

Spring Admission, 2026

Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul

General Guide

Welcome to the Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul (PSPS) at Yeungnam University. We're seeking passionate students from across the globe to join our transformative journey. In our vibrant academic setting, students evolve into visionary leaders. Inspired by the Saemaul Development's principles, our alumni are at the forefront of initiatives combatting poverty and championing a brighter, more harmonious world. Join us, and be a part of this global mission.

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I. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Department	Major	Degrees offered
Saemaul and International Development (SID)	Saemaul and International Development	Master of Saemaul Development Studies (MSDS)
		Master of Arts in Saemaul International Development (MA/SID)
		Master of Public Policy and Saemaul (MPPS)
Public Policy and Leadership (PPL)	Public Policy and Leadership	Master of Arts in Development Economics (MA/DE)
		Master of Public Policy (MPP)
		Master of Public Policy in Economic Development (MPP/ED)
Sustainable Development (SD)	Forest and Environmental Policy	Master of Public Policy (MPP)
		Master of Public Administration (MPA)
		Master of Science (MS)

※ Students will select only ONE degree of their preference from the options offered by each respective department.

Spring 2026	Semesters		Supervisor Assignment	Comprehensive Exam
March 1, 2026	1st (Spring)	March 2026 – June 2026	July 2026	February 2027
	2nd (Summer)	July 2026 – August 2026		
	3rd (Fall)	September 2026 – February 2027		
	4th (Spring)	March 2027 – August 2027		

Submission & Presentation of Thesis/Report	Graduation
April 2027 – June 2027	August 2027

※ More information on academic calendar and academic programs can be found on the PSPS webpage (<https://psps.yu.ac.kr>).

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility	Academic Requirements
<p>An applicant who is NOT of Korean nationality, either by birth or through naturalization, and whose parents are also not of Korean nationality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of 12 years of formal education covering elementary, middle, and high school (or its equivalent) prior to undergraduate studies. • Obtainment of a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution, equivalent to a 4-year Korean bachelor's degree. • Demonstration of a high level of proficiency in English. • Maintenance of good physical and mental health, suitable for completing the degree program. (Please note that conditions such as pregnancy, tuberculosis, or other contagious diseases may disqualify an applicant from the selection process.)
<p>※ <i>In the case of Sustainable Development, preference will be given to applicants who hold a bachelor's degree in agriculture, forestry, environmental engineering, or other related fields. However, degrees from other disciplines will also be considered especially if they have extensively dealt with sustainable development concepts and practices.</i></p>	

3. ADMISSION PROCEDURE



4. ADMISSION TIMELINE

Procedure	Timeline
Online Application & Payment of Application Fee	<p>2 PM, September 22(Mon) – 2 PM, October 17(Fri), 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The online application system will automatically close after the deadline. We strongly recommend finalizing your online application at least three days prior to the deadline to avoid any unforeseen issues. Visit the PSPS Webpage(http://psps.yu.ac.kr) → Click on “Admissions” → Then Click “Apply Here(International students)”
Submission of Required Documents	<p>2 PM, September 22(Mon) – 2 PM, October 24(Fri), 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once you’ve completed the online application, please submit all the required documents in the order specified in the table on the following page via email (pspsapply@yu.ac.kr.) After submission, you’ll receive an email confirmation within a few days. As the deadline nears, our response time might increase, so we encourage early submission for a timely confirmation. Late or incomplete document submissions will not be considered. However, for Apostille and Consular Authentication, prior consultation is required if submission within the deadline is not possible.
Screening of Documents & Zoom Interview	<p>November – December 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants who have submitted all required documents will be invited to provide a self-made video clip answering interview questions. Zoom or phone interviews may also be arranged if needed.
Announcement of Admission & Scholarship Decisions	<p>Early January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants can view their admission results by logging into the online application system. Students admitted to the PSPS will receive an email detailing the next steps in the processes.
Issuance & Dispatch of Official Documents for Visa Processing	<p>January to February 2026</p>
Arrival in Korea & Orientation	<p>Last Week of February 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation for new students is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2026

(All times and dates are based on Korean Standard Time (KST).)

