

Information on the admission to ESMOD Seoul for foreign applicants (Intake March - school year of 2026/27)

Information on

- course of fashion design and pattern drafting
 - application procedure
 - visa procedure

Q : What is the course offered at ESMOD Seoul ?

A 3-year program specialized in fashion design and pattern drafting.

A fashion business course is not available at ESMOD Seoul. For more information on the course at ESMOD Seoul, refer to the link : [ESMOD Seoul course](#)

Q : Is a 3-year course of ESMOD Seoul bachelor's degree course ?

No. The course is not a degree program. The graduates get ESMOD Seoul's diploma after 3-year study.

Q : When is the application to ESMOD Seoul closed ?

The international application of the foreign students is closed **by the 30th of October** each year for the annual intake in March considering the preparation necessary for visa. Recommended to apply earlier.

Q : Does ESMOD Seoul sponsor a visa for the foreign students ?

Yes, the foreign students can study at ESMOD Seoul with the visa type D-4-6 (General Trainee – Private Institute). [\(see below for more information on Visa to study at ESMOD Seoul\).](#)

Q : Requirements to apply to ESMOD Seoul ?

The requirements to application are mostly aligned with the requirements to apply for visa.

As of the closing date for visa application (by the end of November) :

- aged 18 years old or above and under 30 years old
- with high school diploma. [\(see below for more information on How to apply to ESMOD Seoul\)](#)

Q : Are any short courses available at ESMOD Seoul ?

2 weeks of summer class is open in the middle of the month of July. A visa sponsor is not possible. As the classes are only in Korean, the foreign students have to be in Korean and be staying in Korea with their own visa.

Q : When is the intake of ESMOD Seoul ?

The intake in March is the only intake a year at ESMOD Seoul. The school year of ESMOD Seoul starts on the 1st week of March and ends around the 20th of February in the following year.

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

No, it's not necessarily required because the new students can learn the skills as a beginner in our 3-year course of "Fashion Design and Pattern Drafting". A strong motivation and the attitude of diligence are the most important values.

Q : I don't speak Korean. Can I apply to the international class of ESMOD Seoul ?

No. An international class isn't available at ESMOD Seoul. As most of the enrolled students are Korean, the foreign students are in the same class with Korean students. To understand the lectures given in Korean, a proficiency in Korean equivalent to TOPIK grade 2 or above is required.

The foreign students who can communicate in Korean, English or French are accepted by ESMOD Seoul. English-speaking or French-speaking professors communicate individually with their foreign students.

Q : How many hours of class per week ?

Students have 6 hours of class a day, from 9:30 am 12:30 and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, with a lunch break from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

Q : When is the school vacation at ESMOD Seoul ?

5 weeks each in summer and in winter

Summer : from mid-July to mid-August

Winter : from late December to late January.

Q : Can I transfer to ESMOD Paris or other schools of ESMOD ?

Yes. After 1 year or 2 years of study at ESMOD Seoul, you can join directly the superior class of other ESMOD schools without repeating the same year.

Q : At ESMOD Seoul, are the classes only with the practical training ?

The course of fashion design and pattern drafting mostly consists of learning skills and of having practical training. However, some of classes are theoretical and their lectures are given only in Korean (for example, Western costume history, fashion marketing).

Q : Is there an international class providing the lectures only in English ?

No. An international class isn't available at ESMOD Seoul.

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

Mandatory for visa application.

Not necessarily required for the application to ESMOD Seoul.

For the application of visa, it's required a valid certificate of TOPIK I grade 1 (grade 1 is the lowest level of 6 levels) or a certificate of completion of the basic course at one of Korean language institutes accredited by King Sejong Foundation [\(see below for more information on TOPIK tests and certificates\)](#).

To apply to ESMOD Seoul, a level equivalent to TOPIK grade 2 or above is strongly recommended to succeed in study. The admission committee is evaluating your level in Korean during the interview. Only a certificate of TOPIK grade 1 is mandatorily required to submit to apply for visa.

Q : Is any other certificate accepted for visa instead of TOPIK ?

Korean government accepts also a certificate of completion of basic course at a King Sejong Institute of Korean language. A King Sejong Institute is a Korean language institute established outside Korea by the recognition of King Sejong Foundation. [\(see below for info on King Sejong Institute of Korean language\)](#).

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 still have to provide a certificate of TOPIK I grade 1 ?

