

YONSEI

Toward Truth and Freedom

EMPOWERING YONSEI

연 세 다 움

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Yonsei University has always followed the righteous path through the twists and turns of Korea's modern history. As a distinguished global academic institution, Yonsei has made significant contributions to society and humanity. Inheriting this prestigious tradition, we aim to advance into a new era of Yonsei, thereby opening the gateway to the future with what makes us uniquely YONSEI.

In the age of "Big Blur," we are experiencing the collapse of boundaries between academia and industry. We are confronted with the dual challenges of digital transformation and energy transition on the fiercely competitive battlefield of innovation. Words like creativity, consilience, and convergence have long since become keywords in our society. Innovation is the only way to stay relevant in this rapidly changing international environment.

Yonsei's enduring mission for 139 years has been to nurture talents who drive innovation and change. We will continue to build on this foundation, to cultivate individuals who proactively tackle the problems of global society while pursuing the values of coexistence. We will strengthen programs that foster creative future talent, such as the "Student-Designed Semester," enabling students to freely explore academia, to grow as independent agents of the future society.

Yonsei's key asset is the optimal campus in which we can navigate diverse academic disciplines. We aim to bring together Yonsei's academic capabilities to address: the meaning and quality of a healthy life in an aging society; redefine human dignity and ethics in the era of artificial intelligence; implement ecological practices to confront climate crises; and consolidate efforts to solve international

conflicts and societal challenges. This interdisciplinary research initiative is rooted in a humanistic understanding of humanity and nature embedded in Yonsei spirit. With a focus on future sustainability, including artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and renewable energy, Yonsei will seek to elevate our global research competitiveness.

The new Yonsei era will be realized through "Empowering Yonsei," founded on the principles of "governance centered on respect and communication." Enhancing the pride of the Yonsei community through the autonomous and responsible operation of each unit is the first step towards being Yonsei. Ensuring a happy campus, where all Yonseians can pursue studies, research, and personal growth to their hearts' content, will indeed be the shortcut for Yonsei to leap forward into a future beyond boundaries. Please join us on this journey.

20th President of Yonsei University
DONG-SUP YOON





Mission Statement

Yonsei University is dedicated to educate future leaders of our society in the spirit of Christianity, fostering a strong and lasting commitment to the principles of truth and freedom. "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples, then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" [John 8:31-32]

TRUTH & FREEDOM

Philosophy

Yonsei University serves as the "alma mater" of all arts and sciences to nurture leaders who will contribute to the Korean and international society, in the ecumenical spirit of Christian teaching epitomized in its motto of "truth and freedom." Yonseians will inherit mankind's cultural legacy, and lead academic development through creativity and critical thinking. We will also serve others with an open heart, and contribute to the prosperity of humankind.

With these missions, we Yonseians will demonstrate our leadership to realize the Yonsei spirit globally.



EXCELLENCE

- Pursue trailblazing research and knowledge that can solve challenges facing the planet and humankind
- Renew Yonsei as a place of learning that leads the world

Yonsei:
Toward Truth
and Freedom

Innovative Leaders with
a Community Spirit

- Shift the paradigm of university education in the era of blurred boundaries and hyperconnectivity
- Create global impact through convergence and industry-academic cooperation

INNOVATION

ENGAGEMENT

- Practice social inclusion and sustainable coexistence in the spirit of Christianity
- Nurture leaders that contribute to Korean society and education

Yonsei's history is consistent with the milestones of South Korea's social development.

Yonsei University was founded in 1885 by visionaries who recognized the value of education that transcends racial and national boundaries.

The pure passion and dedication of Yonsei's founders to nurture future leaders in the service of humanity live on to this day. Over the past 139 years, approximately 370,000 people have earned a degree at Yonsei University, contributing to the development of society in the spirit of truth and freedom.



1904. 9
Through a donation from Mr. L. H. Severance, the hospital is reconstructed, and the medical college is finalized.

