

Information on the admission to ESMOD Seoul for foreign applicants (For March intake - the school year of 2023/24)

About the course of fashion design and pattern drafting at ESMOD Seoul

Q : Which courses are offered at ESMOD Seoul ?

ESMOD Seoul offers a 3-year program specialized in fashion design and pattern drafting. A course specialized in fashion business isn't available at ESMOD Seoul. For more information on the course at ESMOD Seoul, refer to the link : [ESMOD Seoul course](#)

Q : Does the course of ESMOD Seoul offer a bachelor's degree after 3 years of study ?

No, as ESMOD Seoul isn't recognized as a university, the graduates get the diploma of ESMOD Seoul.

Q : Is it possible for foreign students to join summer classes ?

A summer class is the only short course available open for 2 or 3 weeks from the mid-July. The lectures are in Korean and ESMOD Seoul can't sponsor the visa for a short course. Foreigners speaking fluently Korean and staying legally in Korea with their own visa can join this class.

Q : When does the school year of ESMOD Seoul start and end ?

According to Korean national academic system, the school year of ESMOD Seoul starts early March and ends late February in the following year. March intake is the only one a year.

Q : Do I need to know how to draw and sew before joining ESMOD Seoul ?

No, it is possible to start as a beginner for our 3-year "Fashion Designer and pattern drafting" course. A strong motivation for the study of fashion design is the most important value.

Q : How many hours per week the students study at class ?

Students study 6 hours a day, from 9:30 am 12:30 and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm (30 hours per week).

Q : When is the school vacation at ESMOD Seoul ?

The school is closed during the school vacations in summer and in winter (5 weeks in July/August and 5 weeks in December/January).

Q : After 1 or 2 years of study at ESMOD Seoul, can I transfer to ESMOD Paris or other schools of ESMOD to continue to study ?

Yes. You can enter directly the superior class of other ESMOD schools without repeating the same year.

Q : Are all classes in practical training at ESMOD Seoul ?

The course of fashion design and pattern drafting mostly consists of learning skills and of having practical training. However some of classes are completely theoretical given only in Korean (such as History of costume, fashion marketing). Only for these classes, according to the Korean language level, it might be possible for foreign students to submit reports and assignments instead of attending classes.

Q : Which language is required to attend the classes ?

The foreign students have to speak fluently one of three languages (Korean, English or French) to communicate with the professors.

The lectures of the course at ESMOD Seoul are given in Korean as most of the enrolled students are Korean. The foreign students being able to communicate in English or in French are placed in a mixed class with Korean students and English or French speaking professors. The foreign students need to understand approximately the lectures given in Korean. In case of difficulties in understanding, they will be helped by the professors.

Q : Do I need to prove my Korean language with a certificate of score of proficiency ?

Yes. For the formalities of visa, it's mandatory to provide a valid certificate of TOPIK I-1 (grade 1 is the lowest level of 6 levels). Please hurry to sign it up as soon as possible !! (*see below about TOPIK*)

Q : The level TOPIK I-1, is it enough to understand the lectures ?

No. Even though a sophisticated level in Korean language isn't required to study at ESMOD Seoul, the foreign students are strongly recommended to reach, at least, a level of Korean proficiency equivalent to TOPIK I-2 (advanced than TOPIK I-1) to understand the lectures, to communicate with the classmates and to adapt easily to school life and living in Korea. This grade 2 in Korean language doesn't have to be proven by a certificate of score of proficiency in Korean. The level will be tested during the interview.

Q : Do I have to prove my English or French language with a certificate of score of proficiency ?

No. A certificate of score of proficiency in English or in French (TOEIC, TOFLE, DELF, DALF, etc..) is not mandatorily required. During the admission interview, the language level will be tested.

Q : What is the school calendar of ESMOD Seoul ?

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| Semesters 1 & 2 | from early March to late February in following year |
| Semesters 3 & 4 | from early March to late February in following year |
| Semesters 5 & 6 | from early March to late February in following year |
| Summer vacations | from mid-July to mid-August (5 weeks) |
| Winter vacations | from late December to late January (5 weeks) |

Q : For more information on the annual tuition, the cost of living in Seoul or other questions ?

