

# Daejeon University Exchange Program

## The Daejeon Experience

The exchange program with Daejeon University in Daejeon, South Korea is one of Evergreen's newest partnerships. Students may choose to study Fall Semester (Sep-Dec) or Spring Semester (Mar-June) or for the entire Academic Year. Students typically focus on Korean language and cultural studies through the Korean Language Education Center, but other options include participation in the ASEAN Exchange Program (with approval), or for students with sufficient Korean language skills, integration into on-going academic courses, again, with approval. The university has about 12,000 students and nearly 600 faculty and staff, seven undergraduate schools with 50 majors, three graduate schools, research centers and more. For more information in English, see this link: <http://www.dju.ac.kr/foreign/eng/html/main.htm>

## Daejeon Region

Daejeon City (pop. 1.5 million) is located in south central South Korea, about one hour by express train from Seoul. As the country's 5<sup>th</sup> largest city, it serves as a regional hub for National Government Offices, and is known as East Asia's Silicon Valley due to the presence of over 115 public and private research institutes in the area. The university is located east of the urban center, and founded in 1980, it boasts a modern, sophisticated campus environment.



## Academic Options

### **A. Korean Language Education Center**

Daejeon offers a multi-level Korean Language and Cultural Studies program through its Korean Language Education Center. Students focus on developing Listening, Writing, Vocabulary, Pronunciation, and Speaking skills in 20-hour-per-week classes. Classes are relatively small to encourage active learning, and are a great vehicle for teaching about many aspects of Korean culture. A formal certificate and transcript is issued to students who successfully complete the various levels of language study. Up to 27 quarter credits per semester.

### **B. ASEAN Program (conducted in English)**

A limited number of students may be approved for participation in the ASEAN program. ASEAN normally serves exchange students from Southeast Asian countries to Daejeon, but an Evergreen student can be considered through our exchange agreement. This is a one-year academic program with three tracks in Information Communication and Technology, Social Sciences, and Korean Language and Culture. Each year revolves around a different theme. Up to 27 quarter credits per semester.

## Housing and Meals

Evergreen exchange students live in campus housing, essentially in two-bedroom units with bathroom and half-kitchen. The cost is estimated at about \$350 per month over an 9-month academic year. Students can also purchase meal plans on campus for about \$120 per month, or can plan their own meals in the dorms (no stove in half kitchens).

## Institute of International Affairs

The staff of the Institute of International Affairs on the Daejeon campus will help guide you in all areas: applications, arrival, housing, orientation, insurance, academics, clubs and activities, and daily life. They are there to help you be successful and at ease in your new life at Daejeon. Orientation is required for international students.

## Program Dates

Evergreen Application Deadline:	Mar 15
Decision Date:	Mar 30
Daejeon Internal Application Forms Sent:	Apr 20
Daejeon University Start Date:	Sep 1
Daejeon University End Date:	mid-Jun

## Estimated Costs for Academic-year Exchange:

Tuition:	Home tuition at Evergreen
Housing & Meals:	\$4800
Books:	\$ 500
Airfare & Local Transport:	\$1900
Insurance:	\$ 500
Miscellaneous:	\$1000

**Total:** \$8,700 plus home tuition

You will need to provide evidence to Daejeon that you have this amount or more available through bank statements, financial aid or other resources in order to receive the materials needed to apply for your Korean student visa. Submit your FAFSA.

### **Selection Criteria**

Students interested in studying in the year-long exchange program at the Daejeon University should demonstrate the following:

1. Strong interest in studying Korean language and culture;
2. High level of past academic performance and success in interdisciplinary coursework;
3. Ability to pursue intellectual curiosity in a setting that requires self-motivation and self-discipline.
4. Ability to act with maturity, responsibility, and sensitivity, even in stressful circumstances;
5. Ability to assume leadership roles within the overseas community and to understand your role as a representative of Evergreen and the US;
6. Selected students must have some Asian cultural studies background in their academic history.

### **Phase I - Application Materials for Evergreen**

1. Complete Common Application for Exchanges.
2. Letter of interest (one page) that addresses:
  - a. your reasons for choosing this program
  - b. the benefits to your academic and career goals
  - c. how you are academically prepared thus far
  - d. maturity, responsibility, sensitivity, and leadership qualities as described above.
  - e. how you will be an asset to the overseas program
3. Transcripts from Evergreen, unofficial version; Other colleges, must be official, unopened
4. Two Faculty Recommendation Forms/Letters, preferably from Evergreen faculty, but one may be from an outside source. Should address your academic strengths and learning community contributions.
5. One past academic writing sample, preferably on some aspect of Asian culture, but other topics are acceptable. No creative writing samples!
6. Copy of valid passport, or copy of application for passport. Must be valid 6 months beyond your expected end date.
7. A personal interview may be requested.

Submit all materials to the Coordinator of International Programs, Academic Advising, Library 2153, by the deadline.

### **Phase II - Selected Students**

Please submit the following documents by **Apr 20** so we can meet the Daejeon University deadlines:

1. Daejeon University Exchange Student Application Form: This is a two-page form in English.
2. Enrollment Verification Letter: Request an official, letter from *Registration & Records* that verifies your full-time enrolled status at Evergreen and past academic enrollment.
3. Transcripts: Two sealed, official transcripts from Evergreen and other schools where you were a degree-seeking student.
4. Passport ID Pages: Submitted a copy of the ID pages.
5. Housing Application Form: This is a one-page form.
6. Financial Documentation: You must provide evidence that you have adequate funds to support your expenses in Korea. This may be a bank statement, or a copy of your financial aid award, or other possible documents. Estimated at \$13,000 but may be adjusted in consultation with Daejeon.
7. Medical Questionnaire: A series of questions in English that your physician must answer and sign. This includes x-rays, blood tests, and some infectious disease testing.

**For the eventual Visa application, you will need:**

**One Photo**: Use own or get photos at *Photoland* in the Library. Passport size: 2 X 2 inches, full faced, no hats. Write your name and nationality lightly on the back of each photo in pencil.

**Visa Application Form** for the D-2-6 Visa (Student Visa - provided by DJU or embassy website)

**Visa Application Fee**: Currently \$60.

**Admission Letter**: Sent by Daejeon University separately.

**Business Registration License**: Sent by Daejeon separately.

**Exchange Agreement** between Evergreen and Daejeon: Sent separately by Daejeon.

**Transcripts**: One of the two sealed, official transcripts from Evergreen or other schools.

**Bank statement**: Original bank statement or certified letter from your bank. Or other official evidence from Evergreen. Estimated at \$13,000, but may be adjusted in consultation with Daejeon.

**Passport**: You must send your actual passport and one copy of the ID pages of the passport.

**Pre-paid Express Mail Envelope**: You must also submit a pre-paid mailing envelope for the return of your passport and documents to you. About \$20 in postage.