1957. 1
Yonhi University and Severance Medical College merge to become Yonsei University.

1957



1978. 10
Wonju Campus (College of Health Science) is established.



1985. 5
Yonsei University celebrates its 100th anniversary.

1885



1885. 4
Gwanghyewon, Korea's first modern hospital, is founded as a royal hospital.

1917. 4
Chosun Christian College is accredited as Yonhi College, a private institution. Humanities, Mathematics and Physics, Business, Agriculture and Theology is newly accredited.



1959. 4
Korean Language Institute is established.

2007. 3
Wonju Campus starts the first Residential College (RC) education in Korea.



2010



2010. 3
International Campus officially opens.

2014. 4
Yonsei Cancer Center is opened.



2011. 3
Residential College (RC) education begins at the International Campus.

2022. 6
Yonsei ranks 1st among Asian Private Universities and 73rd globally in the QS World University Rankings 2023.

2022. 10
Yonsei ranks 78th globally in the THE World University Rankings 2023.

2023. 6
Yonsei ranks 1st among Asian Private Universities and 76th globally in the QS World University Rankings 2024.



2021. 9
LearnUs is opened to the public.

World-class research and education competitiveness

Yonsei University is widely recognized as a world-class university.

It is steadily gaining recognition in global university rankings, including 1st among Asian Private Universities and 76th globally in the QS World University Rankings 2024, 78th globally in the THE World University Rankings 2023, and 123rd worldwide in Nature Index 2023.

Campuses

25/2/20

25 Colleges + 2 Division + 20 Graduate Schools

THE Impact Rankings 2023

14th
1st in Korea

QS World University Rankings 2024

76th

1st among Asian Private Universities

Students

(Unit: Number of Persons)

40,533

Faculty

(Unit: Number of Persons)

6,506

Number of Courses

(* as of 2023 Spring Semester)

7,301

Article Publications

(Unit: Case, 2022)

7,210

International Students

(Unit: Number of Persons)

5,868 (14.5%)

International Faculty

(Unit: Number of Persons)

351 (5.4%)

Research Funding

(Unit: Billion KRW, 2022)

532.5

Scholarship

(Unit: Billion KRW)

160.7

On-Campus Housing Capacity

(Unit: Number of Persons)

14,465

Alumni

(Unit: Number of Persons)

370,818

138

138TH ANNIVERSARY

733

GLOBAL ALLIANCE NETWORK

* As of April 1, 2023

Digital Literacy

Educating Digital Competence with Knowledge in the Humanities

Yonsei University has taken the responsibility to nurture neo-renaissance talent that will lead the Fourth Industrial Revolution and has initiated educational innovation that is transforming the paradigm of higher education. All Yonsei students are now eligible to receive digital literacy training. Yonsei has established various institutions and infrastructure for advanced education to enable students, the leaders of the next generation, to collect and analyze data and deploy computational reasoning skills, with extensive knowledge of the humanities.



LearnUs, an Advanced Virtual Educational Platform for the Digital Age

LearnUs is an innovative educational system that utilizes cutting-edge technology, such as AI and immersive media, including VR, AR, and XR. With LearnUs, which will be available to users worldwide, Yonsei University aims to use virtual platforms that go beyond traditional boundaries such as edX or Coursera.



Establishment of a Digital Creative Campus

In 2017, as part of its digital education program for fostering future talent who will lead the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Yonsei University formed a strategic partnership with Adobe for the first time in Asia. The collaboration enabled all members of the university to use applications and services offered via the Adobe Creative Cloud (ACC) for research, study, and personal development.

Building Educational ICT Infrastructure

Yonsei University is laying out an educational infrastructure to support capacity-building in the use and production of immersive media, including VR, AR, and XR, and to run programs for strengthening production-related skills. Accordingly, the university established the XR Lab, which is furnished with high-end equipment and software optimized for creating immersive media content, and Y-Scape, where students can experience and explore various immersive media content.



