Spring Admission, 2027 Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul General Guide

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Welcome to the Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul (PSPS) at Yeungnam University. We're seeking passionate students from across the globe to join our transformative journey. In our vibrant academic setting, students evolve into visionary leaders. Inspired by the Saemaul Development's principles, our alumni are at the forefront of initiatives combatting poverty and championing a brighter, more harmonious world. Join us, and be a part of this global mission.

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1. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Department	Major	Degrees offered
Saemaul and International Development (SID)	Saemaul and International Development	Master of Saemaul Development Studies (MSDS)
		Master of Arts in Saemaul International Development (MA/SID)
		Master of Public Policy and Saemaul (MPPS)
	Public Policy and Leadership	Master of Arts in Development Economics (MA/DE)
		Master of Public Policy (MPP)
		Master of Public Policy in Economic Development(MPP/ED)
Sustainable Development (SD)	Forest and Environmental Policy	Master of Public Policy (MPP)
		Master of Public Administration (MPA)
		Master of Science (MS)

※ *All courses are conducted in English.*

※ *Students will select only ONE degree of their preference from the options offered by each respective major.*

Academic Roadmap

Spring 2027	Semesters		Supervisor Assignment	Comprehensive Exam
March 1, 2027	1st (Spring)	March 2027 – August 2027	October 2027	August 2028
	2nd (Fall)	September 2027 – February 2028		
	3rd (Spring)	March 2028 – August 2028		
	4th (Fall)	September 2028 – February 2029		

Submission & Presentation of Thesis/Report	Graduation
October 2028 – December 2028	February 2029

※ *Early graduation(up to one semester shorter) may be available to students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance. Further details will be announced separately.*

※ *The above schedule is subject to change. More information on academic calendar and academic programs can be found on the PSPS webpage (https://psps.yu.ac.kr).*

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility	Academic Requirements
An applicant who is NOT of Korean nationality, either by birth or through naturalization, and whose parents are also not of Korean nationality.	– Completion of **12 years of formal education** covering elementary, middle, and high school (or its equivalent) **prior to undergraduate studies.** – Obtainment of **a bachelor's degree** from a recognized institution, equivalent to a 4-year Korean bachelor's degree. – Demonstration of a high level of proficiency in English. – In the case of Sustainable Development, preference will be given to applicants who hold a bachelor's degree in agriculture, forestry, environmental engineering, or other related fields. However, degrees from other disciplines will also be considered especially if they have extensively dealt with sustainable development concepts and practices.
※ Maintenance of good physical and mental health, suitable for completing the degree program. Please note that conditions such as active tuberculosis, other contagious diseases, or a chronic illness that would substantially impair the applicant's ability to complete the program may disqualify an applicant from the selection process.	

3. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Online Application Visit http://psps.yu.ac.kr → Click on "Admissions"
→ Then click **"Apply Here**(International students)"

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• Submission of Required Documents : Send via e-mail(pspsapply@yu.ac.kr).
• Payment of Application Fee

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• Document Screening
• **Self-made Video Clip Submission Request** (Zoom or phone interviews may be arranged if necessary)

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Announcement of Admission & Scholarship Decisions

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Issuance & Dispatch of Official Documents for Visa Processing

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• Arrival in Korea
• **Orientation for New Students** : During the last week of Feb. 2027

4. ADMISSION TIMELINE

Procedure	Timeline
Online Application & Payment of Application Fee	**2 PM, September 28(Mon) – 2 PM, October 23(Fri), 2026** • The online application system will automatically close after the deadline. We strongly recommend finalizing your online application at least three days prior to the deadline to avoid any unforeseen issues. • Visit the PSPS Webpage(http://psps.yu.ac.kr) → Click on "Admissions" → Then Click "Apply Here(International students)"
Submission of Required Documents	**2 PM, September 28(Mon) – 2 PM, October 30(Fri), 2026** • Once you've completed the online application, please submit all the required documents in the specified order via email (pspsapply@yu.ac.kr) with the subject line **"[Application No.] Applicant Name – Spring 2027 Application Documents"**. • After submission, you'll receive an email confirmation within a few days. As the deadline nears, our response time might increase, so we encourage early submission for a timely confirmation.
Screening of Documents & Zoom Interview	**November – December 2026** • Applicants who have submitted all required documents will be invited to provide a self-made video clip answering interview questions. Zoom or phone interviews may also be arranged if needed. *※ Original hard copies of the submitted documents may be requested, in person or by post, during the screening and selection process.*
Announcement of Admission & Scholarship Decisions	**Early January 2027** • Applicants can view their admission results by logging into the online application system. • Students admitted to the PSPS will receive an email detailing the next steps in the processes.
Issuance & Dispatch of Official Documents for Visa Processing	**January to February 2027**
Arrival in Korea & Orientation	**Last Week of February 2027** • Orientation for new students is tentatively scheduled for the last week of February, 2027

※ All times and dates are based on Korean Standard Time(KST).

