

## Information on the admission of the international students

The application to ESMOD Seoul for **the academic year 2020-2021** is open. The entry ceremony to which every new students are required to be present is scheduled **on February 28, 2020**. ESMOD Seoul runs an annual intake system, which means that the new students join ESMOD Seoul, only in early March each year.

### Requirements to apply to ESMOD Seoul

\* By the law and regulations on the immigration in Korea, for visa to study at ESMOD Seoul, 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 application closing date for visa request scheduled on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> each year.

\* By the law and regulations on the immigration in Korea, for visa to study at ESMOD Seoul, foreign candidates have to get a **certificate of score of proficiency in Korean of TOPIK-I Grade 1**. A certificate of score of proficiency in Korean of TOPIK-I grade 1 can be replaced by a **certificate of achievement of Elementary level 1 of basic course in a King Sejong Institute abroad**.

\* According to the national academic system in Korea, the school year of ESMOD Seoul starts on 1<sup>st</sup> week of March and ends by Friday of 4<sup>th</sup> week in February, following year. The exact dates of starting and finishing are confirmed each year according to the academic calendar of ESMOD Seoul.

\* To attend the classes at ESMOD Seoul, foreign candidates have to be fluent at least in one of the languages - Korean, English, French.

**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 can 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 recruits once a year its new students. ESMOD Seoul offers 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in ESMOD Seoul, refer to ESMOD Seoul's website : <http://esmod.co.kr/eng/>

**The course lectures in ESMOD Seoul are mainly given in Korean and for some classes in 1st year in French with translation in Korean.** ESMOD Seoul doesn't run an international class separately for which the lectures are given only in English, but English or French speaking students are placed at the classes 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), foreign students are able to follow the lectures without any language problem if students are fluent at least in one of English or French.

Even though the foreign students can attend the classes at ESMOD Seoul not being fluent in Korean, by the law and regulations on the immigration implemented recently, foreign students need to get a certificate of score of proficiency in Korean TOPIK-I Level 1 as explained above to proceed the formalities of visa. Also it's important to study further to reach a higher level 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 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 need to pay the total amount of registration fee and of annual tuition by due time in order that the school starts the visa procedure on behalf of foreign students.

Please contact the school to get information on the registration fee and the annual tuition for the current academic year : [seoul@esmod.co.kr](mailto: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... New students to ESMOD Seoul can apply to the scholarship after their enrollment of a semester.

### Application to ESMOD Seoul :

Send by email ([seoul@esmod.co.kr](mailto:seoul@esmod.co.kr)) to ESMOD Seoul :

- Application form filled out and receipt of payment of application evaluation fee (application form and bill of payment of the application evaluation fee attached to this document)
- Curriculum Vitae and Motivation letter in English
- Portfolio in free form with own drawing or illustration, magazine clipping on fashion and art, etc... (This 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, this is not mandatory.)
- Copy of certificate of high school graduation and certificates of higher educational institutes if candidates have achieved further education (after the admission, to start the formalities for visa, this paper should be legalized by the Korean Consulate. As the legalization can take time, please start the formalities to legalize the paper very soon. To apply to ESMOD Seoul, a legalization isn't required.)
- Copy 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. However, if a foreign candidate can attend it, it's strongly recommended. Refer to the schedule attached to this document.

### Visa procedures :

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 is valid 6 months and renewable. This visa type requires to ESMOD Seoul as an inviting party to proceed 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 is strictly prohibited to work, even in part-time for the holder of visa type D-4-6 in Korea.** 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 and a bank statement of an amount 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 Consulate. As the Immigration Office in Seoul accepts a bank statement issued within 30 days from its date of issue, 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 and for rent during 6 months. According to the citizenship of foreign students, additional papers can be required. For more information, contact the international division of the school : [seoul@esmod.co.kr](mailto:seoul@esmod.co.kr)

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

① Application to ESMOD Seoul (deadline by the end of October) → ② Evaluation and interview by skype → ③ Admission → ④ Payment of registration fee and annual tuition (deadline by middle of December) → ⑤ Preparation 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...) (deadline by the end of December) → ⑥ Formalities for a confirmation of visa issuance launched 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 confirmation of visa issuance granted, a number of confirmation of visa issuance issued → Foreign student contacts Korean Consulate in his/her residency country to get an entry visa → enter to Korea during last week of February → classes start at ESMOD Seoul during 1<sup>st</sup> week of March

Or

⑦ Decision by Immigration office → ⑦-2 Immigration office might require additional documents or reject the confirmation of visa issuance → 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.

**No worries. ESMOD Seoul will help the international students to follow each step of the procedure of visa and permission to stay.**

### **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 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.

However, the school has worked to get accredited by Korean government the academic credits gained at ESMOD Seoul. The credits gained at ESMOD Seoul are accredited by Ministry of National Education in Korea and are accumulated in the Academic Credit Bank System run by Korean government for the purpose of a lifelong learning system. Refer to the website for more information on the System : [http://www.cb.or.kr/creditbank/info/info7\\_1.do](http://www.cb.or.kr/creditbank/info/info7_1.do)

After study of 3 year-course at ESMOD Seoul, students get 60 credits (credits currently recognized) which will be saved in an individual account of the System. If students continue to make an effort to get credits from other educational centers in Korea by long distance lectures etc. and to get qualified licenses in the fashion design related field, when they'll get academic credits enough to get a bachelor's degree (140 credits in total), they can get a bachelor's degree in fashion design signed by Minister of National Education in Korea.