Kang Tae-eun
Student, Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Division

University Social Responsibility

Fostering Leaders with a Community-oriented Mindset



Faced by an uncertain future due to rapid technological advancement and changes in the global environment, Yonsei University recognizes the sustainable development of humanity as a key goal. To this end, Yonsei has established various institutions, including the Institute for Global Engagement & Empowerment (IGEE) and the Institute for Higher Education Innovation (IHEI), to provide programs and activities that will help resolve social issues.



Institute for Higher Education Innovation (IHEI), Providing Hands-on Training Centered on Problem Solving

The Institute for Higher Education Innovation was established to foster future-oriented talent who can understand the challenges of those in need and proactively address the social issues that they face. It implements an on-site training curriculum and extracurricular activities that build students' social innovation capacity.

Institute for Global Engagement & Empowerment (IGEE), Fostering Global Citizens

The Institute for Global Engagement & Empowerment was founded in 2017 under the leadership of Honorary Chairman Ban Ki-moon, the 8th UN Secretary-General. Since then, IGEE has hosted the Global Engagement & Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development (GEEF), and undertaken diverse training and volunteer activities to cultivate global citizens.



Yonsei University Health System (YUHS), Empowering People through Treatment beyond Borders

The Yonsei University Health System provides financial support to patients in need and runs various programs that help patients readjust to society after treatment by providing holistic care. Ongoing medical service-based social projects include the Severance 1% Sharing Movement, Good Samaritan SOS Project, and Global Severance, Global Charity.



Ban Ki-moon
Former Honorary Chairman,
Institute for Global Engagement and Empowerment (IGEE)

Research-oriented University

Research Environment for the Future

Yonsei University provides an environment and system that helps researchers to focus solely on their research, which is key to university competitiveness. Yonsei is enhancing its status as a research oriented university by continually improving its proactive research support system and policies (including administrative support, allocation of research facilities, and joint research-matching), thereby promoting more creative research, innovative technology, and knowledge gathering.



Chae Chan-Byoung
Professor, School of Integrated Technology

Research Support Administrative System

Yonsei University introduced on-site research support to provide customized administrative services for researchers. The Office of Research Affairs has strengthened research data collection and analysis to support research policy establishment, to provide research performance analyses tailored to researchers, and to provide updated information on trends in major R&D projects and policy changes. The existing fund management system has been expanded and reorganized into the Research Management System II, and a paperless system has been established to simplify research administration, thus creating a research-oriented environment.



Improved Research Support for Newly-Appointed Faculty

Recruiting outstanding faculty is crucial for strengthening university research competitiveness. To build a creative research atmosphere and to encourage the spirit of challenge in our newly-appointed faculty, Yonsei University has operated the Research Initiative for the Future since 2014.

