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Information on the admission to ESMOD Seoul for foreign applicants (Intake March - school year of 2025/26)

Information on the course of fashion design and pattern drafting, on the application and on the 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 : 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 : 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 March intake considering the preparation necessary for visa. It's preferable 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. [\(see below for more information on Visa to study at ESMOD Seoul\).](#)

Q : What are the requirements for the international applicants to apply to ESMOD Seoul ?

The requirements to apply to ESMOD Seoul are mostly aligned with 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. As of the closing date for visa application scheduled on the end of October 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. [\(see below for more information on How to apply to ESMOD Seoul\)](#)

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Q : Are any short courses available at ESMOD Seoul ?

A summer class is a short course open for 2 weeks from the mid-July. The lectures are given 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 could join this class.

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

According to the national academic system, the school year of ESMOD Seoul starts on the 1st week of March and ends around the 20th of 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's not necessarily required because the new students can learn the skills as a beginner in our 3-year "Fashion Design and Pattern Drafting" course. A strong motivation for the study of fashion design is the most important value.

Q : Does Korean language is required to attend the classes ?

Yes. As most of the students in a class are Korean, the foreign students have to understand the lectures given in Korean. To understand the lectures, a level equivalent to TOPIK grade 2 or above is required. The foreign students will be placed in a class with English-speaking professors or French-speaking professors to help them to communicate individually with the professors. Foreign students are required to speak fluently at least one of three languages (Korean, English or French).

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 (27 hours per week). A lunch break is from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

Q : When is the school vacation at ESMOD Seoul ?

The school is closed during the school vacations in summer and in winter (5 weeks from mid-July to mid-August and 5 weeks from late December to late 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 join 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 theoretical and their lectures are given only in Korean (for example, Western costume history, fashion marketing). Only for these classes, according to the Korean language level, it might be possible to be evaluated for foreign students by submitting reports and assignments instead of attending classes and taking written examinations.

Q : Is there an international class providing all lectures 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 ?

Yes and No.

Yes. For the formalities of visa, it's mandatory to provide 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](#)).

No. A level equivalent to TOPIK I grade 2 to attend the classes will be evaluated by the admission committee during the admission interview. A certificate of TOPIK grade 2 is not required by the school. You just need to prove your Korean level during the interview.

Only a certificate of TOPIK grade 1 is mandatorily required to submit to apply for visa.

Q : For visa, a certificate of TOPIK grade 1 is it the only document accepted by the Immigration ?

Instead, you can provide 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 of Korea by the recognition of King Sejong Foundation. ([see below for info on King Sejong Institute of Korean language](#)).

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 is not mandatorily required. During the admission interview, the language level will be tested.

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 visit to ESMOD Seoul. You can attend the Open Campus. ([see below for more info on the Open Campuses](#))

Q : Can I submit the documents for application except a certificate of TOPIK I grade 1 or a certificate of completion of the basic course at a King Sejong Institute in my country by promising you to submit one of these certificates by due time ?

Yes. ESMOD Seoul accepts your application without a certificate of TOPIK I grade 1 or a certificate of completion of the basic course at a King Sejong Institute in your country. But you have to provide a valid one by November 30th at the latest. If not, the admission might be cancelled due to the lack of time necessary for visa procedure.

Q : What is the school calendar of ESMOD Seoul for the school year of 2025-2026 ?

Entrance Ceremony & Orientation session	February 28 th , 2025.
Class starting day	March 4 th , 2025
Semester 1	From early March to mid-July
Summer vacations	from mid-July to mid-August (5 weeks)
Semester 2	From mid-August to mid-February of the following year
Winter vacations	from late December to late January of the following year

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

- For the information on tuitions and fees, contact the international admission service by email : seoul@esmod.co.kr

- For the Information on the cost of living in Korea, refer to the link : [Cost of Living \(numbeo.com\)](https://numbeo.com)

- Download a "Guidebook for living in Seoul" in multi-language published by Seoul Metropolitan Government : <https://global.seoul.go.kr/web/life/lifeListPage.do>

How to apply to ESMOD Seoul

As of the closing date for visa application scheduled on the end of October 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.

The requirements to apply to ESMOD Seoul are mostly aligned with 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.

Step 1 : Prepare the documents below and send to the international admission service by email :

1. Application form attached to this document to fill out
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 (A portfolio can 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 only with image clippings in art or/and in fashion to show the applicants' interests.)
5. Photocopy of passport. Check the validity of the passport (the passport should have more than 6 months of validity in February of the school year, which means in February 2025)
6. Photocopy of certificate of graduation of high school
7. Photocopy of certificate of TOPIK I grade 1 or of certificate of completion of basic course of a Korean language course validated by King Sejong Foundation
8. If you're staying in Korea for language course or other reasons, Photocopy of resident card (face and back)

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

Step 2 : Review of the application file and admission interview

Once received the application and the support documents, the applicants will be contacted by the international admission service to organize a zoom interview. The interview is mainly to understand your motivation to study the fashion design in Korea, your educational and cultural background, and also to evaluate your language level in English and in Korean. You'll know the result (accepted or not) in one week after the interview and receive by email the information on the registration to the school, the payment of the tuitions and visa procedure.

