview. * It is recommended that the sender's name be the Applicant's own name whenever possible. If the Application Fee is remitted under the name of a parent or sponsor, the relationship to the Applicant and the Applicant's name must be entered through the remittance information submission link for verification	

Bank Information (For Application Fee Payment Only)

Item	Details
Swift Code	KOEXKRSE
Bank Name	KEB Hana Bank (하나은행)
Bank Address	101-1, Eulji-Ro 1-Ga, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea
Account Holder	Handong Global University (한동대학교)
Account Number	910-910005-44104
Business Registration Number	506 82 03966
* Use of the WISE app (formerly TransferWise) is recommended. Applicants must ensure that the full Application Fee is received by the university, with all remittance and processing fees covered by the applicant.	

Key Notices

- If the Application Fee is not paid by the deadline, an application number will not be issued and the admission process will not proceed.
- Once the application has been completed, it cannot be canceled, and submitted documents and the Application Fee will not be returned.
- In accordance with the Enforcement Decree of the Higher Education Act, if the Application Fee is overpaid, the excess amount will be refunded.
- If an Applicant is unable to participate in the admission process due to reasons attributable to the University, natural disasters, or reasons not attributable to the Applicant, the Application Fee for the relevant stage will be refunded.
- Applicants eligible for an Application Fee refund must enter a financial institution account when applying for a refund, and bank transaction fees may be deducted from the refund amount. If the bank transaction fees are equal to or greater than the refund amount, the refund may not be made.

08 Contact Information

Type	Office in Charge	Contact Information
Admissions/Visa Inquiries	Admissions Officer, Office of International Affairs	+82-54-260-1763 / iAdmissions@handong.edu https://handong.edu/eng/admission/undergraduate/a pplication/overview/
Academic Affairs / Student Life Inquiries	International Student Adviser, Office of International Affairs	+82-54-260-1765 / oiahelp@handong.edu

III. Tuition & Scholarship Information

Tuition Information

Scholarship Information



09 Tuition Information

- * At this University, students are admitted without distinction of major, and upon entering the second year they freely select their desired major; tuition may therefore differ depending on the major selected.
- * Tuition amounts are subject to change in accordance with the University's relevant regulations.

Year 1

(For Freshman Admission)

(GLS - common to all students regardless of the academic field of the major they later choose)

Semester	Tuition (KRW)
1st	4,023,000
2nd	3,843,000

Year 2 and beyond

(For Freshman Admission)

Major Combination	Tuition per Semester (KRW)
Double major within the Humanities + Social Sciences field	3,171,000
Double major within the Science + Engineering field	4,068,000
Humanities + Science/Engineering combination	3,618,000

For Transfer Admission

Major Combination	1st Semester (KRW)	From 2nd Semester - (KRW)
Humanities and Social Sciences field	3,351,000	3,171,000
Science and Engineering field	4,248,000	4,068,000
Humanities + Science/Engineering combination	3,798,000	3,618,000

Dormitory fee and Food Expenses

Category	Amount (KRW)	Notes
Dormitory Fee	approx. 880,000	Per Semester
Food Expenses	approx. 4,500~10,000	Per Meal

- Foreign freshman: priority Dormitory assignment
- Foreign enrolled students: priority assignment if completed the Dormitory application and payment of the Dormitory fee within the deadline.

10 Scholarship Information

- * Even if an applicant meets the eligibility requirements for multiple scholarships in the same semester, scholarships are not awarded on a duplicate basis; only the single scholarship most favorable to the applicant is applied.
- * Scholarship award and its amount are determined through a comprehensive review of admission results and submitted documents. Applicants may be admitted regardless of their scholarship status.
- * Scholarship payment criteria and benefits are subject to change in accordance with the University's relevant regulations and budget situation, and any changes will be announced on the University website.