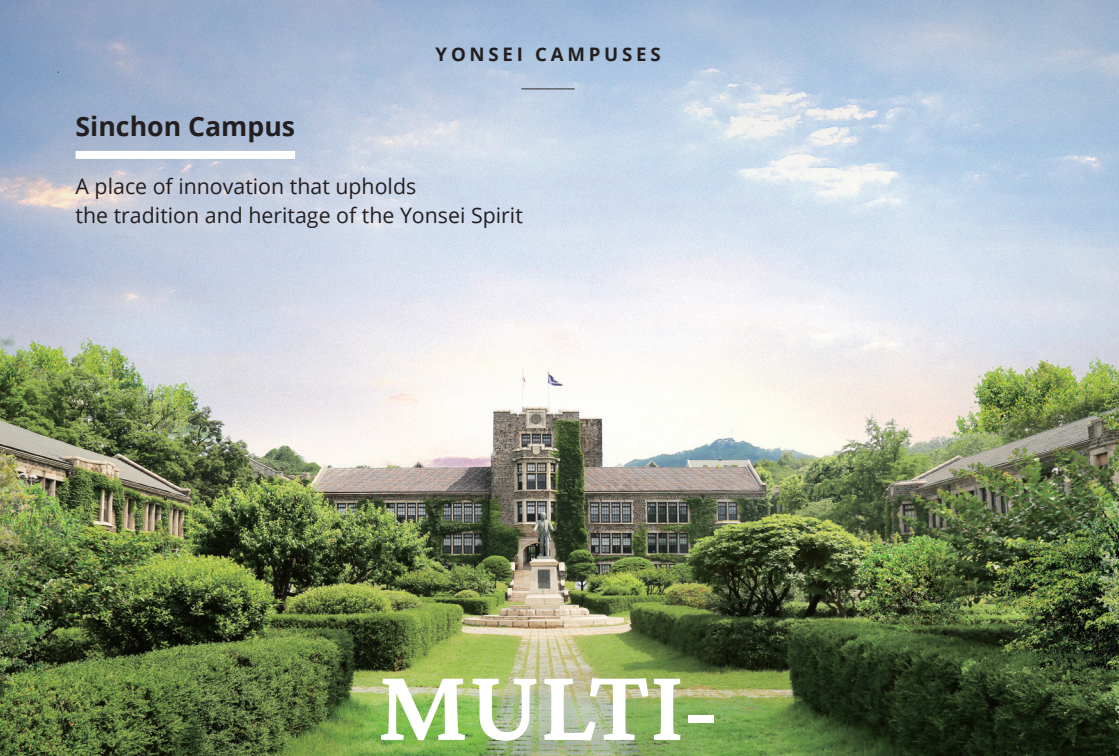
Support Platforms for International Collaborative Research

Yonsei Frontier Lab was opened in 2017 to help Yonsei researchers communicate seamlessly with leading researchers around the world. Yonsei University also established Open Network Lab, a joint research hub for researchers, to provide a support platform for international joint research.



Sinchon Campus

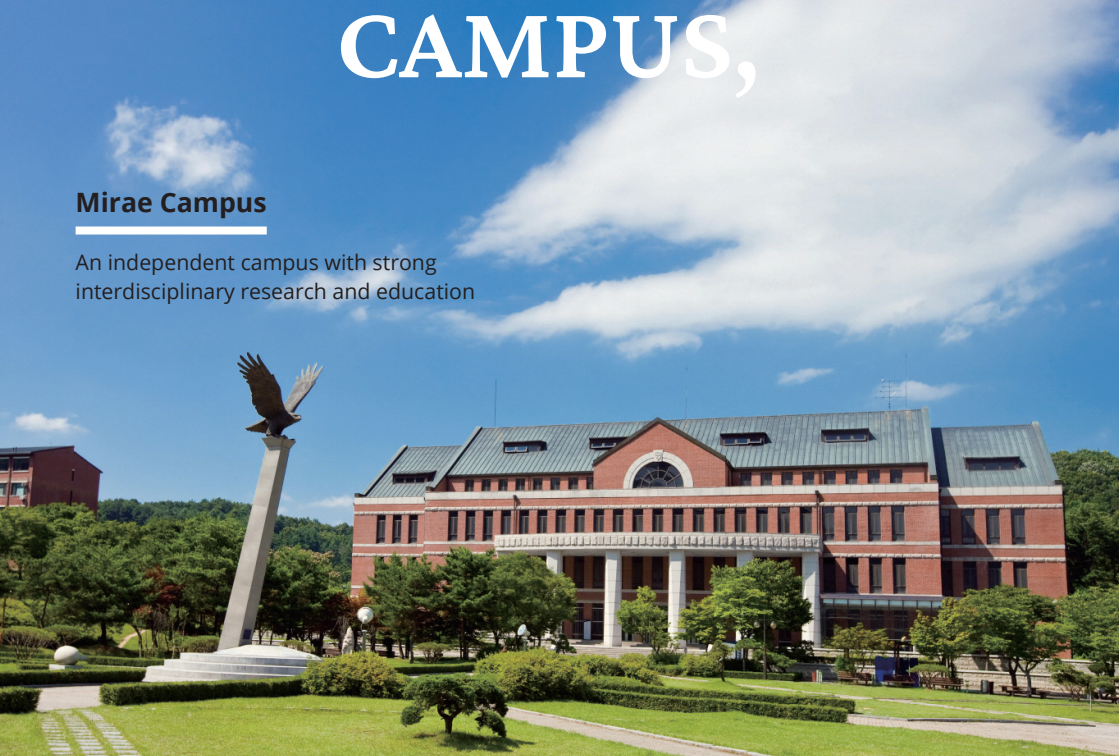
A place of innovation that upholds
the tradition and heritage of the Yonsei Spirit



