

Information on the admission of the international students

The application to ESMOD Seoul for the **academic year 2022-2023 is open until the 30th of October 2021.** (Application form and bill of payment of the application evaluation fee attached at the end of this document).

According to the national academic system in Korea, the school year of ESMOD Seoul **starts on 1st week of March and ends by Friday of 4th week in February of following year.** On last Friday of February each year, ESMOD Seoul organizes an entrance ceremony to which the new students are asked to attend. The classes start from the first Monday of March each year.

By the law and regulations on the immigration in Korea, international students should get a **visa type D-4-6** to study at ESMOD Seoul. This visa type is valid for 6 months and renewable for another 6 months. The visa type D-4-6 can be renewable for 2 years at max. To finish the 3-year course of ESMOD Seoul, international students need to go back to their country and get newly a visa D-4-6. ESMOD Seoul will help the international students to follow all procedures to get a visa without missing major classes. This visa type doesn't allow to the international students to work, even in part time. It's very important for the international students to have their own financial plan to support their living in Korea.

Due to the visa procedure taking several weeks or even more in the current health situation, the applicants who get admitted to ESMOD Seoul are asked to prepare in advance the mandatory papers necessary for asking visa and to provide to the school by due time. The information on tuition and fees will be provided on a request by email.

Requirements to apply to ESMOD Seoul and apply to get visa D4-6

- 1. By the law and regulations on the immigration in Korea, foreign candidates have to be aged 18 years old or above and under 30 years old with a diploma of graduation of high school or equivalency as of the closing date for visa application scheduled on the 10th of December each year. If not, ESMOD Seoul can't help the foreign candidates to apply for visa D4-6.***
- 2. By the law and regulations on the immigration in Korea, for visa D-4-6 to study at ESMOD Seoul, foreign candidates have to submit to ESMOD Seoul a certificate of score of proficiency in Korean of TOPIK-I Grade 1 as of the closing date for visa application scheduled on the 10th of December each year. If a certificate of TOPIK-I Grade 1 can't get issued by due time, instead of this certificate of TOPIK, foreign candidates can submit a certificate of achievement of Elementary level 1 of basic course in a King Sejong Institute, Korean language institutes run by Korean government abroad. The foreign candidates currently in Korea need to sign up a test of TOPIK as soon as possible. The foreign candidates abroad need to contact a King Sejong Institute nearby in their resident country for more information on the course.***
- 3. To attend the classes at ESMOD Seoul, foreign candidates have to be fluent at least in one of the languages - Korean, English, French. A Korean language level allowing communicate with Koreans in daily life is required for your school life.***

Important !!! Be aware that the candidate's full name indicated on a passport has to be the same on all the official papers. If not, your application for visa might be rejected.

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Presentation of ESMOD Seoul :

ESMOD Seoul, founded in 1989 as an exclusive branch school in Korea of ESMOD Paris, is the leading fashion institute and has adopted same industry-based curriculum of ESMOD Paris.

ESMOD Seoul accepts the new students once a year with the intake in March. The course available at ESMOD Seoul is a 3-year (6 semesters) course specialized in fashion design and creation. Its hands-on core educational system simultaneously emphasizes on both Stylism (means fashion design in French word) and Modelism (means pattern drafting in French word) giving students strong foundation with creativity and technicality thus well-preparing its graduates for the real fashion world. At the end of 2nd year class, students choose one specific area from womenswear, menswear, children's wear or lingerie. Upon their choice of area, students make their own graduation collection to present their professionalism and practicality.

ESMOD Seoul also runs a student exchange program among its ESMOD International Network which consists of 20 schools in 14 countries. A transfer among the schools of ESMOD International Network is also possible.

For more information on the course, refer to ESMOD Seoul's website : <http://esmod.co.kr/eng/>

The lectures of the course in ESMOD Seoul are given in Korean as most of the enrolled students are Korean. The foreign students speaking fluently English or French are placed at a mixed class with English or French speaking professors. As the course of fashion design and creation mostly consists of learning skills and having practical training (famous ESMOD teaching method), a language barrier isn't a big problem for foreign students to follow the lectures. English or French speaking professors are available to explain if foreign students have further questions.

Even though a certificate of score of proficiency in Korean TOPIK-I Grade 1 is enough to apply for visa D4-6, a level equivalent to TOPIK Grade 2 or more advanced (without certificate) is strongly recommended to understand the lectures at the same time with Korean classmates and to communicate with them. It's much easier for international students to adapt to school life and living in Seoul.