The international students can also benefit this system initially designed for Korean and get a bachelor's degree under the strict conditions. A document of the information in detail is available by email at request. (contact [seoul@esmod.co.kr](mailto:seoul@esmod.co.kr) )

This accreditation of the credits doesn't change the contents of curriculum of ESMOD Seoul, mainly orientated to acquiring technics and practicing to be adapted to the fashion related professional field. Every students enrolled to ESMOD Seoul have the same educational course.

### **Schedule and Timetable at 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.) :

Semester 1	from early March to mid July
Semester 2	from mid August to late February
Semester 3	from early March to mid July
Semester 4	from mid August to late February
Semester 5	from early March to mid July
Semester 6	from mid August 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 for visa and for study at ESMOD Seoul

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 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.

There's a big difference of time between the application period, the date of the test and the date of the result from when a certificate can be issued. Very few tests are held abroad. Most of the tests are held in Seoul, Korea. To get a certificate in time, prepare in advance and check the schedule and test places. To sign up or for more information on the tests TOPIK, contact [topik@korea.kr](mailto:topik@korea.kr).

TOPIK organizer announces the test schedule in Korea each September for the following year. The schedule might be similar each year. Here's the current schedule of the tests TOPIK in Korea for information. Please contact directly the organizer to get confirmed on the test schedule.

**TOPIK 2019 2020** [http://www.topik.go.kr/usr/lang/index.do?home\\_seq=221](http://www.topik.go.kr/usr/lang/index.do?home_seq=221)

Session number	Test date	Period for signing up	Result
session 68	2020.01.12 (Sun)	2019.12.10. 09:00 am - 12.16. 06:00 pm	2020.02.05 (Wed) after 3 p.m.
session 69	2020.04.12 (Sun)	2020.01.31. 09:00 am - 02.06. 06:00 pm	2020.05.21 (Thu) after 3 p.m.
session 70	2020.05.24 (Sun)	2020.03.10. 09:00 am - 03.16. 06:00 pm	2020.07.02 (Thu) after 3 p.m.
session 71	2020.07.12 (Sun)	2020.05.29. 09:00 am - 06.04. 06:00 pm	2020.08.20 (Thu) after 3 p.m.

**Test fees : 35,000KRW**

**Contact for TOPIK test** [topik@korea.kr](mailto:topik@korea.kr)

### Note :

To sign up :

1. Access to the TOPIK site : [www.topik.go.kr](http://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.
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 35,000KRW.

It's impossible to sign up and pay the fees online from abroad.

The dates of result may be changed.

The certificate can be issued from the afternoon of the result day and is printable from the website of TOPIK.  
The score is valid for 2 years.

**Information regarding TOPIK test :**

<http://www.topik.go.kr/> email : [topik@korea.kr](mailto:topik@korea.kr)

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

Information regarding a certificate of achievement in King Sejong Institutes :

A certificate of score of proficiency in Korean of TOPIK-I grade 1 can be replaced by a certificate of achievement of Elementary level 1 of basic course in King Sejong Institutes.

A certificate of TOPIK-I grade 1 can be replaced by a **certificate of achievement of Elementary level 1 of basic course in King Sejong Institutes**. If you study in a King Sejong Institute and finish the Elementary level 1 of basic course by obtaining a certificate of achievement, you can submit this certificate instead of the certificate of TOPIK. The King Sejong Institutes are installed abroad except Korea for foreigners who want to study Korean in their country.

In general, the certificate of achievement of Elementary level 1 can be obtained after finishing a course of 3 months with good attendance and scores in King Sejong Institutes. 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 !! ESMOD Seoul advises the international students to get a level in Korean at least equivalent to TOPIK I-grade 2.** Even though the visa procedure requires TOPIK I-grade 2 and the international students are fluent in English or in French enough to attend the classes taught by French or English speaking teachers, Korean language is a key factor for international students to adapt easier to school life. **It's strongly recommended to study further to be fluent in Korean.**

## ESMOD Seoul Open Campus in 5 sessions for the school year of 2020-2021

ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 1	Friday, June 21, 2019 at 5:00 pm (finished)
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 2	Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 3	Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 4	Wednesday, January, 29, 2020 at 5:00 pm
ESMOD Seoul Open Campus Session 5	Tuesday, February, 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm

ESMOD Seoul organizes 5 sessions of Open Campus to present the school and its educational course. Open campus sessions are open to the students and general public interested in ESMOD Seoul. Each session has the same program, so 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 as a resident. But if it's possible, try to attend to Open Campus to know the course in detail. Each session will be held during 1 hour with the program below :

- 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 Q&A with professors on a request

The international students who want to come to one of sessions of the Open Campus need to book in advance for the participation, so the school can prepare if a translation is necessary. Please contact by email for more information on the Open Campus Session [seoul@esmod.co.kr](mailto:seoul@esmod.co.kr)



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Please attach  
a recent  
passport-sized photograph  
here

**APPLICATION FORM 2020-2021**

**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 2020-2021 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	SHBKRRSE
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
Content of Remittance	Application evaluation fee
Remittance bank	

Contact : International affairs (Tel : +82 2 511 7471 ext.104, [seoul@esmod.co.kr](mailto:seoul@esmod.co.kr))

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