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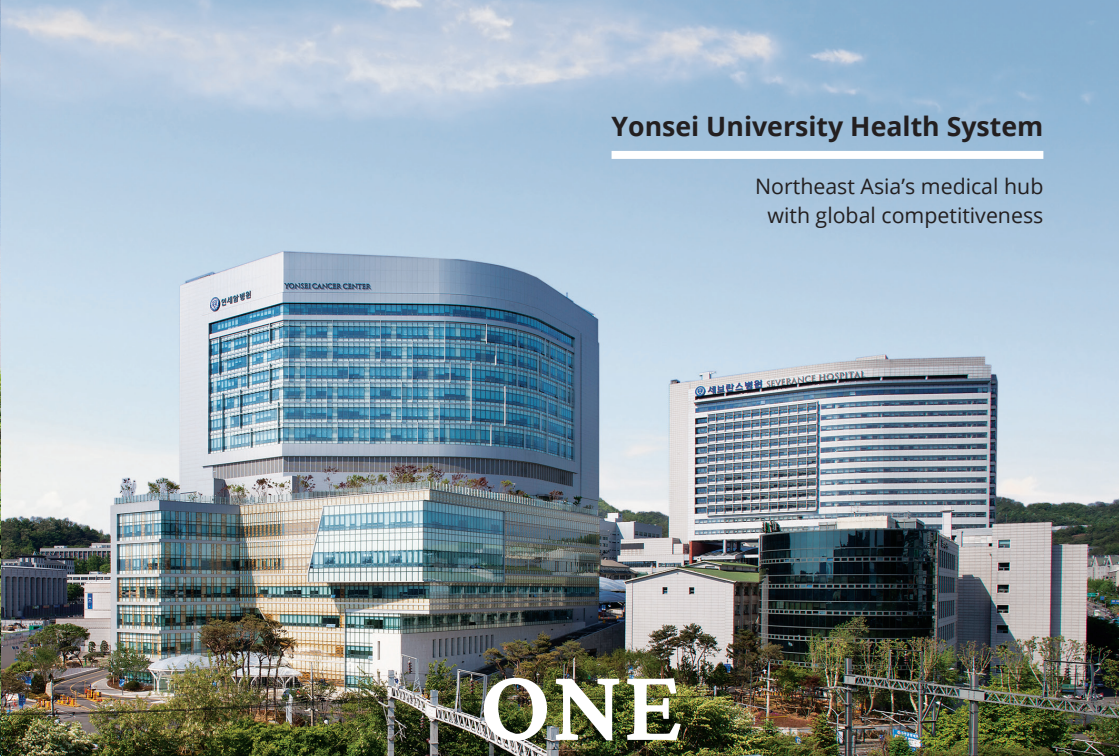
Mirae Campus

An independent campus with strong
interdisciplinary research and education



Yonsei University Health System

Northeast Asia's medical hub
with global competitiveness



ONE
YONSEI

International Campus

The center of
innovative global education





Underwood Courtyard on a spring day full of radiant flowers. Cheongsongdae Park on a summer day with greenery galore. Picturesque trails of fall foliage on autumn days. The white snowscape of Baekyang Road in winter. At Yonsei's beautiful campuses throughout all four seasons, students attain wisdom and virtue while broadening their horizons.