Yes. Even if your Korean language level is advanced enough, you have to provide a certificate of TOPIK. The certificate of enrollment at a Korean language Institute in Korea is not accepted for visa procedure.

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

Not necessarily. A certificate of score of proficiency in English or in French is not required. During the admission interview, the language level will be tested.

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

On appointment, you can visit ESMOD Seoul. A participation to Open Campus is recommended.

[\(see below for more info on the Open Campuses\)](#)

Q : Annual academic calendar of ESMOD Seoul for the school year of 2026-2027 ?

Entrance Ceremony & Orientation session	February 27 th , 2026
Class starting day	March 3 rd , 2026
Semester 1	from early March to mid-July 2026
Summer vacations	from mid-July to mid-August (5 weeks) 2026
Semester 2	from mid-August 2026 to mid-February 2027
Winter vacations	from late December 2026 to late January 2027

Q : Information on the annual tuitions and fees

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

Q : General information on living in Seoul

- Average cost of living in Seoul, refer to the link : [Cost of Living \(numbeo.com\)](https://numbeo.com)

- Refer to "Guidebook for living in Seoul" : <https://global.seoul.go.kr/web/life/lifeListPage.do>

How to apply to ESMOD Seoul

A visa D-4-6 (General trainee-Private Institute) allows the international students to study at ESMOD Seoul. The candidates eligible to the visa can apply to ESMOD Seoul.

Requirements for visa :

- aged 18 years old or above and under 30 years old with high school diploma.
- able to provide a valid certificate of TOPIK grade 1 by the 2nd week of December at the latest

Along with, for ESMOD Seoul :

- strong motivation for the path of fashion design and diligence
- advanced level in Korean language equivalent to TOPIK grade 2 or above preferably before the intake

Step 1 : Send by email the documents below in scanned version : seoul@esmod.co.kr

Note : The international application is closed by the 30th of October each year for March intake considering the preparation necessary for visa. It's strongly recommended to apply earlier.

1.	Application filled out (form attached at the end of 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 in any case.
3.	Curriculum Vitae and Motivation letter written in English
4.	Portfolio (In free format with the applicant's own drawing or illustration, magazine clippings on fashion and art, etc... to show the personal universe and interest of the applicants. In case of no educational background in art, the portfolio can be made only with image clippings in art or/and in fashion.)
5.	Photocopy of passport.
6	Photocopy of certificate of high school graduation (high school diploma)
7.	In case of resident in Korea, photocopy of resident card (front and back)

Step 2 : Review of the application file and admission interview

In one or two weeks after the application, the applicants will be contacted to fix an on-line interview. The interview is mainly to understand the motivation to study the fashion design in Korea, the educational and cultural background, and also to evaluate the language level in English and in Korean.

Step 3 : Registration to ESMOD Seoul

The result will be informed by email in one week or two weeks after the interview along with the information on the registration to ESMOD Seoul, the payment of the tuitions and visa procedure.

Visa D-4-6 to study at ESMOD Seoul

Procedure to apply to visa D-4-6 (General Trainee – Private Institute)

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.

The procedure has to be initiated by ESMOD Seoul with Seoul Immigration Office, as an inviting party. The procedure is called “Confirmation of visa issuance”.

The foreign students are asked to provide all papers by due time as requested by ESMOD Seoul.

Working with visa D-4-6

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.

List of documents to provide to apply for visa D-4-6

1. Certificate of graduation of high school (high school diploma),
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 6,000 USD or equivalent in the currency of your country in a bank account of your name. (This is to prove your finance to support for living during your stay in Seoul.)
5. Photocopy of the certificate TOPIK I grade 1 or the certificate of completion of basic course at a King Sejong Institute (this document can be sent by email to ESMOD Seoul during the 3rd week of December.)
6. 2 copies in paper of passport sized ID picture

Attention !

According to the nationality of the applicants, other additional documents might be required.

All documents submitted to the Immigration aren't returned to the applicants.

Before visa procedure, students have to pay the annual tuitions following the payment schedule.

Note !

✓ The documents 1, 2, 3, 4 should be certified Apostille in your country or legalized by Korean Consulate in your country.

✓ The documents 1, 2, 3, 4 should be in English. If it's not in English, a free translation in English should be attached to each document. A translation by sworn translator isn't necessarily required.

✓ The documents 1, 2, 3, 4, certified Apostilled or legalized by Korean Embassy should be received in original copy by the international admission service no later than the 30th of November.

