

KOICA-YONSEI
Doctoral Degree Program
in Health Policy and Financing
Capacity Building

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Graduate School of Public Health, Yonsei University

****We strongly recommend that applicants carefully review and adhere to the instructions provided in the Program Information.***

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★ IMPORTANT NOTICE from KOICA

The 2025 KOICA Master's Degree Program application process consists of two main stages: **(1) KOICA Selection** and **(2) Institution (University) Selection**.

The first round involves the KOICA Selection, where applicants are recommended by their country's relevant government. The application process will take place at the KOICA office in your country, or in the case of countries without a KOICA office, at an affiliated KOICA office or the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. Detailed eligibility criteria and procedures can be found in **the KOICA Scholarship Program Application Guidelines** (hereinafter KOICA Guidelines).

The second round is the Institution (University) Round, which is the university selection process. Only those who pass the KOICA Selection can apply to universities. The list of successful KOICA Selection candidates will be forwarded to the universities that the applicants applied to. Each university will conduct its own selection process including document review, local health check-ups, and interviews (or/and exam), based on their specific admission requirements. Those who have been finally accepted at the university stage are required to submit original documents to the KOICA overseas office/Korean Embassy.

[This Program Information \(hereinafter PI\) serves as a guide for the second round, the Institution \(University\) Selection.](#)

Before you proceed with your application, we kindly request that you carefully review and comprehend the guidelines outlined in both the **KOICA Guidelines** and **Program Information(PI)**. **It is essential to note that the responsibility for any inaccuracies in the information provided rests with the applicant.** Additionally, please be mindful that each university may have unique selection procedures, document submission requirements, and deadlines. Therefore, we recommend you to pay close attention to these specific details during the application process.

Lastly, please note that the schedule may be subject to changes depending on KOICA/Institution circumstances. Any updates will be announced on the KOICA CIAT website (<https://www.koica.go.kr/sites/ciat/index.do>). Regularly check the website for the latest information. For any inquiries, please refer to Section **[VIII.CONTACTS](#)** and contact us accordingly.

| ① KOICA Round Conducted by KOICA overseas Office (Korean Embassy) | |
|--|---|
| July 2025 | Submission of Application (via KOICA overseas Office/Korean Embassy e-mail) |
| | Document Screening |
| | On-site Interview |
| | First Round Result. |
| ② INSTITUTION(University) Round (Only for those who pass the First Round) | |
| September to December 2025 | Submission of Application Package (via University email /system) |
| | Document Screening |
| | Local Health Check-up |
| | Interview Test of University(or/and Exam/Essay) |
| | Second Round Result |
| | Original Document Submission (to KOICA overseas Office/Korean Embassy) |

NOTE: Upon successfully passing the second round of the selection process, candidates who have also cleared the health examination in Korea will be ultimately confirmed as scholarship recipients. Detailed guidance regarding the post-second-round selection process will be provided exclusively to successful candidates

I . PROGRAM OVERVIEW

▣ **Program Title: KOICA-YONSEI Doctoral Degree Program in Health Policy and Financing Capacity Building**

▣ **Duration**

- **Pre-Course:** To Be Determined

- **Academic Duration:** March 03, 2026 - February 26, 2029 (36 months)
In accordance with the university regulations, the diploma will be issued in February 2029.

- **Stay Duration: February 04, 2026 - December 22, 2028 (35 months)**
During the above stay duration in Yonsei University, students must complete their thesis.

The schedule is subject to change in accordance with internal circumstance or KOICA's Instruction

▣ **Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health**

* Please note that the course title and the degree title may differ. The degree will be conferred in accordance with the degree title indicated in the PI. (For **KOICA** certificates, the program title will be included.)

▣ **Objectives**

1. **To train public health professionals from developing countries in the field of Health Security so that they can manage national policies and health-related programs effectively as well as help set up and implement good health-related policies in their home countries**

2. **To build partnerships with developing countries for the possible expansion of Korean public health institutions into those countries**

3. **To share Korea's experience in enhancing Health Security and Policy-making procedures and even disseminate Korean culture to developing countries**

▣ **Training Institute: Graduate School of Transdisciplinary Health Sciences, Yonsei University**