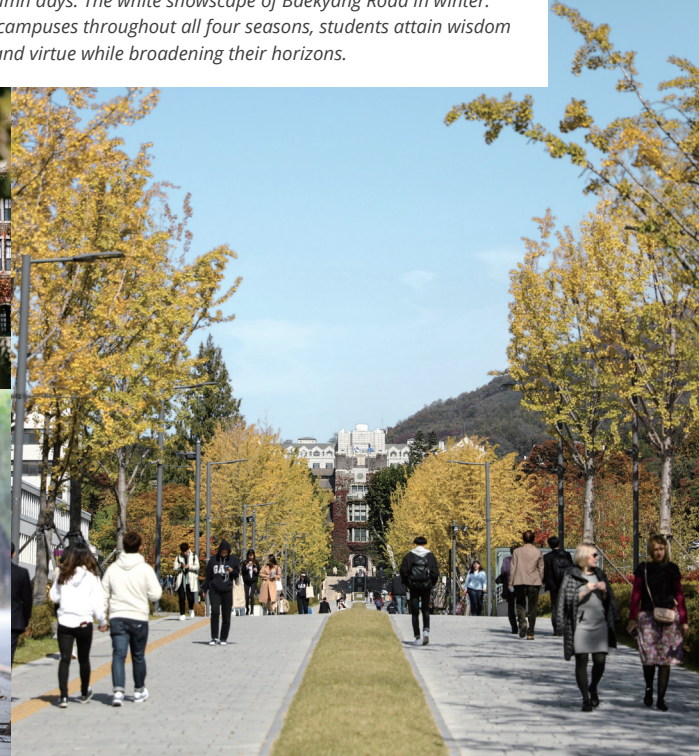
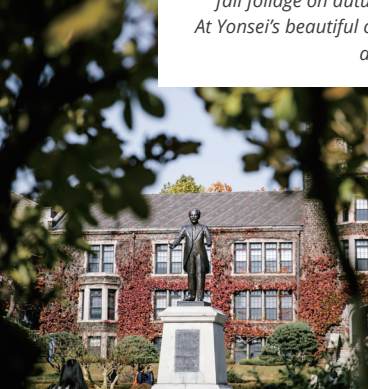
A place of intelligence and passion, the Yonsei campus embraces the energy of youth with large-scaled festivals such as Muak Festival, Yonsei-Korea Games, cheering event AKARAKA, Onnuri, and cultural events held by various student clubs. The Yonsei culture of harmony and communication is becoming a tradition that encourages creative thinking, individuality, and pride as a Yonseian.



Situated in the political, economic, social, and cultural center of Korean society, Yonsei University has witnessed the history of growth and development of the nation. Its campuses are located in the heart of global Korea, serving as a communication and convergence hub for scholars and experts coming from all over the world.



Yonsei University Sinchon Campus is located in the middle of downtown Seoul, the capital of Korea, where tradition and cutting-edge technology coexist. Seoul is a colorful, metropolitan city with a population of 10 million, while also a cultural hotspot for historical sites such as Gyeongbokgung Palace, Deoksugung Palace, and Sungnyemun Gate.



the Blue

The legacy of our founders who practiced the values of sharing and devotion in this much-beleaguered nation 139 years ago continues to this day through the Yonsei spirit of truth and freedom. Yonsei University has stood firm as the steward of economic development and democratization of Korea. Underlying the historical success is the creative insight of Yonseians, together with their unflagging dedication to community and society. Even now, as a new period in our globally-shared civilization begins, Yonseians shine brightly in their unique ways, as they faithfully follow their calling. Here is a short list of Yonseians, whom we celebrate for the year 2024.