Contact the international admission service by email : seoul@esmod.co.kr

About the requirements to apply to ESMOD Seoul

As of the closing date for visa application scheduled on the end of November each year, the foreign applicants have to be aged 18 years old or above and under 30 years old with a diploma of graduation of high school or equivalency. To attend the classes, the applicants should be fluent at least in one of the languages : Korean, English or French.

The requirements to apply to ESMOD Seoul are mostly related to the requirements to apply for visa D-4-6 (General trainee – Private institute) with which the foreign students are allowed to study at ESMOD Seoul ([see below about the requirements to apply for visa](#)).

Q : How can I apply to ESMOD Seoul ?

Prepare the documents listed below and send to the international admission service by email :

1. Application form attached to this document
2. Receipt of payment of application evaluation fee (the invoice is attached to this document.)*
(*) All applicants are asked to pay the application evaluation fee to apply to ESMOD Seoul. It's not refundable.
3. Curriculum Vitae and Motivation letter written in English
4. Portfolio in free format
5. Photocopy of passport
6. Photocopy of certificate of graduation of high school
7. Photocopy of certificate of TOPIK I-1 or of certificate of completion of basic course of a Korean language course validated by King Sejong Foundation**
(**) While applying, if it's not possible to provide the certificate of TOPIK I-1 or a certificate of completion of the basic course at a King Sejong Institute abroad and if you can provide one of them by the end of November, you can apply by promising the submission of these certificates by due time.
8. Photocopy of resident card (face and back) if you're staying in Korea

Q : What is the next step after the application ?

You'll be contacted by the international admission service for an on-line interview. The interview is to understand your motivation to study in Korea the fashion design and your educational and cultural background and also evaluate your language level. The result will be communicated in one week at the latest with the information on the registration to the school and the payment of the tuition.

Q : When is the application to ESMOD Seoul closed ?

The international application for foreign students is closed by October, 30th each year for March intake considering the preparation necessary for visa. It's preferable to apply even earlier.

Q : I don't have any educational background in art. How do I prepare a portfolio ?

A portfolio should be in free format with the applicant's own drawing or illustration, magazine clippings on fashion and art, etc... In case of no background in art, the portfolio can be made with magazine clippings in art or/and in fashion to show the interests.

Q : I'm foreigner currently living in Korea. Can I visit to ESMOD Seoul ?

You contact the international admission service by email to book a meeting at ESMOD Seoul. It's preferably recommended to attend the Open Campus in June. ([see below about the Open Campus](#))

About the Open Campus

The participation to one of five sessions of Open Campus is **a mandatory condition** for all applicants except the applicants living abroad. Foreign students staying in Korea are recommended to attend the Open Campus, preferably in June. Each session having the same contents, no need to participate to every session. Except the particular sanitary situation, the Open Campus is held on site at ESMOD Seoul.

Q : I want to attend Open Campus to know the course without willing to apply in near future.

The Open campus sessions are open to all general public interested in ESMOD Seoul. The presentation is in Korean but our English-speaking staffs assist the foreigners in case of difficulties of understanding.

Q : What is the program of the Open Campus ?

1 hour of presentation is held with the program : presentation of the course and curriculum of ESMOD Seoul, testimonials of enrolled students and graduates, presentation of students' works in presence of professors. After the presentation, the participants can visit the school freely or have an individual meeting with professors.

Q : Open Campus schedule for the school year of 2023-2024

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| ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 1 | Wednesday, June 15 th , 2022 at 5:00 pm |
| ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 2 | Friday, November 18 th , 2022 at 5:00 pm |
| ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 3 | Wednesday, December 7 th , 2022 at 5:00 pm |
| ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 4 | Thursday, January 26 th , 2023 at 5:00 pm |
| ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 5 | Thursday, February 16 th , 2023 at 5:00 pm |

Reserve your place at Open Campus starting from 4 weeks prior to each session: seoul@esmod.co.kr

About the requirements to apply for visa

Q : Do I need a visa to study at ESMOD Seoul ?