[\(see below sample of documents certified Apostille and legalized by Korean Embassy\)](#)

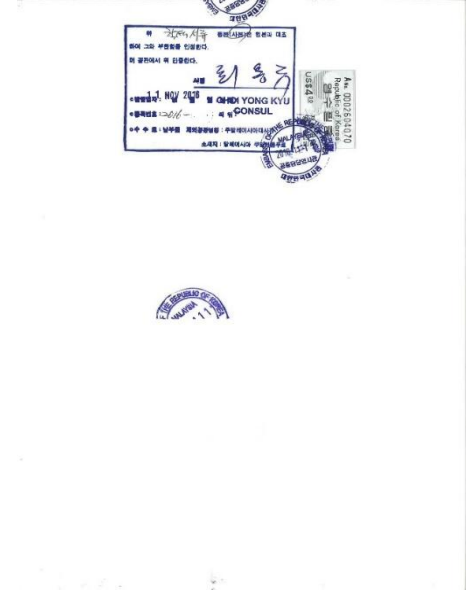
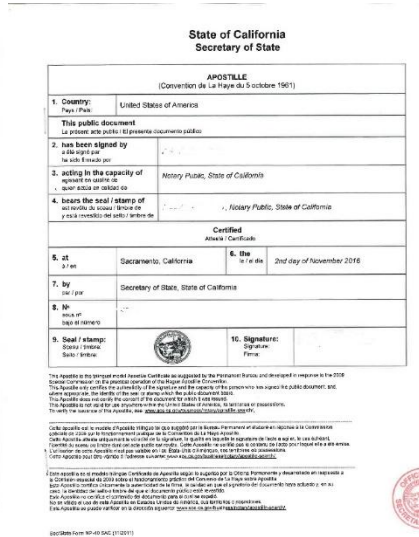
✓ The bank statement is valid only for 30 days from the date of issuance until the date of application for visa. Be aware of the issuance date from the bank.

Sample images of documents certified Apostille and legalized by Korean Embassy

(Apostille in France)

(Apostille in USA)

(Legalized by Korean Embassy)



Schedule related to visa procedure

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| By last Friday in November | Reception by ESMOD Seoul of all documents in original |
| During 2 nd week of December | Reception of certificate of TOPIK grade 1 by email (last deadline)*
(*Recommended to provide the certificate earlier if possible) |
| During 3 rd week of December | Submission of the documents for visa at Seoul Immigration Office |
| By the 15 th of January | Confirmation of visa issuance granted by Seoul Immigration Office |
| After the confirmation | Students start applying for an entry visa(**) to Korean Consulate or to Korea Visa Application Center (KOVAC) according to the |
| Around the 20 th of February | Students are asked to arrive to Seoul later than the 20 th of February |
| Entrance Ceremony | Students are asked to attend the Entrance Ceremony |

King Sejong Institute of Korean language recognized by King Sejong Foundation

By the immigration law, instead of a certificate of TOPIK I grade 1, Korean government accepts a certificate of completion of basic course issued by one of King Sejong Institutes of Korean language. A King Sejong Institute is a Korean language institute established outside Korea by the recognition of King Sejong Foundation. To find a King Sejong Institute in your country, refer to the link below or Korean Embassy in your country : [King Sejong Institute Foundation > Responsibilities > KSIs Worldwide - KSIs Worldwide \(ksif.or.kr\)](http://www.ksis.or.kr)

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

2025 TOPIK test schedule in Korea (refer to the official website www.topik.go.kr)

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

TOPIK 2025 www.topik.go.kr

Session	Period for signing up for tests in KOREA	Test date in KOREA	Test date in zone : Asia, part of Europe	Test date in zone : America, Europe, Africa, Oceania, part of Asia	Result
session 99	2025.2.11 - 2.17	2025.4.13	2025.4.13	2025.4.12	2025.5.30
session 100	2025.3.11 - 3.17	2025.5.11	2025.5.11		2025.6.26
session 101	2025.5.13 - 5.19	2025.7.13	2025.7.13	2025.7.12	2025.8.21
session 102	2025.8.5 - 8.11	2025.10.19	2025.10.19	2025.10.18	2025.12.11
session 103	2025.9.2 - 9.8	2025.11.16	2025.11.16		2025.12.23

TOPIK I Test fees in Korea : 40,000 KRW (The test fees outside of Korea might be different.)