Yonseians Shining Brightly



Bong Joon Ho

Film Director, Sociology '88

With his movie *Parasite*, Bong swept up awards at nearly every major international film festival between 2019 and 2020 — a monumental achievement in the 100-year history of Korean film.



Suh Kyung-bae

Chairman and CEO, Amorepacific group, Business '81

Suh is one of the most respected business icons in Korea. His single-minded dedication to R&D in traditional medicine and western cosmetics is the secret in making Amorepacific a global name in the beauty and health industry.



Lee Juyeol

Former Governor of Bank of Korea, Business '70

Well-versed in macroeconomic and financial markets, Lee is the very person who makes decisions on currency and credit policies in Korea.



Cheon Jinwoo

Director of IBS Center for Nanomedicine, Chemistry '81

Cheon has made remarkable achievements in connecting nanoscience to medicine, enabling research in the field of nanomedicine for the first time in Korea.



Kwon Sun-joo

Former Chairman & CEO of Industrial Bank of Korea, English Language and Literature '74

Kwon is the first woman to have assumed the title of CEO of a Korean bank and is currently a non-executive director of KB Financial Group.

on the Global Stage



John A. Linton

Director of Severance Hospital International Health Care Center, Medicine '80

Linton is taking the lead in helping the underprivileged and is reaching out to help tuberculosis patients in North Korea, who have no access to professional medical care.



Han Kang

Writer, Korean Language and Literature '89

In 2016, Han was the first person from Asia to win the UK Man Booker International Prize, for her book *The Vegetarian*.



John Delury

Professor of Graduate School of International Studies

As a member of the 21st Century Leaders Council of the [U.S.] National Committee on American Foreign Policy, John Delury is one of the leading experts in U.S.-China relations, politics, and history on the Korean Peninsula and East Asia.

Yonsei University collaborates with 733 partner universities in 79 countries to provide various opportunities for students around the world to develop their perspectives and insights as global citizens. Yonsei offers degree programs and study abroad programs to help outstanding students from abroad gain academic excellence while experiencing Korean language, society, and culture.

Study at Yonsei

Underwood International College (UIC)

Underwood International College is a highly selective, English-language, four-year liberal arts institution, which combines the intimate, elite learning environment of an American-style liberal arts college with the faculty and resources of Korea's top private research university. UIC students can choose from an extensive list of classes conducted entirely in English and taught by a distinguished group of international and Korean scholars. With a student body drawn from around the world (3,299 students from 82 countries), UIC is becoming a globally renowned liberal arts college.

uic.yonsei.ac.kr



Global Leaders College (GLC)

Global Leaders College is committed to providing education to talented people and to equipping them to play key roles in the international stage based on their overall understanding of Korean culture, politics, and economy. In parallel with its curriculum mainly delivered in Korean, GLC offers a variety of educational services including customized academic guidance and face-to-face writing tutorials as well as ample Korean cultural programs. As of 2023, GLC consists of nearly 1,150 students from 38 countries and accommodates five majors in International Commerce, Korean Language & Culture Education, Culture & Media, Bio & Living Engineering, and Applied Information Engineering.

glc.yonsei.ac.kr

Global MBA (GMBA)

Founded in 1998, the Yonsei Global MBA program is the first full-time MBA in Korea where all classes are conducted in English. The Yonsei Global MBA program cultivates creative and ethical professional managers with a global perspective through outstanding education and leading research. Graduates are active world leaders in various fields, including corporate management. GMBA ranked 52nd globally by The Times Higher Education/Wall Street Journal in 2018.

mba.yonsei.ac.kr



in Korea

Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS)

The Graduate School of International Studies was established in 1987 to meet the growing global demand for international academic institutions and to educate individuals to become global experts. Yonsei GSIS offers Master's and Doctoral degree programs in various languages - Korean Studies (English), Global Studies (English), Global Citizenship and Cooperation (Chinese), and Global Citizenship and Sustainable Development (Multilingual (mainly Korean)). More than 80% of the Yonsei GSIS students are international students from diverse cultural backgrounds. Dual degree and exchange programs with over 650 partner universities in 70 countries also enable GSIS students to graduate with a key competitive edge.