Yes. Foreign students admitted by ESMOD Seoul have to get the visa type D-4-6 (General Trainee – Private institute). This visa type is valid for 6 months and renewable. As an inviting party, ESMOD Seoul is in charge of asking the visa to the immigration with the papers provided by the foreign students.

Q : I've completed an advanced level at a Korean language institute in a university in Korea but I haven't take the TOPIK test. Do I have to provide a certificate of TOPIK I-1 ?

Yes. Even if your Korean language level is advanced enough, you have to fulfill the requirements for visa by submitting a valid certificate. Please sign it up in a hurry.

Q : Is it possible to work to earn money while studying at ESMOD Seoul ?

No. Korean immigration law strictly prohibits the bearers of visa D-4-6 from working, even in part time. In case of violation of the law, you have to pay an important amount of fine and your application for renewal of visa might be rejected.

Q : Which documents do I provide to apply for visa ?

1. Certificate of graduation of high school,
2. In case of enrollment in a higher educational institute after high school, along with the certificate of high school, certificate of enrollment or graduation of a university,
3. Birth certificate
4. Bank statement proving a balance of 5,000 USD or equivalent in the currency of your country in a bank account in your name

Note :

- ✓ The documents listed above should be certified Apostille in your country or, legalized by Korean Consulate in your country.
- ✓ The documents listed above should be in English. If it's not in English, a free translation in English should be attached to the document. A translation by sworn translator isn't required.
- ✓ The documents listed above should be in original copy and sent to the international admission service by express courier (DHL, Fedex, EMS, etc..) no later than the end of November.
- ✓ The bank statement is valid only for 30 days from the date of issuance until the date of application for visa. Be aware of the issuance date from the bank.

(see below sample of documents certified Apostille and legalized by Korean Embassy)

5. Photocopy of the certificate TOPIK I-1 or the certificate of completion of basic course at a King Sejong Institute (this document can be sent to ESMOD Seoul by email.)

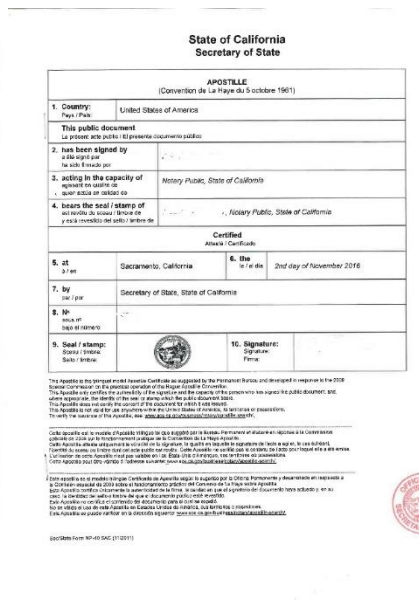
Attention : According to the nationality of the applicants, other documents might be added. The international admission service is at your disposal to help you get the information and the visa.

Sample images of documents certified Apostille, legalized by Korean Embassy

(Apostille in France)

(Apostille in USA)

(Legalized by Korean Embassy)



About TOPIK, certificate of score of proficiency in Korean

4 or 5 tests of TOPIK a year are held in Korea. 1 or 2 tests are held abroad. For more information regarding the TOPIK tests, refer to the website or contact the organizer in Korea or Korean Consulate in your country. www.topik.go.kr / topik@korea.kr