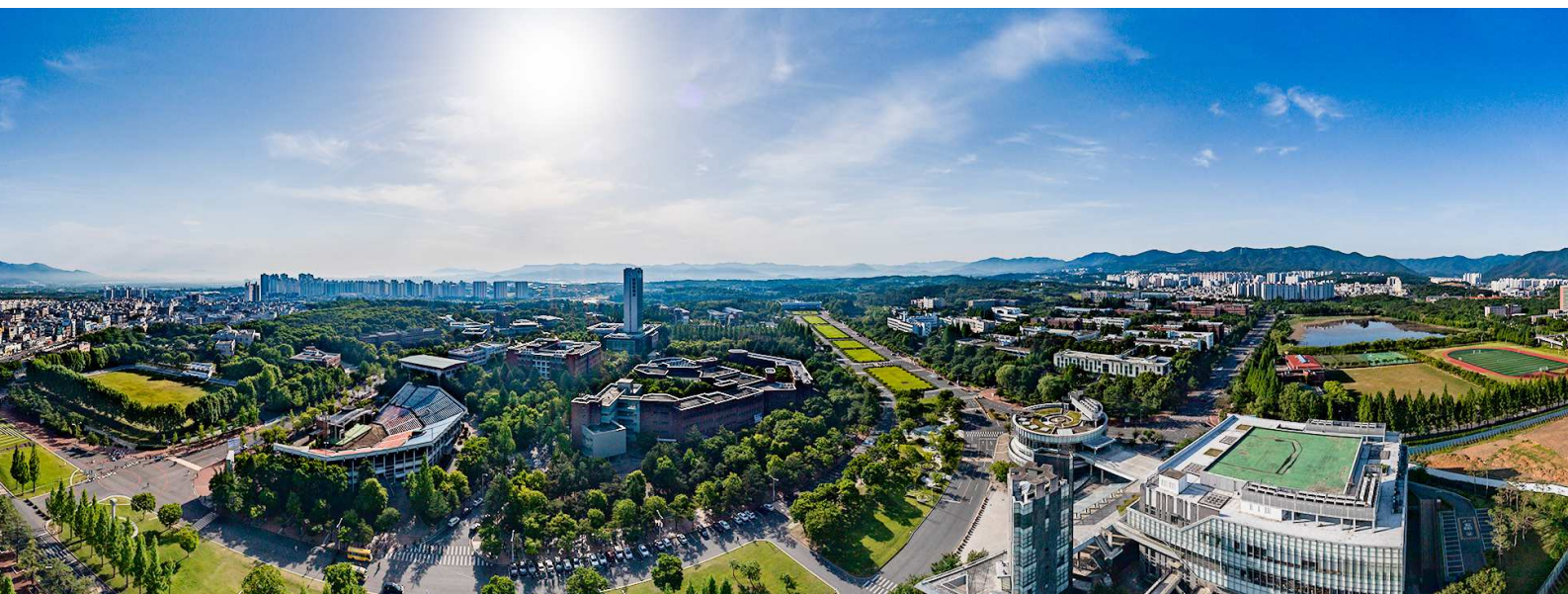
※ The schedule may be subject to change.

5. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

No.	Required Documents	Remarks
1	Application Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill out these forms via the online application system and print them before the deadline (2PM, October 17(Fri) 2025) • Ensure to sign in the designated signature fields. • When detailing your educational background, be sure to use the full names of your higher education institutions (e.g., university/college) and the exact title of your degree as stated in official documents.
	Personal Statement	
	Statement of Academic Purpose	
	Official Agreement for Academic Record Verification	
	Health Checkup Self-Assessment Questionnaire	
2	Certificate of (Upcoming) Graduation or Bachelor's Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For graduates from universities in countries that have an Apostille agreement with Korea: Applicants must obtain an Apostille on their graduation certificate and academic transcript. • For graduates from universities in other countries: Applicants must undergo Consular Authentication of their graduation certificate and academic transcript. This can be obtained from the Korean Embassy or Consulate in the country where their university is located, or from the Consular Section of their country's embassy in Korea. • For graduates from universities in P.R. China: Applicants must submit all the documents below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate(English) – Online Verification Report of Heigher Education Degree Certificate(English) – CHSI Full Academic Report (English) or Original Apostille or Notarized (Translated into Korean or English) Transcripts Original • Any documents in languages other than English or Korean must be submitted with a notarized translation into either English or Korean.
3	Official Transcript with Grading System (or Complete GPA Information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test results must be dated no earlier than 31st October 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minimum Score Requirements – TOEFL: 530 (CBT: 197, iBT: 71) / IELTS: 5.5 / TEPS: 600 (New TEPS: 326) / TOEIC: 750 / CEFR: B2 • Applicants from countries where English is the official (or native) language are NOT required to submit an English test report. • Those who have completed an undergraduate degree in English can submit an official statement from their university as proof of proficiency.
4	Official English Proficiency Test Report TOEFL/IELTS/TOEIC/ etc. or Equivalent English Proficiency Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test results must be dated no earlier than 31st October 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minimum Score Requirements – TOEFL: 530 (CBT: 197, iBT: 71) / IELTS: 5.5 / TEPS: 600 (New TEPS: 326) / TOEIC: 750 / CEFR: B2 • Applicants from countries where English is the official (or native) language are NOT required to submit an English test report. • Those who have completed an undergraduate degree in English can submit an official statement from their university as proof of proficiency.

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5	Recommendation Letter(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are welcome to submit recommendation letters in any format. While one recommendation is acceptable, you may request multiple letters from past or current professors, or supervisors at your workplace. Letters should be written in either English or Korean.
6	Certificate of Parental Nationality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must submit photocopies of their parents' passports. If parents' passports are unavailable, an official identification card indicating nationality, along with a translation into either English or Korean, must be submitted instead.
7	Family Relation Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must submit a Family Relationship Certificate or Birth Certificate issued by the government of the applicant's country within six months of the submission date. In the event of a parent's death or divorce, a death certificate or divorce certificate must be submitted, respectively. If the submitted documents do not sufficiently prove family relationships, additional documentation may be requested.
8	Photocopy of Passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A photocopy of the passport's information page is required for verification purposes. If you currently do not possess a passport, kindly inform us at the time of your document submission via email.
	<i>Additional Documents (When Applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For applicants currently in Korea: A photocopy of both sides of the Alien Registration Card. Optional: Submission of official Korean test results (TOPIK or KLAT) and a current employment certificate may be considered.

※ Please submit all the application documents in the order specified in the table above via email (pspsapply@yu.ac.kr) by the deadline.



--- Apostille Convention Countries (127 signatories)

As of July, 2024

Region	Countries
Asia and Oceania (32)	Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China(including Hong Kong, Macau), Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, New Zealand, Niue, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Tajikistan, Tonga, Türkiye, Uzbekistan, and Vanuatu
Africa (17)	Botswana, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cook Islands, Eswatini, Liberia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, and Tunisia
Europe (45)	Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
America (33)	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

※ Reference: <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41>

6. APPLICATION FEE

Every applicant is required to pay a **non-refundable application fee** of ₩100,000 (KRW) or \$80 (USD). Please ensure your complete documents are submitted alongside your payment. Bank details are as follows:

- Bank: IM BANK (formerly known as DAEGU BANK)
- Address: 2310, Dalgubeol-daero, Suseong-gu, Daegu Metropolitan, Republic of Korea
- Account Number: 910-001127213-5
- Account Holder: Yeungnam University (영남대학교)
- Swift Code: DAEBKR22 (For international transfers only)

Note: **The application fee should be remitted under the applicant's name.** All bank fees must be covered by the applicant. After payment, please attach the remittance receipt to your application documents when submitting via email.

7. TUITION AND EXTRA FEES

Category	Amount
Tuition Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st to 3rd semester: KRW 4,743,000 each • 4th semester: KRW 3,162,000
Admission Fee	KRW 839,000
Student Council Fee	KRW 30,000 per semester
University Health Care Service Fee	KRW 91,500 total
Private Health Insurance Fee	KRW 100,000 annually (mandatory for all international students)
National Health Insurance Fee	KRW 80,000 monthly (mandatory for all international students) For more details on the National Health Insurance, visit NHIS at https://www.nhis.or.kr/english/index.do

※ Tuition and Fees are subject to change.