Registration fee and Annual tuition :

Every new student pays a registration fee in addition to the annual tuition. The registration fee, paid only once, includes administrative expenses, textbooks and personal tools. The expendable materials and supplies (muslin, fabric, etc..) aren't included.

Foreign students who get an admission from the school are asked to pay the registration fee within 3 weeks after the admission to the school and to pay the annual tuition before the 10th of December in order that the school starts the visa procedure on behalf of foreign students.

Please contact the school to get information on the tuition and fees for the current school year : seoul@esmod.co.kr

ESMOD Seoul runs a scholarship program according to its strict criteria : academic scores, financial situation, achievement, contribution to the school, etc... The students to ESMOD Seoul have the right to apply to the scholarship after one semester of enrollment.

Elements to send to ESMOD Seoul for the application to ESMOD Seoul :

Send by email (seoul@esmod.co.kr) to ESMOD Seoul. Deadline is the 30th of October this year :

<p>- Application form filled out - Receipt of payment of application evaluation fee (The procedure to apply to ESMOD Seoul requires a payment of evaluation fee.)</p> <p>* The application form and bill of payment of the application evaluation fee attached at the end of this document.</p>
Curriculum Vitae and Motivation letter written in English
Portfolio in free format with the candidate's own drawing or illustration, magazine clippings on fashion and art, etc... (The portfolio is required to find the candidate's interests and level if candidates have an educational background in art. If a candidate has no background in art, the portfolio can be made with only magazine clippings.)
Photocopy of certificate of high school graduation and certificates of higher educational institutes if candidates have achieved further education. Attention : after the admission, to start the formalities for visa, these papers should be legalized by Korean Embassy in the countries where candidates have studied. For the countries signed Apostille Agreement, these papers should be certified of Apostille instead of legalization by Korean Embassy. As this procedure takes time, it's strongly recommended to contact as soon as possible Korean Embassy or organization of Apostille in your resident country to get certified the papers. To apply to ESMOD Seoul, you can send a photocopy of these academic papers without certification Apostille nor legalization. But to start visa formalities, you'll be asked to send in original copy these papers certified Apostille or legalized by Korean Embassy in your resident country. So please prepare it in advance.
Photocopy of passport
All candidates are required to attend one of 5 sessions of Open Campus organized by ESMOD Seoul. Foreign students living abroad are exceptionally excused to attend it considering the expenses necessary to the trip. If foreign candidates stay in Korea, they have to attend to attend it. When the sessions of Open Campus will be organized remotely, ESMOD Seoul will let know so foreign candidates abroad can attend. (Refer to the schedule of Open Campus attached at the end of this document.).

Formalities applying for Visa :

ESMOD Seoul is a private educational institute specialized in fashion design and creation which is allowed by the Korean government to welcome foreign students with a visa type D-4-6 on purpose of entry "General Trainee - training at a private institute".

This visa type is valid for 6 months and renewable for another 6 months. It can be renewable for 2 years at max. To finish the 3-year course of ESMOD Seoul, international students need to go back to their country and get newly a visa D-4-6. ESMOD Seoul will help the international students to follow all procedures to get a new visa without missing the essential classes. This visa type requires that ESMOD Seoul, as an inviting party, proceeds each step of formalities on behalf of the foreign student, to the Korean Immigration Office in Seoul with all legitimate papers provided by foreign student on the request of ESMOD Seoul. It's important to provide to ua the mandatory papers by due time.

It is strictly prohibited to work in Korea, even in part-time for the holder of visa type D-4-6. Foreign students need to have their own financial plan to support the cost for studying and living. Along with the academic papers legalized by Korean Consulate, as proof of the financial capability to apply for visa, to start a visa procedure, foreign students need to submit a receipt of full payment of registration fee and of annual tuition along with a bank statement of the amount equivalent of 5,000 USD or above deposited in a bank account of the student's name. This bank statement should be also legalized by Korean Embassy in the country of the foreign students. As the Immigration Office in Seoul accepts a bank statement issued within 30 days from its date of issue, foreign students should be careful of the date of issuance and of time for legalization. The Immigration office is expecting that foreign students use this money deposited for living in Korea during 6 months. According to the citizenship of foreign students, additional papers might be required.