Step 3 : Registration to ESMOD Seoul

By email, the applicants accepted will be informed how to register to the course of ESMOD Seoul and to pay the tuitions.

Visa to study at ESMOD Seoul

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 the procedure called “Confirmation of visa issuance” for D-4-6 with the immigration office. The foreign students have to provide all papers by due time as requested by ESMOD Seoul.

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 fulfill the requirements for visa by submitting a valid certificate. Please sign it up in a hurry to take the test as soon as possible.

Q : Is it possible to work and 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 D-4-6 ?

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 6,000 USD or equivalent in the currency of your country in a bank account of your name. (This amount of money is supposed to support for housing and 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.)
6. 2 copies of passport sized ID picture (to be sent by express courier with the documents)

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

Note :

- ✓ The documents listed above (1, 2, 3, 4) should be certified Apostille in your country or, legalized by Korean Consulate in your country.
- ✓ The documents listed above (1, 2, 3, 4) 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 necessarily required but it’s preferable.
- ✓ The documents listed above (1, 2, 3, 4) should be in original copy and sent to the international admission service by express courier (DHL, Fedex, EMS, etc..) no later than the 30th 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.

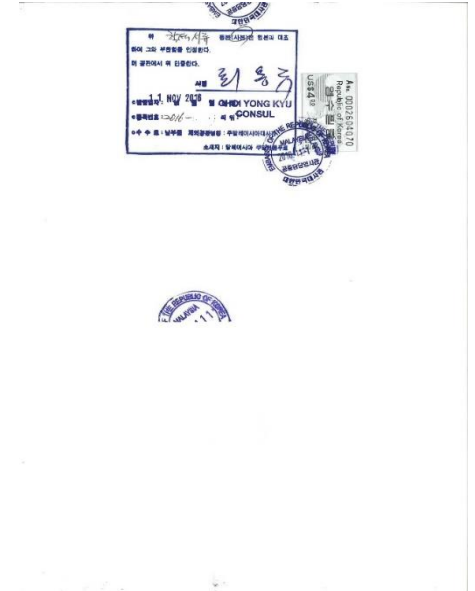
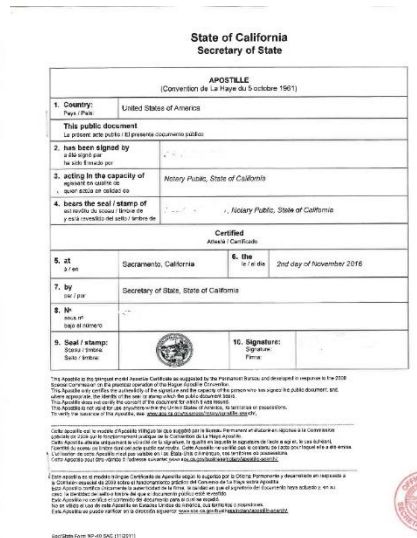
[\(see below sample of documents certified Apostille and legalized by Korean Embassy\)](#)

Sample images of documents certified Apostille and legalized by Korean Embassy

(Apostille in France)

(Apostille in USA)

(Legalized by Korean Embassy)



Q : After providing all papers for visa to ESMOD Seoul, what is the next step ?

ESMOD Seoul is in charge of submission of your papers to the Immigration office along with the documents related to ESMOD Seoul. The immigration office will let know ESMOD Seoul if a confirmation of visa issuance is granted or not for you after reviewing the documents. When it's granted, you'll be contacted by ESMOD Seoul and you can start the procedure for the entry visa with the "Confirmation of visa issuance". For the entry visa, you should contact Korean Consulate or Korea Visa Center in your country.

ESMOD Seoul is expecting your arrival to Seoul during the 2nd or the 3rd week of February.

King Sejong Institute of Korean language 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 grade 1, if the course was taken at a King Sejong Institute of Korean language. A King Sejong Institute is a Korean language institute established outside of 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://ksif.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

2024 TOPIK tests scheduled 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 2024 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 93	2024.2.13 - 2.19	2024.4.14	2024.4.14	2024.4.13	2024.5.30
session 94	2024.3.12 - 3.18	2024.5.12	2024.5.12		2024.6.27
session 95	2024.5.21 - 5.27	2024.7.14	2024.7.14	2024.7.13	2024.8.22
session 96	2024.8.6 - 8.12	2024.10.13	2024.10.13	2024.10.12	2024.11.28
session 97	2024.9.3 - 9.9	2024.11.10	2024.11.10		2024.12.19

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.

Open Campus

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

Reserve your place at Open Campus 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 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 2025-2026

ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 1	Thursday, June 13 th , 2024 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 2	Friday, November 15 th , 2024 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 3	Friday, December 6 th , 2024 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 4	Tuesday, February 4 th , 2025 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 5	Wednesday, February 12 th , 2025 at 5:00 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 2025-2026

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 : <input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Korean
	Note if you have the certificate of TOPIK, attach a copy of the certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 2025-2026 when you send the application form filled in. 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	SHBKRRSE
Bank Account	140-003-996936
Account holder	YCP Co. Ltd (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.

This form 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 (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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