111th Anniversary of Korea University

KU-THE FUTURE

LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE
Global Leaders of the Future

Navigating the Unknown – Nordic and Benelux Countries

Charting the global map of knowledge is possible through KU Nordic countries, i.e., Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Finland, are relatively less well-known to Korea. Nevertheless, they are highly influential nations that possess world class competencies in IT and design. The three Benelux countries of Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg form the hub of traditional Europe. Moreover, Latin America, after China, has the potential to become one of the world’s largest regional economies. All of these regions offer fertile ground for innovation.

Upon celebrating its 111st anniversary, Korea University founded the East Asia-Nordic/Benelux University Consortium (EABUC). Delegates from five universities in Korea, China, and Japan, representing East Asia, and seven universities in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg, representing the Nordic and Benelux regions, convened as collaborating partners to generate synergy in research endeavors.

Pioneering Intellectuals’ Choice – Global Leadership Program

The KU-GLOBAL Leadership Program Scholarship, awarded on the basis of geographic region and professional field, presents unlimited opportunities for KU students to acquire new knowledge by offering extensive opportunities for KU intellectuals to pioneer in strategic regions such as China, Latin America, Russia, and Japan and in fields such as information technology, biotechnology, and design, among others.

Additionally, KU Global Centers located in Beijing, London, Tokyo, Vancouver, Silicon Valley, Washington D.C., and elsewhere serve as basecamps for KU pioneering intellectuals to venture into new areas.

KU Campus = Global Campus

KU is not a university solely for domestic Korean students. In 2016, more than 1,000 international students enrolled at KU with an additional 10,000 students studying Korean at the Korean Language Center. More than 2,000 students annually participate in the International Summer Camp and International Winter Camp to attend lectures by globally-renowned visiting scholars. Moreover, by 2020, the Global KU 2.0 Latin America Project plans to host an additional 600 Latin American students in Korea. The KU campus is already a global campus for the world.

Education for the Future

University of the Future, Future of Universities

Korea University is where the future of education in Korea can first be encountered. Prestigious universities around the world have already embarked on various innovative projects for future education. The goals of education are shifting from mere dissemination of knowledge towards honing competencies for knowledge creation and problem identification and solving.

The “School of Future Sciences” (tentative title) that KU is envisioning consists of four core areas – humanities, social sciences, design thinking, and global standards – as well as the foundation areas of artificial intelligence and data science for the Internet of Things (IoT). This unique curriculum allows students to gain insight into and faster the capacity to utilize data-based knowledge to resolve issues facing future society.

Problem-solving Intellectuals Required by Future Society

The “School of Future Sciences” maximizes connectivity for creative learning, convergence in transdisciplinary learning, flipped classrooms for problem-based learning, and other innovative pedagogical methods. It is not solely an engineering, science, business or arts college but can be any and all of them simultaneously. Paragons of intelligence and transdisciplinary accomplishments, such as Leonardo da Vinci, who defy classifications as solely an artist, scientist, medical scientist or philosopher but rather a combination of all, will be cultivated through innovative learning and instruction.

Interconnected Korea University – It-Campus

The It-Campus serves as the entrance to the IoT ecosystem of knowledge and information for future generations. The Campus embodies KU’s powerful cyberspace and cutting-edge infrastructure. Students can access lecture rooms, connect with professors, reserve equipment, and manage club activities on their smartphones anywhere on campus, thereby enabling them to easily engage in various curricular and extracurricular activities. The It-Campus is a network linking all KU campuses, including its hospitals, into one seamless system that empowers its users to benefit from and engage in dynamic activities anywhere and anytime.

Passion and Creativity

Everything is Possible – It-Ville and SK Future Hall

The It-Ville is an ultramodern space for pioneering intellectuals. In the village constructed of dozens of containers, students nurture their dreams to pioneer and explore the unknown. This space is a 24/7 playground for creativity, a basecamp for exploration, and an incubator to cultivate dreams of and for the future. The dreams and passion of the village are unlimited, just like itself.

The SK Future Hall, composed of 100 small seminar rooms and 150 carrels, serves as a venue for knowledge creation. In this new conceptual space, students engage in autonomous learning, group discussions, and independent thinking. The Hall is a space upholding liberty and truth to encourage students to unleash their creativity.

The World’s Most Flexible University

The most flexible and adaptive curriculum is available at KU, which has adopted the “3 NOs’ Policy” – no attendance checks, no relative grading, and no proctored exams. Lectures alone motivate students to attend and participate. Unbilled academic competition is constrained by abolishing relative grading, and exams requiring creative answers do not require proctoring. Under the “3 NOs’ Policy,” students are fostered as autonomous, self-motivated, responsible, and creative human beings.

Professors and students can now customize their own semesters. They can design a semester of four, eight, or ten weeks. This system enables them to flexibly allot their time based on individual needs, such as a long-term research, personal development activities, overseas training, internships, entrepreneurship, volunteer service, etc.

University without Borders – Anam Campus Town

Korea University is in the process of creating a healthy and happy campus town by collaborating with the surrounding community. At the nexus of campus life and education, research, entrepreneurship, residency, culture, and leisure stands KU. We are building a campus that shares education and research, as well as culture and the arts with its neighboring communities. Contents are generated and shared by students and local residents. KU is nurturing an ecosystem of entrepreneurship in the Campus Town, where student entrepreneurs contribute to the local community and beyond.