I. Scholarships for Freshman Admission and Transfer Students

Cornerstone Scholarship

Category	Details
Eligibility	Applicants and both parents must hold the nationality of a KOICA-designated developing country. Candidates must demonstrate excellent academic records and possess the qualities of a Christian leader who aspires to transform the world and nations, as evidenced through their personal statement and letters of recommendation, while reflecting the University's desired student profile. * Eligible Countries: Applicants from countries on the KOICA aid-recipient list, including descendants of overseas Koreans (e.g., Korean-Chinese, Koryo-saram, Yucatán-Koreans). Applicants from non-listed countries may be selected after a separate review by the admissions department.
Purpose	To provide outstanding students from developing countries with academic opportunities without financial hardship, and to nurture them as Christian leaders who return to serve their home countries after education and training at Handong University.
Benefits	Full tuition and dormitory fees for regular semesters*, partial meal support, and an academic support stipend of KRW 200,000 per month. *"Regular semesters" means up to 8 semesters for freshman, up to 6 semesters for 2nd-year transfer students, and up to 4 semesters for 3rd-year transfer students. If a student registers for additional semesters, the tuition and other costs must be borne by the student. **Dormitory fees and meals (2 meals a day) provided only during the first two vacation periods of the first year. <Maintenance and Restriction Conditions> • Must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher each semester during the scholarship period. *Starting from the 3rd registered semester, the GPA requirement will be evaluated based on the grade from the immediately preceding semester. Failure to meet the required GPA will result in loss of scholarship status. • Loss of scholarship status if disciplined by the Disciplinary Committee (Refer to General Scholarship Policy). • Freshmen must obtain TOPIK Level 2 or higher by their 4th semester and submit it to the OIA. If not submitted within the deadline, scholarship payments will be temporarily suspended and resumed from the following semester once the scores are submitted. • Mandatory dormitory residence while holding the scholarship status. • Loss of scholarship status if a student does not apply for dormitory residence for the next semester after eviction/dismissal due to high penalty points, or if eviction/dismissal occurs twice. • Dormitory fees and stipends will not be provided for the following semester upon eviction from the dormitory. • Tuition for additional or summer/winter semesters must be borne by the student. • Must fulfill additional requirements designated by the university, including faith education and spiritual training.

Outstanding International Academic Excellence Scholarship

Category	Details
Eligibility	Outstanding academic achievers among admitted international students.
Benefits	50% tuition waiver for the top 10% of admitted students.
Selection Method	Selected based on a comprehensive evaluation of admission results (Stage 1 +Stage 2). No separate application is required.
Disbursement Period	Regular semesters (Up to 8 semesters for freshman admissions, 6 semesters for 2nd-year transfers, and 4 semesters for 3rd-year transfers).

Christian Leader Scholarship

Category	Details
Eligibility	Talented individuals who aspire to become Christian leaders, including children of pastors or missionaries.
Benefits	50% tuition waiver
Selection Method	Selected from final admitted applicants who meet the eligibility criteria (Up to 6 students per semester). Maximum of 1 year (2 semesters).
Disbursement Period	*Maintenance Condition: Must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher each semester and mandatory participation in the university's spiritual training during the scholarship period.

Presidential Scholarship

Category	Details
Eligibility	The top admitted applicant from countries not eligible for the Cornerstone Scholarship (Final rankings determined by the Committee).
Benefits	100% tuition waiver for regular semesters and full dormitory fees (excluding vacation periods).
Selection Method	Final rankings determined by the Committee.
Disbursement Period	Regular semesters (Up to 8 semesters for freshman admissions, 6 semesters for 2nd-year transfers, and 4 semesters for 3rd-year transfers). *Maintenance Condition: Must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher each semester during the scholarship period.

