2026



Dongguk International Summer School

Memorable experience with K-Wave

at the center of Seoul





Session 2: July 6 ~ July 17 (2 weeks)

More Than Classes — It's a Journey Through Dongguk!

Discover Korean culture and society through lectures,

cultural excursions with Dongguk.

Learn, travel, and make memories that go beyond the classroom.





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ABOUT DONGGUK UNIVERSITY

Dongguk University is located in the heart of Seoul, the capital city of South Korea. Dongguk's campus, just below Seoul Tower is centrally located yet surrounded by a natural and peaceful setting. This prime location provides international students with the advantage of diverse cultural experiences. Over the past 119 years since its foundation, Dongguk University has been active in religious, political, social and cultural fields. In particular, it is considered to be in the highest level in Korea in the field of study of Buddhism, Criminal Justice and Film/Digital Media.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Korean and International students will be able to earn credits during the summer vacation learning about Korean Media, Culture, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences which are the study fields that Dongguk University is renowned for. Also, this program will be enriched with a special study tour to learn historical & social backgrounds of Korea beyond the boundary of the classroom.

WHY 2026 DISS?











THEMED COURSE

FUN & RICH CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

IMPORTANT DATES

	Dates	Remark
APPLICATION DAEDLINE	May 22, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE	May 29, 2026	Early-Bird Deadline: March 27, 2026
PROGRAM ORIENTATION	June 22, 2026	
CLASS BEGIN/END	- Session 1 : June 22 ~ July 3, 2026	
	- Session 2 : July 6 ~ July 17, 2026	
SPECIAL LECTURE	June 26, July 10, 2026	
FAREWELL PARTY	July 17, 2026	

^{*}Schedule is subject to change.

COURSE OFFERINGS

	Course Title	Area	
	Hallyu - Korean Popular Culture and Digital Technologies	V Movo (Hollyu)	
	K-Brand Communication Strategy	— K-Wave (Hallyu)	
	Korean Cinema Plus: Remakes, Revenge, Rebellion	— Film/Media	
SESSION 1	Korean Dystopian Content: From Parasite to Squid Game		
(June 22~July 3)	Korean Language and Culture (Basic / Intermediate)	Korean language/Culture	
	Buddhism and Contemporary World	Buddhism	
	Lead Better: Leadership Skills Workshop in 1:1 Management	Business/Communication	
	Comparative Criminal Justice : Theoretical Perspectives	Criminal Justice	
	Korean Popular Culture; Society & Media	— K-Wave (Hallyu)	
SESSION 2 (July 6 ~ July 17)	Korean Music in Context : from Traditional music to K-pop		
	Comparative Studies on World Cinema	Film/Media	
	Comparative Criminal Justice : System and Field	Criminal Justice	
	Nature-Inspired Engineering: Designs from the Natural World	Engineering	
	Cultivating Healthy Mind and Body with Meditation	Buddhism/Meditation	
	Korean Language and Culture (Basic / Intermediate)	Korean language/Culture	

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Featured Lecturer – A World-Leading Expert in K-Wave (Hallyu)



Prof. Dal Yong Jin
Distinguished Professor, Simon Fraser University
- A World-leading Expert in the field of K-Wave

| Ph. D., Program at the Institute of Communications Research University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois

Leading scholar of the Korean Wave (Hallyu), focusing on its global expansion through digital platforms and social media

Author of New Korean Wave: Transnational Cultural Power in the Age of Social Media, introducing the concept of Hallyu 2.0

| Director/researcher at SFU's Transnational Culture and Digital Technology Lab, influencing global scholarship on K-Wave.

Offering the course 'Hallyu - Korean Popular Culture and Digital Technologies' in Session 1

^{*} Applicants are responsible for confirming credit transfer availability with their home university advisors.

New Course Highlight – Engineering

The Course 'Nature-Inspired Engineering: Designs from the Natural World' in Session 2

by Prof. Mohamed Torbati from University of Southampton

- I This course introduces both engineering and non-engineering students to the fascinating world of nature-inspired engineering, exploring how innovations in various engineering disciplines have been shaped by observing and emulating biological solutions to complex problems.
- Students will gain a broad appreciation of creativity in engineering and learn fundamental design concepts while engaging with practical examples and interactive discussions relevant to everyday life.



Special Lectures

DISS provides a one-hour special lecture for each session to all participants, exploring how AI and innovation are transforming cultural production and driving the global rise of K-pop, offering insights into the forces shaping the Korean Wave today.



Special Lecture for Session 1

- Al, Cultural Production, and the Korean Wave

by Prof. Dal Yong Jin, Distinguished Professor, SFU

- Leading scholar of the Korean Wave (Hallyu), focusing on its global expansion through digital platforms and social media
- Author of New Korean Wave: Transnational Cultural Power in the Age of Social Media, introducing the concept of Hallyu 2.0



Special Lecture for Session 2

- Innovation and Evolution of K-pop

by Mr. Youngdae Kim, K-Pop Music Critic and Ethnomusicologist

Ph.D. in Ethnomusicology from the University of Washington, Seattle.
A member of the Selection Committee for the Korean Music Awards.
Author of multiple publications in Korea, including <u>BTS The Review:</u>
The Comprehensive Look at the Music of BTS and Korean Hip-hop: The Footprints of its Passion.

APPLICATION AND FEES



Application opens from January 5, 2026. All details will be announced on our website(Link)

	Price	Remark
Application Fee	KRW100,000	To be charged only once
Tuition Fee	KRW1,200,000/course	3 credits
ultural Activity Fee	KRW200,000/session	Optional
Insurance Fee	KRW15,000	Mandatory

ON-CAMPUS STUDENT RESIDENCE

	Check-in / Check-out	Price
Session 1	June 20, 2026 / July 4, 2026	KRW385,000
Session 2	July 5, 2026 / July 18, 2026	KRW364,000
Session 1, 2	June 20, 2026 / July 18, 2026	KRW679,000

- * Limited availability: first come, first served for students from partner universities
- * 2 Beds room with 1 shared bathroom
- * Extensions beyond the designated stay period are not allowed
- * Submission of TB test result (Negative) and an MMR vaccine certificate is required in advance



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

	Activities
Session 1	NANTA Performance Watching Baseball Game K-pop dance Experience HanRiver Cruise Ship
Session 2	Lotte World Tour Taekwondo Experience Traditional Market Tour Temple Culture Experience













SUMMER BUDDIES

Interact with summer buddies! You can experience Korea's unique culture by taking various day trips with Dongguk Summer Buddies. Apart from the activities, the buddies will assist you to adapt your life in Seoul!







^{*} The activities mentioned above may be subject to change based on circumstances

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