



MA in Inter-Asia NGO Studies

Graduate School, SungKongHoe University

Master of Arts in Inter-Asia NGO Studies (MAINS)

**Course Description and Application Form
for Admission in 2016**

About MAINS (The Master of Arts in Inter-Asia NGO Studies)

The program of Master of Arts in Inter-Asia NGO Studies started in 2007. Its multidisciplinary curriculum, together with practitioners' training, is unique in the field of studies on social change, non-governmental organizations and civil society in the Asian context. The curriculum covers a wide range of current issues from both regional and global perspectives, placing a special focus on the development of solidarity among civil society participants.

MAINS is intended for those who have contributed, or have the potential to contribute, to the social change and development of civil society in Asia. With academic and practical resources in SungKongHoe University, MAINS offers intensive and flexible preparation for those who seek leadership and skills for more just and equitable social changes in Asia.

The MAINS program has evolved over the years to place more emphasis on the experience of democratization and development in Korea. More attention is also paid on the theory and practice of international development with special reference to the Asian context.

ADMISSION

Eligibility

We welcome applicants with an undergraduate degree, preferably in social science fields, and with experiences generally in the non-profit or non-governmental sectors in Asia and Korea. Given the nature of the program those who are from the outside of Asian region will NOT be given a priority consideration in the admission. We are looking for individuals with sensitivity to, and involvement in, issues such as the promotion of social change, human rights, democratization, local community development, solidarity across borders, and humanitarian aid in Asia. We will particularly scrutinize these points through the process of admission decision. Therefore an application with a sole purpose of career advancement in the NGO sector is not encouraged.

Documents Required

No	Document	Note
1	Completed and Signed Application Form	ONE 3.5cmx4.5cm color photograph taken within the last six months with a white or light background. Printed digital pictures are not acceptable.
2	Certificate of previous degree	Attested copy of graduation certificate(with authentication of the university conferring degree)
3	Official Transcript from the university previously attended	Official full transcript showing the grades of whole semesters.
4	Two letters of recommendation	From two different persons each who are well aware of your work, career and study
5	Official English language ability test result within 2 years of the application	<p>The minimum requirement for any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL 550, CBT 210, iBT 80, IELTS 5.5, TEPS 550 <p>According to the Ministry of Education regulation, those who are either from countries where the native language is English or have obtained a university degree from the following countries in Asia may be exempted from the English language test: India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore. If the applicant is waiting for the result of the English test at the time of application for the MAINS, please specify in the application form about the expected date of the test result.</p>
6	A photocopy of passport	
7	Information Collection and Use Agreement	
8	Family registration certificate	Only for Chinese, Cuban, Syrian, Macedonian, Kosovan applicants

* All documents need to be translated and notarized if the original is not in English.

* Successful candidates should verify the authenticity of the certificates and transcripts by Apostilled from the government authorities or Korean embassy.

Application Fee: 70 USD

The application fee should be transferred to the following bank account at the same time as the sending of the application package. It should be remembered that the process of admission can only be started once the application fee is received by the university. The copy of the remittance receipt should be enclosed in the postal application package.

Application fee is non-refundable.

* Bank details for overseas remittance

1. Account : Korea Exchange Bank /159-22-00698-6/ Sungkonghoe University
2. Open bank address
: 55-30 Oryudong Guro-gu, Seoul, Korea,
Korea Exchange Bank Oryu-dong branch
3. Swift code : KOEXKRSE

Schedule for 2016 Admission

Procedure	Date	Note
Submission of All Required Application Materials	17 Aug (Mon) ~ 8 Oct (Thu) 2015	By Post
Notification of the Admission Result	By 6 Nov (Fri) 2015	By Email
Orientation	February 2016	Will be noticed

- Completed application and materials should be sent by deadline through post to the following address:

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CURRICULUM

Course Nature

The Master of Arts in Asian NGO Studies (MAINS) is an alternative social studies program taught in English with special reference to Asian civil society. The program particularly encourages applications from Asian and Korean students with experiences of non-governmental activities in Asia. MAINS offers an advanced and intensive program, with teaching methods based on individual self-research, mutual learning by students and thematic approaches. Reading and writing as well as debating and interacting with other students are strongly emphasized.

Course Structure

MAINS is a 18-month, 4-quarter (including 6 months for field work and thesis writing) program consisting of core courses, elective courses, and a thesis, making up a total of 24 credits. There is a particular theme given to each quarter as a synthesizing structure. Class schedules run from one quarter to the next with a week's break in between. Quarters have a varied number of sessions. Some courses may be taught intensively by visiting lecturers. Courses combine lectures and student-led seminars.

Spring Term : 22 Feb ~ 27 May 2016

Summer Term : 7 Jun ~ 29 Aug 2016

Autumn Term : 5 Sep ~ 9 Dec 2016

Core Courses

- Tutorials with the academic director
- A Seminar on Asian NGOs
- Research Methodology and Thesis Writing
- Thesis Writing

Elective Courses

* Not all elective courses are available each year.

- International Development in Context
- Critical Peace Studies and International Relations
- Global Human Rights
- Global Asian Feminism
- NGO Management in Development
- Critical Introduction to Korean Society
- Political Change and Civil Society in Asia
- Religion and Globalization in Asian Contexts
- Modern Korean History and the Process of Past dealing

Special Program (non-credit courses)

- Korean Language

THESIS

All students are required to write a thesis or an equivalent research report on a topic related to social changes and non-profit/governmental sectors with special reference to democracy or development or civil society in Asia. **An emphasis on the applicant's own country context is strongly recommended. A special attention will be given to this point when the application is considered.** The choice of topic outlined will be the priority point of consideration throughout the entire admission process. In the third quarter, students should be able to defend their thesis/report proposal in the form of the First Chapter of the thesis. The fourth–the final–quarter is devoted mostly to the thesis/report, including field work, data collecting, writing-up and the final submission of the thesis.

TUITION, SCHOLARSHIP & OTHER EXPENSES

Full or partial scholarships may be given to the qualified students. Those from developing countries in Asia will be given a priority for scholarship.

The scholarship consists of the tuition fees and the living stipend. The level of scholarship for each student is decided upon on the individual basis of the student's academic aptitude, grade, needs, and the individual circumstances. The scholarship for tuition and living expense is only given to the students who reside in Korea throughout the entire period of the first THREE terms. **Provision of scholarship may be made invalid when the student takes 'time-off' during the course or when the student's academic achievement for the previous term falls behind the school regulation.**

The scholarship of the tuition fee (for the entire four quarters) may be the full scholarship or the partial scholarship depending on our criteria. Please note that the scholarship does not cover the expense for the field work and writing-up of thesis for the last (fourth) quarter. The recipient of the scholarship will be notified of the result at the time of the notification of the admission offer.

The living stipend for its recipient is provided for the first THREE quarters while the student is in residence within the university. **It must be remembered that the provision of living stipend is meant to cover only the accommodation fee of the university dormitory, basic food and the very minimum level of expense for living. The student is expected to supplement the living stipend with his/her own resource for other expenses such as health insurance, transportation, books, daily commodities, pocket money, etc.**

Please note that it is an important requirement under the Korean law that the international student has to take up the private health insurance while he/she is in enrolment with the university. This means that the new student must have valid insurance from the start of their study in Korea until they graduate in the following year. Those who opt to take up private insurance from their own country should submit the copy of the insurance to the university when they arrive in Korea. The insurance document must be written in English. In case the student wishes to take up the insurance in Korea the university will provide the student with relevant information for the private insurance, but ultimately the insurance is the student's own responsibility.

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