International Student Admission Scholarship

Language Proficiency	Score	Scholarship	Not Applicable
Korean Proficiency	TOPIK Level 4 or higher	50% tuition waiver	F-4 visa holders
	TOPIK Level 6	100% tuition waiver	
English Proficiency	TOEFL iBT 85 or higher, IELTS 5.5 or higher, New TEPS 285 or higher	50% tuition waiver	Applicants from countries where English is an official language designated by the Ministry of Justice (USA, Canada, South Africa, UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand)

***Applies only to the first semester of admission. Valid test scores as of the application deadline are required.**

II. Scholarships for Enrolled Students

Academic Performance Scholarship (Language Proficiency Required)

Category	Criteria
Language Requirements (Mandatory)	Korean proficiency: TOPIK Level 4 or higher
	OR
	English proficiency (TOEFL iBT 85, IELTS 6.0, New TEPS 430)
GPA of Previous Semester	4.30~4.50 100% tuition waiver
	3.50~4.29 50% tuition waiver

- * Limited to students who complete 15 credits or more each semester.
- * Disbursed only within regular semesters.
- * Maximum number of semesters for scholarship disbursement:
7 semesters for freshman admission / 5 semesters for 2nd-year transfers / 3 semesters for 3rd-year transfers.
- * Overseas Korean (F-4) visa holders are excluded from scholarship eligibility.

III. General Scholarship Policy

- (1) If an applicant qualifies for multiple similar scholarships, only one scholarship will be awarded.
- (2) Applies to students admitted from 2027 academic year onward.
- (3) Loss of scholarship status if disciplined by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (4) Disbursed only within regular semesters.
- (5) If a student obtains scholarship eligibility by submitting falsified documents or stating false facts, their scholarship status will be revoked immediately, and the full amount of the disbursed scholarship must be refunded.
- (6) Any change in nationality or visa status must be reported immediately to the Office of International Affairs (OIA). If a status change is identified without prior notification, the full amount of the disbursed scholarship must be refunded.
- (7) Upon acquiring an Overseas Korean (F-4) visa, it must be reported immediately to the Office of International Affairs (OIA).
- (8) All GPAs mentioned in these guidelines are based on a 4.5 scale.

IV. Information for Admitted Applicants



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Tuition Payment

Admitted Applicants must pay Tuition within the designated registration period. If Tuition is not paid within the registration period, acceptance will be automatically canceled.

Submission of Apostille / Consular Authentication

All Admitted Applicants must obtain Apostille or Consular Authentication for their academic documents and submit the original documents by the designated deadline. This does not apply to overseas Korean schools authorized by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea.

- Submission Method: If the country where the school of the Applicant's final academic qualification is located is a member country of the Hague Convention, the Applicant must obtain Apostille for the relevant academic documents. If the country is not a member country, the Applicant must obtain Consular Authentication and submit the documents. For detailed procedures, please refer to [Appendix 2](#)
 - Submission Deadline: Applicants admitted for the Spring semester must submit the original documents to the staff member in charge of international student admissions at the International Cooperation Team, Office of International Affairs by February 28. Applicants admitted for the Fall semester must submit the original documents by August 31.
- * [Apostille and Consular Authentication issuance procedures and submission requirements may vary by country. Applicants must check the latest information through the websites of the relevant institutions.](#)

Admission Preparation Guideline

For Admitted Applicants who complete final registration, the University will provide step-by-step guidance by email regarding the preparations required before entering Korea.

- Visa (D-2) application guideline
 - Arrival and transportation guideline from the airport to Pohang
 - Dormitory move-in guideline
 - Freshman Orientation (i-HanST) guideline
 - Guideline for preparing for the first semester
- * [All notices will be sent to the email address registered at the time of application. Admitted Applicants should continue to check their email regularly after acceptance.](#)

V. Appendix



Appendix 1. Engineering Education Accreditation System Guideline

Among the Majors offered by the School of AI Computer Science and Electrical Engineering at Handong Global University, two Majors, the Advanced Computer Science and Advanced Engineering Major and the Advanced Electronic Engineering Major, operate under the Engineering Education Accreditation System. In 2010, these programs passed the accreditation evaluation conducted by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea (ABEEK), and in February 2011, they officially obtained engineering accreditation.

This accreditation indicates that Handong Global University's accredited curriculum meets the Global Standards set by the Washington Accord and the Seoul Accord, and that graduates of these programs are capable of successfully carrying out professional responsibilities in their respective fields. Students may apply for accredited engineering Majors immediately after admission, and participation is recommended for systematic study. In addition, since mathematics and science curricula starting from the basics are available, students from humanities backgrounds may also apply.