Contact for information on TOPIK test topik@korea.kr

	TOPIK I		TOPIK II			
	grade 1	grade 2	grade 3	grade 4	grade 5	grade 6
necessary scores	80 - 139	140 - 200	120 - 149	150-189	190-229	230-300

Level	Grade	Scores	Criteria
TOPIK I	1	80-139	Language skills in Listening and Reading Introduction of oneself, shopping, ordering foods, expressing daily topics about family, hobbies, weather, etc.. Basic vocabularies of 800 , construction of simple phrases based on the basic grammar, understanding simple conversation in a daily life.
	2	140-200	Language skills in Listening and Reading Daily life activities such as phone calling, using services at a post office, a bank or a public service centers. Basic vocabularies of 1500 -2000, construction of plural phrases , understanding and using Korean in a different situation, official and private.

* For visa application, the certificate of grade 1 is accepted. However to succeed in study at ESMOD Seoul, foreign students are strongly recommended to get a level in Korean equivalent to TOPIK grade 2 or above.

1. A valid certificate of **TOPIK grade 1** is mandatory to apply for visa to study at ESMOD Seoul. ESMOD Seoul accepts the application under the condition that the certificate will be provided to ESMOD Seoul **by December 12th, 2025 at the latest**, for the intake of March 2026. Except the certificate of TOPIK, all documents for visa in original copy need to be arrived at ESMOD Seoul by express service or post no later than Nov. 30th 2025.

2. **For the international candidates staying outside Korea**, as scheduled above, some of TOPIK tests are held other countries. For more information on the TOPIK tests in your country, you're advised to contact as soon as possible Korean Embassy or Korean culture center in your country for the accurate information. Only the certificate of TOPIK-PBT is accepted to apply for visa. TOPIK-IBT is not accepted. The certificate issued is valid for 24 months. After the expiration, you have to take a TOPIK test again and get a new one.

3. **For the international candidates staying in Korea**, a certificate of enrollment at a Korean language center in Korea is not accepted for visa application. It's mandatory to provide a valid certificate of TOPIK.

Open Campus

The participation to one of 5 sessions of Open Campus is a mandatory condition for all applicants except the applicants staying outside Korea. 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. The Open Campus is held on site at ESMOD Seoul.

Reserve your place prior to each session: seoul@esmod.co.kr

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 ?

2 hours of presentation session about : presentation of the course and curriculum, students' works of ESMOD Seoul, testimonials of enrolled students and alumni. After the presentation, the participants can visit freely ESMOD Seoul or have an individual meeting with professors.

Q : Open Campus schedule for the school year of 2026-2027

ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 1	2025. 06. 12 (Thu) at 5 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 2	2025. 11. 18 (Tue) at 5 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 3	2025. 12. 05 (Fri) at 5 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 4	2026. 01. 27 (Tue) at 5 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 5	2026. 02. 11 (Wed) at 5 pm

Contact for more information and for sending documents to apply :

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Responsible for International Admission Service ESMOD SEOUL

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Please attach
a recent
passport-sized photograph
here

APPLICATION FORM 2026-2027

PERSONAL DETAILS

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 :	
				Mobile phone number :	
Zip code :		City :	Country :	E-mail :	
Emergency contact in Korea (if you have):		Name :		Telephone :	

FAMILY FACTS

Name	Relationship	Address	E-mail

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, attach a copy of the certificate 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



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BILL OF PAYMENT APPLICATION EVALUATION FEE

Application Evaluation Fee

In order to evaluate the application and the interview, all applicants are asked to pay an application evaluation fee. **This fee doesn't refund under any circumstances.** 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. The application will be accepted only after the application evaluation fee is paid.

ESMOD SEOUL Bank Account Information for payment :

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

- * Expenses incurred from bank transfers are the student's responsibility.
- * In case of the wiring under other name different to applicant's name, please let us know..
- * The application evaluation fee doesn't refund under any circumstance.
- * YCP Co. Ltd is mother company running ESMOD Seoul Fashion Design Educational Institute in Korea.

**This form below filled out should be attached to your application form
 along with your bank receipt of wire transfer or certificate of remittance.**

Applicants Name	
Name of remitter (In case of wiring with the name different to the applicant's name)	
Date of Remittance	
Amount	<i>100,000 KRW</i>
Content of Remittance	<i>Application evaluation fee</i>
Remittance bank	

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