※ The schedule may be subject to change.

5. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

No.	Required Documents	Remarks
1	Application Form Personal Statement Statement of Academic Purpose Official Agreement for Academic Record Verification Health Checkup Self-Assessment Questionnaire Pledge	• Fill out these forms via the online application system and print them before the deadline (2PM, October 23(Fri) 2026) • Ensure to sign in the designated signature fields. • When detailing your educational background, be sure to use the full names of your higher education institutions (e.g., university/college) and the exact title of your degree as stated in official documents.
2	Certificate of (Expected) Graduation or Bachelor's Degree	• For graduates from universities in countries that have an Apostille agreement with Korea: Applicants must obtain an Apostille on their certificate of graduation(or certificate of degree) and academic transcript. • For graduates from universities in other countries: Applicants must undergo Consular Authentication of their certificate of graduation(or certificate of degree) and academic transcript. This can be obtained from the Korean Embassy or Consulate in the country where their university is located, or from the Consular Section of their country's embassy in Korea. • For graduates from universities in P.R. China: Applicants must submit all the documents below. – Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate(English) – Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate(English) – CHSI Full Academic Report (English) or Original Apostille or Notarized (Translated into Korean or English) Transcripts Original
3	Official Transcript with Grading System (or Complete GPA Information)	
4	Official English Proficiency Test Report TOEFL/IELTS/TOEIC/etc. or Equivalent English Proficiency Document	• Test results must be dated no earlier than 30th October 2024. – Minimum Score Requirements – TOEFL iBT: 4 (or 71 based on the previous 0–120 score scale) / IELTS: 5.5 / TOEIC: 750 / CEFR: B2 • *Applicants from countries where English is the official (or native) language are **NOT** required to submit an English test report.* • *Those who have completed an undergraduate degree in English can submit an official statement from their university as proof of proficiency.*
5	Recommendation Letter(s)	• You are welcome to submit recommendation letters in any format. • While one recommendation is acceptable, you may request multiple letters from past or current professors, or supervisors at your workplace. • Letters should be written in either English or Korean.

No.	Required Documents	Remarks
6	Certificate of Parental Nationality	• Applicants must submit photocopies of their parents' passports. • If parents' passports are unavailable, an official identification card indicating nationality, along with a translation into either English or Korean, must be submitted instead.
7	Family Relation Certificate	• Applicants must submit a Family Relationship Certificate or Birth Certificate issued by the government of the applicant's country within six months of the submission date. • In the event of a parent's death or divorce, a death certificate or divorce certificate must be submitted, respectively. • If the submitted documents do not sufficiently prove family relationships, additional documentation may be requested.
8	Application Fee Payment Receipt	• Applicants must submit either the original or a copy of the application fee payment receipt. • In principle, the payment should be remitted under the applicant's name, but payment on behalf of the applicant is also acceptable.
9	Photocopy of Passport	• A photocopy of the passport's information page is required for verification purposes. • If you currently do not possess a passport, kindly inform us at the time of your document submission via email.
Additional Documents *(When Applicable)*		• For applicants currently in Korea: A photocopy of the Residence Card (front and back). • Optional: Official Korean test results (TOPIK), Certificate of Employment

○ Notes

- Applicants must submit all documents (scanned copies) via e-mail (pspsapply@yu.ac.kr). Applicants are responsible for any disadvantages resulting from failure to submit required documents by the deadline, submission of incomplete documents, or submission of forged or altered documents.
- Scan and arrange documents in PDF format, in the order indicated in the "5. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS" table (No.1–9), before submitting by e-mail.
  (Email Subject Line: **"[Application No.] Applicant's Name – Spring 2027 Application Documents"**)
- All documents issued in a language other than Korean or English must be accompanied by a notarized translation into Korean or English.
- If the applicant has attended more than one institution (e.g., due to transfer or dual enrollment), official transcripts from all attended institutions must be submitted.
- Applicants who submit a certificate of expected graduation must submit their final graduation certificate and academic transcript in accordance with further guidance. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of admission.
- Applicants who are requested to submit original academic documents (requiring Apostille or Consular Authentication) must do so in accordance with PSPS's guidance.

Failure to comply may result in restriction or cancellation of admission, regardless of the applicant's eventual admission outcome.