A. Overview of the Engineering Education Accreditation (ABEEK) System

1) What is Engineering Accreditation?

Engineering Education Accreditation is a system that certifies the quality of accredited engineering education programs and their graduates. Engineering Education Accreditation is granted to engineering Major curricula that have been verified through evaluation by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea (ABEEK) as having an excellent educational system that meets Global Standards.

2) Characteristics of Engineering Education Accreditation

Compared to existing curricula, accredited engineering Major programs have the following characteristics:

A) Outcome-Based Education

This approach places the greatest importance on educational outcomes, namely the abilities of graduates.

B) Learner-Centered Education

Education is conducted from the perspective of the learners, such as students and industry, rather than from the perspective of providers such as universities and professors.

C) Educational Content that Meets Global Standards

The Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea has successfully joined the Washington Accord and the Seoul Accord, international councils for engineering education, thereby verifying that Korea's engineering accreditation meets global standards. As a result, graduates of Korean institutions with accredited engineering programs are recognized in all member countries as having academic qualifications equivalent to those of engineering graduates from those countries.

D) A Systematic Educational System for Continuous Improvement

The system is designed to allow continuous improvement of educational content and methods.

3) Structure of Engineering Education Accreditation

Engineering Education Accreditation programs are granted to educational institutions that meet standards above a certain level in all areas of education, including educational objectives, program learning outcomes and assessment, curriculum areas, students, faculty, educational environment, educational improvement, and standards by Major field.

4) Participating Countries

As of June 2025, the Washington Accord includes 25 full member countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada, as well as 7 provisional member countries. The Seoul Accord includes 13 full member countries and 3 provisional member countries.

B. Benefits of Engineering Education Accreditation

Graduates of accredited engineering programs receive the following benefits:

- 1) Development of internationally recognized Major competence and the ability to apply it to solve real-world problems
- 2) Development of a strong academic foundation that enables continuous growth in a changing environment
- 3) Assignment of a Major advisor from the first year and systematic academic and career guidance through advising meetings
- 4) Recognition of academic qualifications equivalent to those of local university graduates when seeking employment in Washington Accord and Seoul Accord member countries, such as the United States, the United Kingdom, and Japan
- 5) Employment benefits, such as additional points in document screening or interview stages at more than 60 leading companies, including Samsung, Hyundai, LG Electronics, SK, KT, NHN, and AhnLab

C. Application for and Completion of Accredited Engineering Majors

After admission, students select and participate in an advanced Engineering Education Accreditation program at the beginning of the semester and complete the designated curriculum under the guidance of their academic advisor.

At Handong Global University, students may change their Major even after selecting the Engineering Education Accreditation track. However, while changing from an accredited track to a non-accredited track is relatively easy, changing in the opposite direction may be burdensome. Therefore, freshman who are considering an accredited track are encouraged to begin with the accredited track first and later change their Major if their desired Major changes.

Appendix 2.

Apostille and Consular Authentication Guideline

Guideline to Submission of Documents for Verification of Academic Records from Overseas Schools

