

Summer at Yonsei 2023 Info Sheet

Location

- Seoul, South Korea
- [Yonsei International Summer School](#) (YISS)

Program Dates

- YISS 2023
 - June 15: Internship Orientation (only for internship students)
 - June 16: Internship First Day (only for internship students)
 - June 25: On-Campus Housing Check-In
 - June 26: Orientation
 - June 27: Classes Begin
 - August 4: On-Campus Housing Check-Out
- CGIS students participate in the YISS 6-week track.
- Please check the [YISS Academic Calendar](#) regularly as dates can change.
- Late arrivals and early departures are not permitted.

YISS Courses

- Courses are taught in English by local and international faculty.
- Korean language courses are optional.
- Each YISS course is worth 3 credits.
- Students can take between 1-3 YISS courses (3-9 credits).
- Students who receive financial aid must take at least 6 credits abroad during the spring/summer term in order to receive financial aid.
- [YISS Course List](#)

Credit and Transcript

- LSA students earn UM in-residence credit for courses taken abroad. Non-LSA students earn transfer credit.

- All students should meet with their UM academic advisor and/or major/minor advisor to discuss how abroad courses will count towards specific degree requirements. CGIS advisors do not advise on this.
- After completion of the program, YISS will send the student transcripts to the CGIS office. CGIS will process all of the grades and credits and that information will be reported on your UM transcript.
- All YISS grades will factor into your UM GPA.

YISS Internship (optional)

- YISS offers an optional internship component. There are two internship options:
 - [Research Internship](#)
 - [Corporate Internship](#)
- Internships are for credit. Each internship is worth 2 credits.
- Internships are graded on a pass/no pass basis.
- Internships are unpaid.
- Internship students typically work around 105 hours in total.
- No Korean language ability is required for an internship. However, the better your Korean language ability, the more internship opportunities there are.
- Students interested in an internship must first be admitted to the YISS program. There will then be a separate internship application period.
 - The 2023 internship application period runs from February 1 to March 16.
- The internship application is competitive. Not all applicants will be granted an internship position.
- Internship students have to arrive a bit earlier to Korea as the internships begin before the regular YISS courses. Usually, internship students have to arrive around 10 days before the regular YISS program begins. During this time each student is responsible for their own accommodation and meals. Internship students cannot check into YISS housing until the regular check-in date.
- Students who are doing an internship can do one of the following options:
 - YISS internship + 1 YISS course (5 credits)
 - YISS internship + 2 YISS courses (8 credits)
- Students who receive financial aid must take at least 6 credits abroad during the spring/summer term.
- Internship applicants need to pay the full YISS tuition fee payment by March 23. Applications with outstanding tuition balance will not be considered.

Program Competitiveness

- The YISS program is not considered competitive.
- CGIS typically sends between 30-40 students each summer.
- There is a good chance that applicants will be admitted. Yonsei makes the final admission decision.

- The optional internship application is competitive. Not all internship applicants will be granted an internship position.

Application Process

- There are two parts to the Summer at Yonsei application:
 - CGIS part completed on MCompass
 - Deadline: February 1, 2023
 - YISS part completed on YISS portal
 - Students must be first nominated by CGIS in order to apply to YISS.
 - Nominated students will receive instructions and a link to the YISS portal to begin the YISS application.
 - CGIS requires that YISS nominees complete the YISS part of the application by an earlier date than is shown on the YISS website. The date that is set by CGIS to complete the YISS part of the application is typically in very early March. CGIS will inform students of this date when they are nominated.
- YISS makes the final admission decision.

Fees and Payment

- YISS charges a **non-refundable** application fee of 100,000 KRW, approximately \$81 USD. This fee is paid by the applicant directly to YISS.
- Students on the YISS program do not pay UM tuition. Instead, students pay the YISS tuition and YISS housing payments directly to YISS.
- YISS fees are paid by wire transfer or by credit/debit card through Flywire.
- YISS Tuition Fees
 - 1 YISS Course = 1,650,000 KRW (\$1,260)
 - 2 YISS Courses = 3,050,000 KRW (\$2,329)
 - 3 YISS Courses = 3,650,000 KRW (\$2,787)
 - The USD figures above are estimates.
- Students are required to make YISS tuition and housing payments **before** UM financial aid and scholarship awards are disbursed. This can put some students into a financial bind.
- The only fee that is billed by UM Financial Services is the GeoBlue international health insurance fee.
- YISS tuition is due by May 25.
- YISS offers a tuition discount (10% off) called Early Bird Promotion if fees are paid before March 30.
- [YISS Fees and Payment](#)

Housing

- It is recommended that students stay in the YISS on-campus housing. However, staying in on-campus housing is not mandatory.

- There are two dormitories for international students at YISS:
 - SK Global House
 - SK Global House Double Room = 1,008,000 KRW (\$816)
 - SK Global House Single Room = 1,472,000 KRW (\$1,192)
 - International House
 - International House Double Room (Female Only) = 884,000 KRW (\$716)
 - The above USD figures are estimates.
- There are **no** meal plans at the dormitory.
- To be eligible for on-campus housing you must be first admitted to YISS.
- Students will apply for YISS housing during the housing application period (April 5 to April 11, 2023).
- Students must make the housing payment directly to YISS. The housing fee is different from the tuition fee.
- Students who stay in YISS on-campus housing must provide Tuberculosis (TB) test results upon check-in. Students can get a TB test done on campus at [UHS](#) for a cost of around \$31.
- [On-Campus Housing](#)

Other Expenses

- Besides paying for the YISS tuition and YISS housing, students are responsible for the following expenses:
 - Round trip airfare
 - Passport application (if needed)
 - K-ETA
 - Travel immunizations
 - COVID-19 expenses (if needed)
 - TB test
 - Books/academic supplies
 - Food
 - Local transportation
 - Personal expenses
- Please see the program budget sheets under the Finances tab in your MCompass account for more details on expenses.

Scholarships

- Eligible LSA students should apply for the [LSA Study Abroad Scholarship](#). The application deadline is February 1, 2023.
- Students may also be eligible to apply for the NAM Center [Summer in Korea Scholarship](#). The application deadline is March 1, 2023.
- YISS also offers their own [scholarships](#).
- Students can check [More Study Abroad Scholarships](#) for additional funding sources.

Financial Aid Abroad

- If you receive financial aid here at UM, you're able to use your financial aid package, in some form, towards your study abroad experience.
- The Office of Financial Aid (OFA) has a study abroad team within their office that deals specifically with financial aid on study abroad programs.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please make sure to contact the OFA:
 - Email: finaid.abroad@umich.edu
 - Phone: 734-763-6600
- To get an estimate of how much aid money you'll receive towards study abroad, you can complete the following OFA form:
 - [Study Abroad Estimate Worksheet](#)
 - To complete the worksheet, you can use the Summer at Yonsei budget sheet. This can be found under the Finances tab in your MCompass account.

Korea Visa

- US citizens can enter and stay up to 90 days in Korea without a visa.
- Non-US citizens should consult their local Korean embassy about entry requirements.
- All entrants to Korea must complete the online K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization), which costs 10,000 KRW (\$9 USD).