--- Scholarships

All admitted students to the PSPS will be awarded the following scholarship benefits:

Scholarship	Benefit Package
General Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All tuition fees for four semesters • Admission fee waiver • KRW 1,000,000 of monthly living allowance for 12 months (March 2026 to February 2027)

※ Please note that scholarship details and amounts are subject to change.

- Students are encouraged to maintain a high academic standard. Those who do not achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 (out of 4.5) or receive an “F” in any course will be required to **cover 30% of the tuition fee for the subsequent semester.**



8. OTHER INFORMATION

... Academic Regulations

- The grading system is as follows:

Grade	Score	Point	Grade	Score	Point
A+	95 – 100	4.5	C+	75 – 79	2.5
A	90 – 94	4.0	C	70 – 74	2.0
B+	85 – 89	3.5	F	0 – 69	0
B	80 – 84	3.0	P/F	Pass/Fail	

- If a student misses more than one-fourth (1/4) of the official class sessions in a semester, they will not receive a final course grade for that class, which is equivalent to a FAIL or 'F'.
- Changing your major or degree name is not permitted.
- Any inappropriate behavior as a student, such as violating the standard Rules and Regulations set by the PSPS, will result in disciplinary action.
- Admission may be revoked if any certificates or documents submitted to PSPS are found to be invalid or falsified.

... Visa Issuance Process

January 2026	January – February 2026
<p>Successful candidates will receive the following documents via post mail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Admission Certificate of Scholarship Certificate of Payment for Tuition Fee (in Korean) Letter of Admission Business Registration of the University <p>Note: The Korean embassy may request students to submit a financial statement during their student visa application.</p>	<p>Submit your application for a Student Visa (D-2) using the required documents at the nearest Korean Embassy or Consulate in your country.</p> <p>Note: Please verify the specific list of required documents by visiting the Korean Embassy's official website: http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/index.do</p>

... Allowance

You are eligible for an allowance if you stay in Korea for more than 16 days in a given month. Please note that the allowance amounts for March 2026 and February 2027 will be determined based on your specific arrival and departure dates.

... Accompanying or Inviting Family

PSPS students are advised not to bring family members during their study period to ensure complete focus on their coursework.

--- Dormitory

Students have the option to reside in the Gyeongbuk Global Exchange Center(GGEC) dormitory, situated a mere 10-minute walk from the campus.

Type	Dormitory Fee	Meal Plan Fee	Remarks
Double Room (for two persons)	KRW 250,000 (per month)	KRW 4,000 to 4,300 (per meal)	Deposit: KRW 100,000 (refundable)
Single Room (for one person)	KRW 500,000 (per month)		

※ Fees are subject to change for the spring semester of 2026.



For further details about GGEC, visit <https://ggec.happydorm.or.kr/eng/00/0000.kmc>.

Alternatively, students can arrange off-campus housing. PSPS highly recommends the dormitory for our students.

--- Residency Requirement in Korea

The PSPS offers master's degree programs designed for full-time study, with an expected completion time of 18 months. All courses are conducted in English. A mandatory **one-year residency in Korea**, spanning 1 to 3 semesters, is required for all students.



9. CONTACTS

... Campus Map



... Website

Yeungnam University: <https://www.yu.ac.kr/english/index.do>

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※ Additional Documents for Applicants from People's Republic of China(PRC)

- Household Register:
 - A recently updated original that includes all household members.
 - If not all family members are on a single Household Register, submit all relevant Household Registers along with a Certificate of Family Relations.

- Household Register Translation:
 - A translation in English or Korean is required. Ensure the names of all household members in the translation are in English.

- ID Cards:
 - Provide photocopies of ID cards for all household members.

- Educational Documents:
 - Original or notarized Degree Diplomas, Certificates of Graduation, and Transcripts.
 - Accompany these with Online Verification Reports from:
 - China Credentials Verification: <http://www.chsi.com.cn/>
 - China Academic Degrees & Graduate Education Information: <http://www.cdgd.edu.cn/>



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