▣ **Number of Participants:**

- three KOICA Degree Program Graduates

▣ **University Admission Qualification:**

1. **Applicants who meet the qualifications of KOICA scholarship program**

2. Applicants must meet one of the two conditions below;
 - 1) Non-Korean applicant with Non-Korean parents
 - 2) Applicant who has completed his/her entire formal education from elementary to higher education(Master's degree)
 3. Academic Requirements
 - 1) A master's degree from an accredited college or university (or expected to receive a master's degree before the semester starts)
 - 2) Academic qualification that is equivalent to a bachelor's degree
- Language: English fluency that requires no translation (applicants must submit evidence of their English proficiency: Must submit the English Proficiency Test)
- Accommodations: University dormitory or equivalent (based on availability)
- Dorm rooms are shared by two people.
 - Each person is provided with a desk, a bed, and a wardrobe.
 - Each room has a bathroom and a shower room.
 - There are communal washing machines and dryers (fee charged).
 - The dormitory cafeteria does not offer halal foods. The dormitory cafeteria menu changes daily. Participants can cook their meals in the kitchen located outside of the dormitory on Campus (a 10-minute walk).

II. PROGRAM CONTENTS

1. ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

- Academic Schedule for the PhD Program

| Term | Date | Contents / Remarks |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Preparatory Session | 2026.2.4 | Arrival |
| | 2026.2.5-2026.2.9 | KOICA Orientation |
| Pre - Course | 2026.2.10-2026.2.27 | University Orientation, Pre-Course |
| Spring Semester | 2026.3.4-2026.6.19 | 1st semester |
| Summer Break | 2026.6.20-2026.9.1 | Break |
| Fall Semester | 2026.9.2-2026.12.18 | 2nd semester |
| Winter Break | 2026.12.22-2027.3.1 | Break |
| Spring Semester | 2027.3.2-2027.6.17 | 3rd semester |
| Qualification Exam | 2027.6.28 | Qualification Exam (70/100) |
| Summer Break | 2027.6.29-2027.9.1 | Break |
| Fall Semester | 2027.9.1-2027.12.22 | 4th semester |
| Winter Break | 2027.12.23-2028.3.1 | Break |
| Spring Semester | 2028.3.2-2028.6.22 | 5th semester |
| Summer Break | 2028.6.23-2028.8.31 | Break |
| Fall Semester | 2028.9.1-2028.12.15 | 6th semester |
| Wrap-up Session | 2028.9.12-2028.9.15 | First Oral Defense Presentation |
| | 2028.12.11-2028.12.15 | Final Oral Defense Presentation |
| | 2028.12.22 | Graduation Ceremony |
| | 2028.12.22-2028.12.24 | Departure |

*The above schedule is subject to change.

**A detailed Program Schedule will be provided upon arrival.

***Arrival in Korea & KOICA orientation (offline) / The schedule above is tentative.

2. CURRICULUM

1) Curriculum & Credits

| Type | Type | Course Title |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Pre-Course (0) | Required (0) | - Campus tour and trainee life education (Safety, Sexual harassment Prevention, etc.) |
| Spring Semester(1st) (9) | Prerequisite (0) | - Research Methodology in Health Services (0) |
| | Required (3) | - Global Public Health Issues (3) |
| | Electives (6) | - Introduction to Health Promotion (3) - Current Health Issues in Global Health (3) |
| Fall Semester(2nd) (9) | Required (3) | - Epidemiologic Research Methods (3) |
| | Prerequisite (0) | - Introduction to Biostatistics (0) |
| | Elective (6) | - Cohort Study (3) - Socio-Cultural Aspects in International Health I (3) |
| Spring Semester (3rd) (7) | Required (1) | - Quantitative Methods and Health Policy Research (3) |
| | Electives (6) | - Health Care Organization and Behavior (3) - Socio-Cultural Aspects in International Health II (3) |
| Fall Semester (4th) (7) | Required (1) | - Practicum of GHPF I (1) |
| | Electives (6) | - Advanced Mendelian Randomization (3) - Comparative Health Care Policy and Law (3) |
| Spring Semester (5th) (8) | Required (2) | - Practicum of GHPF II (2) |
| | Electives (6) | - Economic Evaluation in Healthcare (3) - Health Policy and Management (3) |
| Fall Semester (6th) (2) | Required (1) | - Public Health Research Seminar (1) |
| | Electives (2) | - Individual Study (2) |

* The above curriculum is subject to change

.- The credits required to complete the Ph.D. program: 30 credits

2) Graduation Requirements

- To graduate, students must complete 30 credits, earn a cumulative GPA higher than or equal to 3.0 (B0), and pass the qualification exam for graduation.
- **(PhD)** All students must take the following subjects as mandatory: 'Epidemiology', 'Biostatistics' and 'Research Methodology',
- * *Prerequisite courses for Ph.D.* (The curriculum for enrolled students is subject to future reorganization.)