Process at a glance from application to ESMOD Seoul to enter to Korea :

① Application to ESMOD Seoul (deadline by the 30th of October) → ② Evaluation of the application and an on-line interview → ③ Admission → ④ Payment of registration fee (in 3 weeks after the admission) and annual tuition (deadline by the 10th of December) → ⑤ By the 10th of December, submission of documents by foreign student (academic documents legalized by Korean Embassy or certified Apostille in the residency country of foreign student, bank statement legalized by Korean consulate in the residency country proving 5,000 USD deposited in a bank account in the name of the student, certificate of score of proficiency in Korean, etc...) → ⑥ Formalities of the application for certificate of visa eligibility D-4-6 (it's a kind of pre-authorization of visa given by Immigration Office in Seoul) started by ESMOD Seoul with the Immigration office in Korea on behalf of foreign student (early January) → ⑦ Decision by Immigration office → ⑦-1 In case of a certificate of visa eligibility granted, the student will be informed by ESMOD Seoul → Foreign student contacts Korean Consulate in his/her residency country to get an entry visa → Enter to Korea no later than the 10th of February → Starting classes at ESMOD Seoul during 1st week of March.

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⑦ Decision by Immigration office → ⑦-2 Immigration office might require additional documents or reject the application for certificate of visa eligibility → In case of rejection from the Immigration office, admission to ESMOD Seoul is cancelled. Students get refund the registration fee and annual tuition already paid except the bank commissions related to wire transfer.

School calendar of ESMOD Seoul :

Students attend 6 hours of classes a day from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm with lunch break (12:30-1:30) on weekdays. The school has a strict regulation on attendance control and assignments to submit.

The curriculum schedule of fashion design and patternmaking course in ESMOD Seoul takes place over a 3-year cycle and is divided into 6 semesters as following schedule (the exact dates are subject to be fixed for every academic year.) :

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

Information on Korean language certificate for visa application

For visa procedure, foreign students should submit along with other mandatory papers a certificate of score of proficiency in Korean which is **TOPIK-I grade 1 (organized by TOPIK-Test of Proficiency in Korean)** or a **certificate of achievement of Elementary Level 1 of basic course in King Sejong Institutes.**

TOPIK : certificate of score of proficiency in Korean :

<http://www.topik.go.kr/> email : topik@korea.kr

(TOPIK in English) : <http://www.topik.go.kr/usr/cmm/subLocation.do?menuSeq=2210101#none>

TOPIK has 6 grades in total : TOPIK I-grade 1, TOPIK I-grade 2, TOPIK II-grade 3, TOPIK II-grade 4, TOPIK II-grade 5, TOPIK II-grade 6. TOPIK II-grade 6 is the most advanced level.

Only 5-6 sessions of test will be organized a year. There's a time difference between the application period, the date of the test and the date of the result. To get a certificate of TOPIK in time, candidates should prepare in advance and check the schedule and test spots. Some sessions are organized abroad, in Asia, in Europe or in America. For more information on test schedule, contact topik@korea.kr.

2021 TOPIK schedule announced on the website of TOPIK as below :

Session	Period for signing up	Test date	Result
No. 76	2021.03.10. 9:00 am - 03.15. 6:00 pm	2021.05.16 (Sun)	2021.06.30 (Thu) after 3 p.m.
No. 77	2021.05.21. 9:00 am - 05.27. 6:00 pm	2021.07.11 (Sun)	2021.08.19 (Thu) after 3 p.m.
No. 78	2021.08.03. 9:00 am - 08.09. 6:00 pm	2021.10.17 (Sun)	2021.11.25 (Thu) after 3 p.m.
No. 79	2021.09.07. 9:00 am - 09.13. 6:00 pm	2021.11.14 (Sun)	2021.12.23 (Thu) after 3 p.m.

Note : To sign up to the TOPIK test

1. Access to the TOPIK site : www.topik.go.kr.

2. Registration

3. Log in and password

4. During the period for signing up, access to the site and sign up for the test session you want to take. Try to Sign up on the first days. It's possible that there's no places left if you're late.

5. An ID picture in jpg of the applicant will be required. Follow the steps to apply to the test : choose a test level to take, a test spot, etc..

6. The applicant will be asked to pay the test fees by Korean credit card or by wire transfer from a Korean bank. For TOPIK I-grade 1 and grade 2, it's 40,000KRW.

It might be difficult to pay the fees online from abroad. Contact ESMOD Seoul for help to sign up.

The dates of result may be changed.

The certificate can be issued from the afternoon of the result day and is printable at the website of TOPIK.

The score is valid for 2 years.