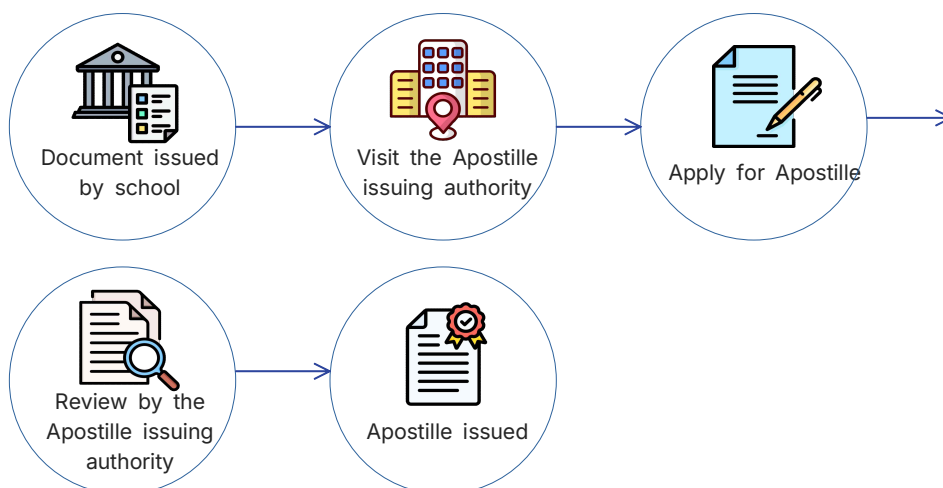
Applicants must obtain one of the following two types of authentication, where applicable, for graduation and transcript/enrollment documents issued by overseas high schools and submit them during the document submission period.

- Academic documents, such as graduation/degree certificates and transcripts, authenticated with Apostille
- Academic documents, such as graduation/degree certificates and transcripts, authenticated by the Korean consulate in the country where the school is located

Applicants with Academic Documents from Apostille Convention Member countries

- Apostille Convention
 - 1) The Apostille Convention refers to the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, which entered into force in the Republic of Korea on July 14, 2007.
 - 2) To facilitate the mutual recognition of public documents among member countries, the Convention abolishes the consular authentication process by foreign diplomatic missions and allows the country that issued the public document to authenticate it.
 - 3) Documents from Apostille Convention member countries that have been authenticated with Apostille have the same effect as documents authenticated by overseas Korean diplomatic missions.
- Applicants may refer to the Hague Conference on Private International Law website, www.hcch.net, for information on Apostille-related authorities by country.

• Apostille Issuance Procedure



**Applicants with
Academic Documents
from Non-Member
Countries**

- Applicants must obtain Consular Authentication from the Korean diplomatic mission, such as the embassy or consulate, located in the relevant country.

Institution	Contact Information
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	+82-02-2100-7600, +82-02-3210-0404
Ministry of Education	+82-02-6222-6060

Appendix 3.

Essential Information for Transfer Students

Special Regulations on Major Selection for Transfer Students

- Transfer students are free to select any faculty or major.
- Changes to the selected major are not permitted during the first semester of admission.
- A major change is allowed only once, by the end of the first semester of the junior (3rd) year.
(The second major can be changed anytime before the start of the 8th semester.)
- Tuition fees will be applied based on the major selected at the time of application.
- * For detailed regulations on major combinations (such as eligible interdisciplinary majors), please refer to the [04 Department and Major Information](#).

Credit Recognition Regulations for Transfer Students

Transfer Type	Maximum Credit Recognition
Sophomore (2nd Year) Transfer	Up to 32 credits
Junior (3rd Year) Transfer	Up to 65 credits

- Eligibility: Credit recognition is strictly limited to courses completed by the applicant that are explicitly listed on the official transcript submitted at the time of application (course titles and grades must be fully verifiable).
- Method of Recognition: Within the allowable limit, credits will be recognized as General Education, Practical Courses, or Major credits. Any remaining credits that are not categorized into these requirements will be counted as Free Electives.
- If credits earned at the previous university are recognized as major credits at this university, double major students can have a maximum of only 18 credits recognized per major. Therefore, students must complete the remaining major credits required for graduation and fulfill the graduation requirements for General Education and Practical Courses. As a result, the graduation of transfer students may be delayed.
- The evaluation of earned credits for transfer eligibility screening and the subsequent credit recognition evaluation after admission are conducted separately. Therefore, not all credits earned at the previous university and submitted at the time of application may be accepted by this university.
- * The scope of credit recognition is subject to change in accordance with revisions to relevant university regulations.