3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (TENTATIVE)*

- 1) Workshops** – Several workshops will be available during this program: Student-Alumni Workshop Event, Academic Conferences/Forums, Library Workshop (Lecture on useful database and tools for your research), Graduate School of Public Health Workshop(hiking), etc.
- 2) Other Extracurricular Activities** – At least two activities during this program: Korean Language Class, Lecture on understanding Religion, Race, and Culture, etc.

III. TRAINING INSTITUTE

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1) About University (Graduate School of Transdisciplinary Health Sciences)

- The healthcare industry is one of the fastest-growing sectors globally and is gaining attention as a key future growth driver for South Korea.

As science and technology continue to advance, healthcare is evolving into a field that combines various academic disciplines, not only medicine, but also converging into convergent science and technologies

- The demand for convergent research is increasing, and as a result, large-scale research and development projects that require integration across various fields, including healthcare, safety, health promotion, global issues, and more have been expanding beyond the healthcare sector.

- In order to cultivate convergent talent in the healthcare field that meets the demands of future society, a new graduate school has been established to break down traditional academic boundaries, integrate various fields, and respect creativity and diversity.

2) About the Department of Public Health

- The Department of Public Health was established in the Graduate School of Yonsei University in 1967. It aims to prevent disease and promote health for the entire community.



Figure 1. Picture of Yonsei University Health System (College of Medicine) (Seoul Campus)

a) Departments of Yonsei University College of Medicine

- Department of Medicine
- Department of Medical Science
- **Department of Public Health**
- Department of Medical Life System Information
- Department of Convergence Medicine
- Department of medical device industry

b) Majors in the Department of Public Health

- Health Policy and Management
- Healthcare Management and Health Informatics
- Epidemiology
- Environmental and Occupational Health

c) Website: <https://gsths.yonsei.ac.kr/>

2. ACCOMMODATION

※ Details regarding the dormitory are subject to potential changes

1) University Dormitory (Chejung House & Muak Dormitory)

- Yonsei University strives to help students enjoy the best of their residential life in Korea by ensuring security and living convenience. Students will stay at University dormitory, either Chejung House or Muak Dormitory.
- Chejung House is located only a few feet away from the main building of Graduate School of Public Health, Yonsei University.
- Muak dorm is located a little bit far from the GSPH building, but it only takes about 5 minutes to Muak dormitory by University shuttle bus from Baekyang Hall, Yonsei University.



Figure 2. Chejung House (near East Gate)



Figure 3. Muak Dormitory (near North Gate)



Figure 4. University Shuttle Bus

- Living Conditions: Chejung House

- Double occupancy
- The room includes: Bed, Desk, Bookshelf, Closet, Restroom, Shower room, and Refrigerator.
- Communal Area (Sharing): Lobby, Student lounge, Study room, Laundry room, Mail room, Fitness center, Table tennis room, Convenience store, Cafeteria, 24/7 security office, Kitchen*, Woori bank ATM, etc.

* Kitchen is outside the dorm, in other buildings of the university, SK Global House and Institute of Continuing Education for The Future (ICEF) (10-minute walk from Chejung House)

- Living Conditions: Muak Dormitory

- Double occupancy
- The room includes: Bed, Desk, Bookshelf, Closet, and Refrigerator.
- Communal Area (Sharing): Restroom, Shower room, Lobby, Student lounge, Study room, Laundry room, Fitness center, Convenience store, Cafeteria*, Laundry service*, 24/7 security office, Kitchen**, Woori bank ATM***, etc.

*Cafeteria and Laundry service desk are located in the Muak dorm #2. (Fee charged)

** Kitchens are available both inside and outside the dorm. Outside the dorm, kitchens are located in SK Global House and Institute of Continuing Education for The Future (ICEF).

