

Visa

All foreign (non-Korean) students who wish to study in Korea need to apply for a Visa. Please read below and find the Visa that applies to you.

All visa applications must be applied at the Korean embassy. Note that the following information is mainly a guideline and students should contact the Jurisdiction Korean Consular Office directly in your area for additional specific details.

To find more detailed inquiries about visas (D2, F4 and more) and your nearest Korean Embassy, please refer to the website at <http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/main/index.jsp>

1. Go to the website
2. Select your country at the bottom of the website
3. You may contact the embassy directly at the phone number indicated on the website

Required Documents

D-2 VISA: Study Abroad Visa (required for foreign students)

* Those seeking high level education (bachelor, master, doctor)

- A copy of certificate of business registration from Korean School
- Standard admission letter (issuance from the chief dean of a university) specifying the applicant's scholastic aptitude and finance capability
- Certificate of the latest scholastic achievement (official & original diploma or school transcript sealed)
- Official & original bank/financial statements (USD 13,000 per 1 year)

* Those seeking to engage in specific study

- A copy of certificate of business registration from Korean School
 - A certificate of the latest scholastic achievement
 - Reference or original documents that prove their financial capability
- (Reference not applicable for adopted children that had Korean nationality at birth)

F-4 VISA: Korean Residency Visa (students in relation with Korean Residents may apply)

* A person who had had Korean nationality and acquired foreign nationality

- Documents which prove the fact that he or she was a Korean nationality
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate (Original)
- Lost of Korean Nationality form

* A person with a parent(s) or grandparent(s) of foreign nationality who once held Korean nationality.

- Document(s) which proves the fact that his or her immediate ascendant was a Korean citizen
- Document(s) which proves the reason, date, month and year of acquiring a foreign nationality of oneself and one's immediate descendants. (ex. copy of citizenship certificate)
- Document which proves the relation of ascendant and descendant (ex. birth certificate)
- Renunciation of Korean Citizenship form of oneself and one's immediate descendants

Important Notice: You may need additional documents related to the law of nationality and military of Korea.

Please contact the [Jurisdiction Korean Consular Office directly in your area](#)

Here are other websites that you may find useful.

http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/main_en.pt

<https://www.visa.go.kr/>

- You may also call the Korean immigration office at **1345** without the area code for further assistance.

FAQ

1. What are the required documents that I need to apply for the Visa?

D2

You need to bring a certificate of admission from college to the embassy. Please contact the Korean embassy near you for further information.

F4

You need to apply for a visa at the embassy. You do not need a certificate of admission from college. Please ask the Korean embassy for detailed answers. Here are some of the questions that need answers

- What are your parents' date of birth?
- Were you born in Korea? / America?
- At the time you were born, what were your parents' nationality?
- When did you report the loss of nationality?

2. What is the validity of my visa?

D2 – 1 year

F4 – 3 years

3. Can I extend my D2/F4 visa?

Yes, if you would like to extend your visa, you need to go to an immigration office in Korea two months before the visa is due to expire.

D2

You need to bring

- Passport
- Alien Registration Card
- Domestic Residence Report Certificate
 - a. If you lived in a dormitory, ask school for the certificate
 - b. If you lived off campus, bring your residence contract
- Certificate of Enrollment
- You might also need your transcripts and balance certificate (please contact admissions office at Mason Korea for further assistance)

F4

You need to bring

- Passport
- Alien registration card
- Domestic Residence Report Certificate
 - a. If you lived in a dormitory, ask school for the certificate
 - b. If you lived off campus, bring your residence contract
- If you are a Korean male student, to confirm, please contact the Korean embassy for help with your military service. (Depends on your status, you may be required to fulfill the military service).

4. Can I take a semester off from college?

If you have a D2 visa and hope to take a semester off, you will have 15 days from the date of notice before you have to leave Korea. If you wish to return for the following semester, you will have to contact an immigration office to renew your D2 visa. If you would like to stay in Korea while your time off, you will have to have a legitimate reason that you take time off during the college year. You

then can extend your visa.

5. Can I work?

If you are on a D2 visa, you can only have a part-time job.

6. Can I open a bank account?

You need an Alien Registration Card. You can apply for it at an immigration office in Korea once you receive a D2 visa.

7. Can I buy a cellphone in Korea?

You need an Alien Registration Card. You can apply for it at an immigration office in Korea once you receive a D2 visa.

8. How long will it take for my visa to be processed?

You need to contact the embassy. (Approximately 2 weeks)

9. Will I be able to apply for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

If you are a US citizen please contact the **Office of Enrollment and Admissions**.

10. Are there any benefits in being a Virginia Resident?

If you are a Virginia Resident, please contact the **Office of Enrollment and Admissions**.

For those who would like to see if they qualify for Virginia residency, please refer to the website at <http://registrar.gmu.edu/students/domicile/faqs/>

Note:

US citizenship or permanent residency is usually required for state residency for tuition purposes. For an international student to be considered a state resident they must have a status that permits them to remain indefinitely in the United States. Students with nonimmigrant visa, such as a B, F, J or M status visa, will generally not be considered eligible for state residency status.

ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION for PROOF of VIRGINIA RESIDENCY

- Valid Driver's License or DMV ID Card with current physical address
- Current deed, mortgage statement, homeowner's insurance policy or bill, or residential rental/lease agreement
- U.S. or Virginia income tax return receipt or W-2/1099 from the previous year
- Utility bill, bank statement, car insurance or registration, not more than two months old
- U.S. Postal Service change of address confirmation form or postmarked U.S. mail with forwarding address label
- Virginia Voter Registration Card with current physical address
- Payroll check stub or Leave and Earnings Statement issued within the last two months
- Receipt for personal property taxes or real estate taxes paid within the last year
- Annual Social Security Statement for the current or preceding calendar year
- School registration for current year