2022 TOPIK tests scheduled in Korea according to TOPIK (www.topik.go.kr)

** The schedule of the tests held abroad is different. Contact the organizer (topik@korea.kr)*

| Session | Period of application to the test | Test date | Date to get issued the certificate |
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| No. 81 | 2022.02.08. 9:00 am - 02.14. 6:00 pm | 2022.04.10 (Sun) | 2022.05.19 (Thu) after 3 p.m. |
| No. 82 | 2022.03.08. 9:00 am - 03.14. 6:00 pm | 2022.05.15 (Sun) | 2022.06.30 (Thu) after 3 p.m. |
| No. 83 | 2022.05.24. 9:00 am - 05.30. 6:00 pm | 2022.07.10 (Sun) | 2022.08.18 (Thu) after 3 p.m. |
| No. 84 | 2022.08.02. 9:00 am - 08.08. 6:00 pm | 2022.10.16 (Sun) | 2022.11.24 (Thu) after 3 p.m. |
| No. 85 | 2022.09.06. 9:00 am - 09.13. 6:00 pm | 2022.11.13 (Sun) | 2022.12.15 (Thu) after 3 p.m. |

About Korean language Institute recognized by King Sejong Foundation

By the immigration law regarding visa type D-4-6, a certificate of completion of basic course can be accepted instead of a certificate of TOPIK I-1, if the course was taken at a Korean language institute called "King Sejong". A King Sejong Institute is a Korean language institute established abroad by the recognition of King Sejong Foundation.

To find a King Sejong Institute in your country, refer to the link :

[King Sejong Institutes Worldwide](#)

Contact for more information and for sending documents to apply :

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Please attach
a recent
passport-sized photograph
here

APPLICATION FORM 2023-2024

PERSONAL DETAILS

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| Title : Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Last name : | | First name : | | Passport number : |
| Date of birth : | | Place of birth : | | Nationality : |
| Permanent Home Address : | | | Telephone number : | |
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| Zip code : | City : | Country : | | E-mail : |
| Emergency contact in Korea (if you have): | | Name : | | Telephone : |

FAMILY FACTS

| Name | Relationship | Address | E-mail |
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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

| Period | Name of school (indicate from high school) | City and country |
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EXPERIENCES OR BACKGROUND IN FASHION / ART RELATED FIELD

Describe :

Languages Native in : (describe) Fluent in : English French Korean
Note if you have the certificate of TOPIK, score of proficiency in Korean Yes No

NB: * The admission isn't granted to the color-blind candidates.

* ESMOD Seoul doesn't return the original documents that the candidates submit under any circumstances.

I hereby submit fixed form to apply for the 3-year course of fashion design and patternmaking in ESMOD Seoul.

(yyyy) / (mm) / (dd) Applicant's name : (signature)

To the General Director of ESMOD SEOUL

BILL OF PAYMENT - APPLICATION EVALUATION FEE

Application Evaluation Fee

In order to evaluate the application to ESMOD Seoul and schedule an interview, all applicants are asked to pay an application evaluation fee when apply to ESMOD Seoul.

This fee doesn't refund under any circumstance.

Please pay by wire transfer in order that ESMOD SEOUL may receive **the exact amount of 100,000 KRW** corresponding to the **application evaluation fee** for the academic year of 2023-2024 when you send the application form filled in. The application file will be evaluated after the application evaluation is paid.

ESMOD SEOUL Bank Account Information for payment :

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| Bank Name | SHINHAN BANK |
| Bank Address | 20, Sejong-daero, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea |
| SWIFT CODE | SHBKKRSE |
| Bank Account | 140-003-996936 |
| Account holder | ESMOD SEOUL |
| Account holder's telephone | +82 2 511 7471 (ext. 104) |

* Expenses incurred from bank transfers are the student's responsibility.

* The student's name must be indicated on each bank transfer. If a wire transfer is done under someone else's name, please let us know.

* The application evaluation fee doesn't refund under any circumstance.

When you apply, the form below filled out and your bank receipt of wire transfer or certificate of remittance have to be attached to the documents for the application.

Please fill out the form below and return it by email (seoul@esmod.co.kr)

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| School Name | ESMOD SEOUL IN KOREA |
| Applicant's Name | |
| Name of remitter (if the wire transfer has to be done with the name different to the applicant's name.) | |
| Date of Remittance | |
| Amount | 100,000 KRW |
| Content of Remittance | Application evaluation fee |
| Remittance bank | |

Contact for more information

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