*** Woori bank ATM is located in Muak dorm #2 and #4.



Figure 5. Student's Room in Chejung House*

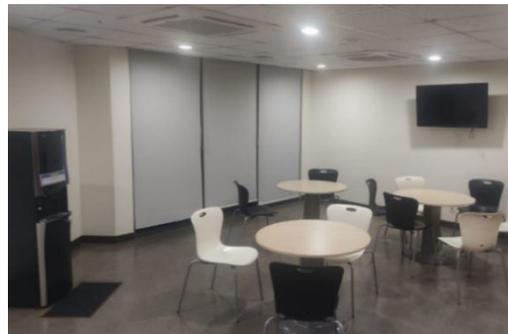


Figure 6. Student Lounge in Chejung House*



Figure 7. Study Room in Chejung House*



Figure 8. Fitness Center in Chejung House*



Figure 9. Cafeteria in Muak Dorm*

*Conditions are similar in Chejung House and Muak Dorm



Figure 10. Laundry Service Desk in Muak Dorm



Figure 11. Shower Room in Muak Dorm



Figure 12. Kitchen in Muak Dorm



Figure 13. Kitchen in the ICEFF

3. OTHER INFORMATION

1) Lecture Room

- The lecture rooms are located on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the GSPH building. A computer, microphone, projector, and air conditioner are placed in each room.



Figure 15. Lecture Hall



Figure 16. Lecture Room

2) Library

- **(GSPH Library)** The library is open to all students of the Graduate School of Public Health and is located on the 3rd floor of GSPH building. There are a wide range of study tables and enough electrical outlets to charge electric devices.
- **(The Central and Yonsei-Samsung Libraries)** All students of Yonsei university can use the central library using their Yonsei Student ID card. The library has 5 floors above ground with a roof floor and one basement floor. Information Commons, located on the 2nd floor of Yonsei Samsung Library, provides many services and amenities including the Collaborative Booth, Digital Library Search, Writing/Editing, Internet PCs, Laptop Area, and seats for individuals with disabilities.



Figure 18. Central Library



Figure 17. GSPH Library

3) Cafeterias on Campus

- The student cafeteria serves Korean traditional and international dishes three times a day (breakfast, lunch, dinner).
- Besides the cafeterias, there are coffeeshops all students can use.



Figure 20. Cafeteria (2F, GSPH Building)



Figure 19. Cafeteria (1F, Student Union Building)

4) Bookstore

- Students can purchase textbooks that are needed in classes at the bookstore, located on the B1 floor of the Student Union Building. It is a good idea to ask your professors which books are essential for class.



Figure 21. Bookstore (B1, The commons)

5) Woori Bank

- A branch of Woori Bank is located inside the B1 floor of the Student Union Building.

6) Post Office

- Students can send packages to their country using the Post Office, B1 floor of Student Union Building.

7) Student Health Service Center

- The Student Health Care Center is on the 2nd floor of the Student Union Building. It provides medication for minor illnesses and injuries. There is a nominal fee for the purchase of medication.

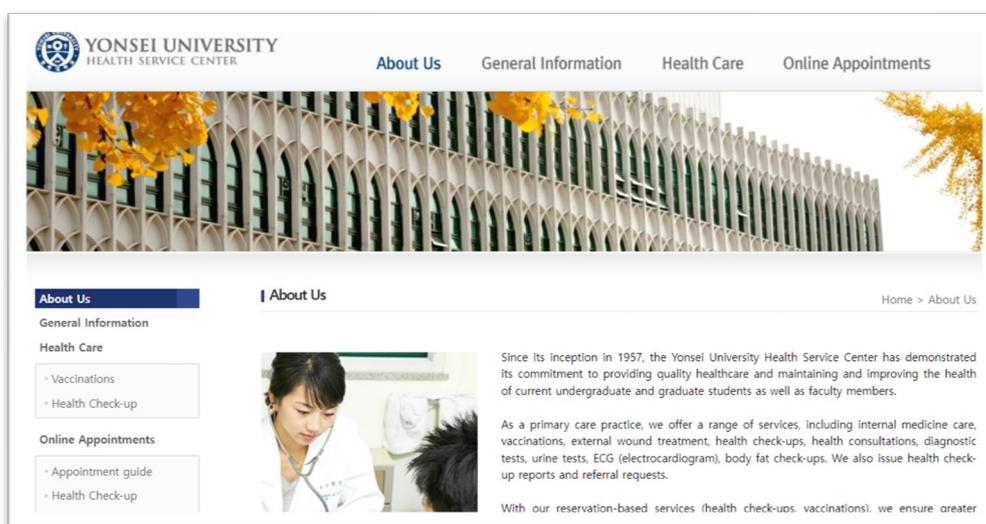


Figure 22. Health Service Center Website : <https://yuhsc.yonsei.ac.kr/>

8) Global One-Stop Service Center (Office of International Affairs)

- The Global One-Stop Service Center (GOSC) is established to support the international students at Yonsei University. It will be operating a visa agency service (group application) to do Foreigner Registration for international students when the new semester begins.