- **Admission may be revoked if any certificates or documents submitted to PSPS are found to be invalid or falsified.**

Apostille Convention Countries (129 signatories) — As of June, 2026

Region	Countries
Asia and Oceania (34)	Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China(including Hong Kong, Macau), Cook Islands, Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, New Zealand, Niue, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Tajikistan, Tonga, Türkiye, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Vietnam
Africa (17)	Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Eswatini, Liberia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, and Tunisia
Europe (45)	Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
America (33)	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

※ *Reference: https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41*

6. APPLICATION FEE

Every applicant is required to pay a non-refundable application fee of ₩100,000 (KRW) or $80(USD). Please ensure your complete documents are submitted alongside your payment. Bank details are as follows:

- Bank: IM BANK (formerly known as DAEGU BANK)
- Address: 2310, Dalgubeol-daero, Suseong-gu, Daegu Metropolitan, Republic of Korea
- Account Number: 910-001127213-5
- Account Holder: Yeungnam University (영남대학교)
- Swift Code: DAEBKR22 (For international transfers only)
- **Payment Deadline: 2 PM, September 28(Mon) – 2 PM, October 23(Fri), 2026 (KST)**

Note: The application fee should be remitted under the applicant's name. All bank fees must be covered by the applicant.

7. TUITION & EXTRA FEES

Category	Amount
Tuition Fee	• 1st to 3rd semester: KRW 4,876,000 each • 4th semester: KRW 3,251,000
Admission Fee	KRW 863,000
Student Council Fee	KRW 30,000 per semester
University Health Care Service Fee	KRW 30,500 per semester
Private Health Insurance Fee	KRW 100,000 annually (mandatory for all international students)
National Health Insurance Fee	KRW 80,000 monthly (mandatory for all international students) For more details on the National Health Insurance, visit NHIS at https://www.nhis.or.kr/english/index.do

※ *Note: The table above is based on the 2026 academic year fees and is subject to change for 2027.*

Scholarships

All admitted students to the PSPS will be awarded the following scholarship benefits:

Scholarship	Benefit Package
General Scholarship	• Tuition fees for four semesters • Admission fee waiver • KRW 1,000,000 of monthly living allowance for 12 months (March 2027 to February 2028) ※ *students are responsible for covering their own living expenses for the remaining semesters.*

※ *Please note that scholarship details and amounts are subject to change.*

- Students are encouraged to maintain a high academic standard. Those who do not achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 (out of 4.5) or receive an "F" in any course will be required to **cover 30% of the tuition fee for the subsequent semester**.

8. OTHER INFORMATION

○ Academic Regulations

- The grading system is as follows:

Grade	Score	Point	Grade	Score	Point
A+	95 – 100	4.5	C+	75 – 79	2.5
A	90 – 94	4.0	C	70 – 74	2.0
B+	85 – 89	3.5	F	0 – 69	0
B	80 – 84	3.0	P/F	Pass/Fail	

- If a student misses more than one-fourth (1/4) of the official class sessions in a semester, they will not receive a final course grade for that class, which is equivalent to a FAIL or 'F'.
- Changing your major or degree name is not permitted.
- Any inappropriate behavior as a student, such as violating the standard Rules and Regulations set by the PSPS, will result in disciplinary action.

○ Visa Issuance Process

January 2027	January – February 2027
Successful candidates will receive the following documents via post mail: • Certificate of Admission • Certificate of Scholarship • Certificate of Payment for Tuition Fee (in Korean) • Letter of Admission • Business Registration of the University Note: The Korean embassy may request students to submit a financial statement during their student visa application.	Submit your application for a Student Visa (D-2) using the required documents at the nearest Korean Embassy or Consulate in your country. Note: Please verify the specific list of required documents by visiting the Korean Embassy's official website: http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/index.do

○ Allowance

- The monthly living allowance is calculated after deducting, on a daily pro-rata basis, the number of days the student is outside Korea each month. However, if the student's cumulative period of residence in Korea during a given month is less than 15 days, no living allowance will be paid for that month.

○ Accompanying or Inviting Family

- PSPS students are advised not to bring family members during their study period.

○ Dormitory

– Students have the option to reside in the Gyeongbuk Global Exchange Center(GGEC) dormitory, situated a mere 10-minute walk from the campus.

・For further details about GGEC, visit https://ggec.happydorm.or.kr/

Type	Dormitory Fee	Meal Plan Fee	Remarks
Double Room (for two persons)	KRW 250,000 (per month)	KRW 4,000 to 5,500 (per meal)	Deposit: KRW 100,000 (refundable)
Single Room (for one person)	KRW 500,000 (per month)		

※ *Fees are subject to change for the spring semester of 2027.*

※ *In cases of high demand, placement in the GGEC dormitory may not be guaranteed, and students may also arrange off-campus housing.*

○ Residency Requirement in Korea

・The PSPS offers master's degree programs designed for full-time study, with an expected completion time of 24 months.

・The final semester is designated for thesis writing, allowing students to return to their home country. However, students are required to re-enter Korea during the thesis defense period.

9. CONTACTS

Website

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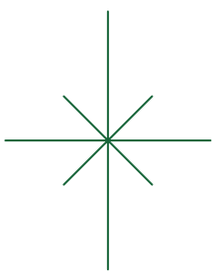

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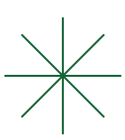
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