gsis.yonsei.ac.kr



Yonsei International Summer School (YISS)

YISS offers a wide range of courses taught by leading experts and professors, also featuring internship programs that help students gain real-life work experience. The exciting learning environment continues outside the classroom with a variety of extracurricular activities.

summer.yonsei.ac.kr



Winter Abroad at Yonsei (WAY)

WAY offers two separate sessions that focus on academic achievement with various courses and intensive Korean language courses along with special cultural and historical lectures. Participants can enjoy special Korean winter activities on the weekends.

winter.yonsei.ac.kr



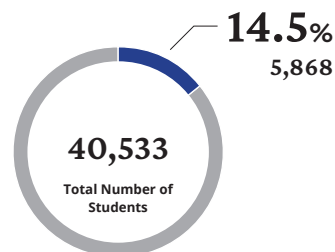
Korean Language Institute (KLI)

Founded in 1959, the Korean Language Institute (KLI) has been playing a key role in Korean language education around the world, teaching Korean language and culture to international students, professors, and diplomats.

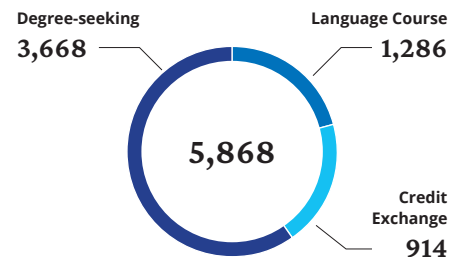
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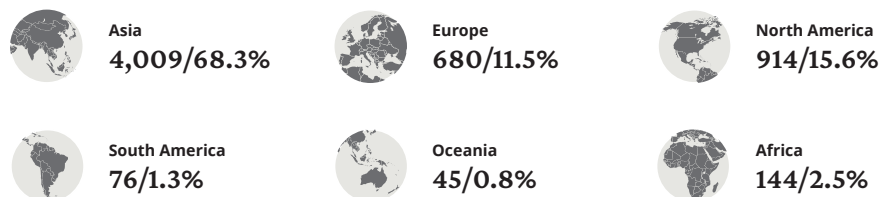
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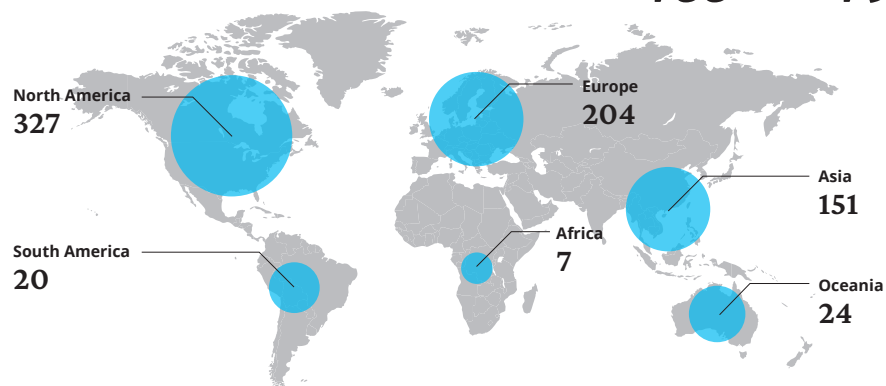


International Students from Global



University-wide Partner Institutions

Partner Institutions **733** Countries **79**



Department-level Partner Institutions: 419 partner institutions in 57 countries

Yonsei University's challenges for the future

The noble spirit of “Yonsei: Toward Truth and Freedom” has persevered throughout the waves of modern Korean history for the last 139 years and will continue making strides.

Please join us on our journey for the sustainable development of humankind.

More...

Please refer to the web page for more information.

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