Education Track (Major Credits Required for Graduation)	Credit Recognition Limit
Double Major (33 credits + 33 credits)	Up to 18 credits per major
Single Major (66 credits)	Up to 33 credits
Single Major (60 credits)	Up to 30 credits
Minor	Up to 12 credits per program

Appendix 4. Handong Standard

As a Christian university, Handong Global University is a community where students, faculty, and staff pursue a Christ-centered life based on the Bible. This signifies preserving Handong's unique history and singular mission, which will be fulfilled through God's providence.

Handong Global University was established in 1995 to pursue not only academic excellence but also to serve as a cradle for character education. In a society dominated by secular values and where moral accountability is fading, our goal is to educate students who will serve as exemplary leaders in their respective places of life with honesty, wisdom, and moral courage.

This vision is a holy challenge for Handongins to live with a biblical value system that is distinct from the value systems of secular culture, and an invitation to the eternal value system of the Kingdom of God witnessed by the Bible, the Word of God, and the life of Jesus Christ. Various programs and community activities at Handong are designed to cultivate these "Kingdom of God values" in students' lives.

The following are the fundamental biblical virtues pursued by the Handong community:

Love Love is expressed when we willingly welcome, cherish, respect, and forgive others, and when we humbly serve even at the cost of personal sacrifice. Overflowing in our hearts due to God's holy love, this love possesses a wondrous power to heal and transform the lives of both the giver and the receiver.

Wisdom Wisdom manifests as the ability to discern what is good, right, and true. Reverence toward God and knowledge of Him grant insight into the true nature of things (Proverbs 2). Guided by this wisdom, we can make the right choices daily and exercise sound judgment regarding the world around us. True wisdom bears good fruit and protects us from a futile and meaningless life.

Honesty Honesty is displayed in a person whose thoughts, speech, and actions align with truth and moral standards. To be honest means to have a "pure heart" and "truth in the inward parts" (Matthew 5:8, Psalm 51:6,10). Honesty, which reveals oneself without pretense before God and people, provides the ultimate courage to stand firmly against injustice and ungodliness.

Purity Purity can be viewed as an extension of honesty. Purity of heart leads to sexual purity, which protects sex as a gift from God. Sexual purity fosters respect for God, oneself, and others, and enables and preserves the mysterious union between two partners within the covenant of marriage. Sexual misuse and the failure of such purity degrade human integrity and leave deep wounds in the soul and life.

Self-Control Self-control refers to regulating our desires, emotions, thoughts, and actions with the help of the Holy Spirit. Because we possess a natural tendency to easily succumb to indulgence, maturity cannot be attained without self-control. Without intentional discipline and continuous effort, love, wisdom, honesty, and purity will crumble, and the spiritual gifts we have received will become futile.

The virtues mentioned above cannot simply be reduced to regulations, as they stem from a godly character. Every individual, being created in the image of God, can cultivate this character to some extent.

Ultimately, however, we can fully form this character through the assistance of the Holy Spirit working within us. Therefore, Handong strives to provide students preparing to change the world with numerous opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ personally and grow as His disciples.

There may be Handongins who do not agree with the Christian worldview and faith. However, we believe that these principles will benefit all members belonging to the Handong community, not just Christian believers. Therefore, we expect all members of Handong to respect the university's norms and willingly participate in programs and activities designed to develop these virtues.

To cultivate a steadfast Christian spirit, Handong Global University has been dedicated to providing

students with a safe and healthy community environment. Such a community will support students' personal, intellectual, moral, social, and spiritual growth. Accordingly, the Handong community strictly rejects the following behaviors and practices that damage the lives of both individuals and the community:

1. Possession, purchase of alcohol, and state of intoxication
2. Premarital sex, cohabitation, sexual harassment, pornography, and homosexual acts
3. Obscene expressions in language, attire, performances, exhibitions, etc.
4. Abortion
5. Cheating on exams, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty
6. Illicit activities such as drug trafficking and use, theft, violence, and gambling

Handong's battle cry, "Why not change the world?", signifies, above all, a call to change ourselves first. In other words, it is a call to achieve transformation through obedience to the lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives, growth in grace, wisdom, and knowledge, the power to be set free by the truth, and a beautiful sense of morality.