Certificate of achievement in King Sejong Institutes :

It's possible for some foreign students to take TOPIK test. In this case, foreign students can sign up Korean language course provided by King Sejong Institute in their residence country and attend the classes. Immigration office accepts **a certificate of achievement of Elementary level 1 of basic course instead of TOPIK-I grade 1**. The certificate of achievement of Elementary level 1 can be obtained after finishing a course of 3 months with good attendance and scores in a King Sejong Institute. A starting date of the course can be different in each institute. To find a King Sejong Institute in your country, refer to the link below King Sejong Institutes worldwide : <https://www.ksif.or.kr/index.do?lang=eng>

Attention !! Even though the visa procedure requires TOPIK I-grade 1, ESMOD Seoul advises to study further to be fluent in Korean to have a level equivalent to TOPIK I-grade 2 or above. Korean language is a key factor for international students to adapt easier to school life and to communicate with Korean classmates.

Open Campus in 5 sessions for application for the school year of 2022-2023

ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 1	Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 2	Friday, November 19, 2021 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 3	Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 4	Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 5	Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm

ESMOD Seoul organizes 5 sessions of Open Campus to present the school and its program. Open campus sessions are for the students and general public interested in ESMOD Seoul. Each session having the same contents, no need to participate to every session. The participation to one of five sessions of Open Campus is **a mandatory condition** for all applicants except the applicants staying abroad. But if foreign applicants are staying in Korea, they are asked to attend Open Campus to understand the course in detail. Each session will be held during 1 hour with the program : presentation of ESMOD Seoul, course and curriculum presentation, testimonials of enrolled students and graduated students, presentation of students' portfolio in presence of professors, guided tour of school, individual meeting with professors on a request...

To join one of Open Campus sessions, a reservation in advance is necessary. Please contact by email for more information on the Open Campus Session seoul@esmod.co.kr.

Accreditation of the credits gained at ESMOD Seoul :

ESMOD Seoul isn't recognized as university by Korean government. Students of ESMOD Seoul get a school's diploma from ESMOD Seoul when they graduate. In the professional field, the diploma of ESMOD Seoul is recognized by most of the companies related to fashion industry in Korea as an equivalence of a bachelor's degree in fashion design. The graduates of ESMOD Seoul are hired by the companies in the same condition as the Bachelors of fashion design.

ESMOD Seoul is accredited by Korean Ministry of National Education as an educational institute for the Academic Credit Bank System. The academic credits that each enrolled student earned during the 3-year program in fashion design and creation of ESMOD Seoul are accredited and saved in an individual account of the Academic Credit Bank System which is run by Ministry of National Education in the lifelong learning plan in Korea. This System is to help Koreans to save the academic credits and to get a Bachelor's degree after satisfying the mandatory conditions required by the government. The registered foreigners in Korea are also beneficiary of this System. The foreign students of ESMOD Seoul can be registered to the Academic Bank System by the school after the alien registration as the System requires the alien registration number. The academic credits earned by foreign students during their enrollment in ESMOD Seoul can be saved in the individual account of the Academic Bank System.


When the enrolled students accomplish the 3-year course at ESMOD Seoul, they'll get around 50-69 academic credits saved in their account. It can be different for each student. By rules and regulations on the national education in Korea, if a student signed at the Academic Credit Bank System gets 140 academic credits in total, a Bachelor's degree in fashion design in the name of Minister of National Education in Korea gets issued to the student.

As this Academic Credit Bank System is from the lifelong learning plan, the students can continue to save academic credits after graduating ESMOD Seoul. To get the rest of the academic credits in fashion design major and in liberal arts, students can register the classes offered by other educational institutes in Korea. There are many educational institutes also accredited for this Academic Credit Bank System in Korea offering the program from which students can take on-line or off-line classes and get the academic credits. But most of them are given only in Korean. A list of the institutes and classes is available at the administration office of ESMOD Seoul on the request of its enrolled students. This System might be interesting for Koreans. But for foreign students who have to get a visa to stay in Korea, it's difficult to accumulate more credits after the graduation of ESMOD Seoul. For more information, contact seoul@esmod.co.kr.

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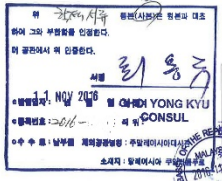

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APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

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	Telephone	E-mail

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Period	Name of school (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
(Please note your linguistic proficiency rating record score) :

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 FOR THE APPLICATION EVALUATION FEE

Application Evaluation Fee

In order to evaluate the application to ESMOD Seoul and schedule an interview, all applicants need 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 2022-2023 when you send the application form filled in. The application file will be evaluated when the application evaluation 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	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 to ESMOD SEOUL (seoul@esmod.co.kr) :

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
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