9) Medical Facilities around Campus

| Type | Medical Facility | Location | Business Hour | Phone Number |
|-------------------|--|---|---|--|
| General | Severance Hospital Int'l Healthcare Center | 50-1 Yonsei-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul [Sinchon Station Exit 3 (Line 2)] | Weekdays 09:00-12:00, 14:00-16:00 Saturday 09:00-12:00 | 02-2228-5800 (Appointment Required) |
| | Sinchon Yonsei Hospital | 110, Seogang-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul [Sinchon Station Exit 7] | Weekdays 08:30-17:00 (Lunch Break 12:30-13:30) Saturday 08:30-12:30 | 02-337-7582 |
| Orthopedics | Yonsei Su Orthopedic | 68 Sinchon-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul [Sinchon Station Exit 8] | Weekdays 09:00-18:30 (Lunch Break 13:00-14:00) Saturday 09:00-13:00 | 02-332-1320 |
| Internal Medicine | Yonsei Ihyencheol Internal Medicine | 57-39 Nogosandong, Mapo-gu, Seoul [Sinchon Station Exit 7] | Weekdays 08:30-17:00 (Lunch Break 12:30-13:30) Saturday 08:30-12:30 | 02-337-7570 |
| Otolaryngology | Kim Sungjun ENT Clinic | 92, Sinchon-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul [Sinchon Station Exit 8] | Weekdays 09:00-21:00 (Lunch Break 13:00-14:00) Saturday 09:00-15:00 | 02-332-8887 |
| | Shinchon Yonsei ENT Clinic | 88, Sinchon-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul | Weekdays 10:00~17:30 (Lunch break 12:50~14:30) Saturday 10:00~13:00 | 02-332-0927 |

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Dental | LA Yonsei Dental Clinic | 109 Sinchon-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul | Weekdays 09:30~18:00 (Lunch Break 12:30~14:30) Saturday 09:30~13:00 | 02-363-2080 |
| Dermatology | Yonsei star Dermatology | 72-12 Changsheon-dong, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul | Weekdays 09:00-20:00 (Lunch Break 13:00~14:00) Saturday 09:00-15:00 | 02-332-00923 |
| Ophthalmology | Sinchon Kim Ophthalmology | 49-48 Nogosan-dong, Mapo-gu, Seoul [Sinchon Station Exit 8] | Weekdays 09:00~18:00 Saturday 09:00~13:00 | 02-332-2972 |
| Community Health Center | Seodaemun-gu Community Health Center | 242 Yeonhui-ro, Yeonhui-dong, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul | Weekdays 09:00~18:00 | 1339 (COVID-19 Screening Center) |

➤ National Health Insurance & Medical fee co-payment system

- As of 2021, all students are automatically enrolled to Korean National Health Insurance.
- All students are obliged to pay the insurance fee. The university will reimburse the national insurance fee to the student who submitted a proof of payment.

10) Closest Subway Station (Line 2 Sinchon Station, 15-minute walk)

- You can find Yonsei University Main Entrance gate and Severance Hospital right next to the main entrance.
- Follow the Severance Hospital route and you can find the College of Medicine Building which is connected to the Graduate School of Public Health Building, Yonsei University.



Figure 23. Map of Sinchon Subway Station

11) General Student Service

➤ Buddy Program

- Buddy (Mentor-Mentee) Program is offered during the first semester of this program to assist students to adjust to new environment at the Graduate School of Public Health, Yonsei University, and Korea. One international student will be paired up with one Korean student, and Korean mentor will be responsible for helping the students to cope with new environment.

<Buddy Program Guideline>

- a. Students must respect each other and communicate and meet only daytime.
- b. Students must respect and try to understand each other's culture, language, and background.
- c. Students must keep their personal space and maintain healthy communication.
- d. If there is any problem or issue between mentor-mentee that is difficult to solve by yourselves, students must contact the program coordinator accordingly.

*It may be cancelled/postponed considering the government COVID-19 guideline.

➤ LearnUS

- It is an online learning platform at Yonsei University. LearnUS stands for 'Learning Ubiquitous Square' and offers online educational contents, including 'Professional Programs', 'Open Programs', 'International Programs', and 'Degree Programs'. Students can check their class materials and submit assignments via LearnUS, and they can download class materials of past courses they have taken. It also offers 'Gender Based Violence Prevention Education' for international students, English Non-degree course.

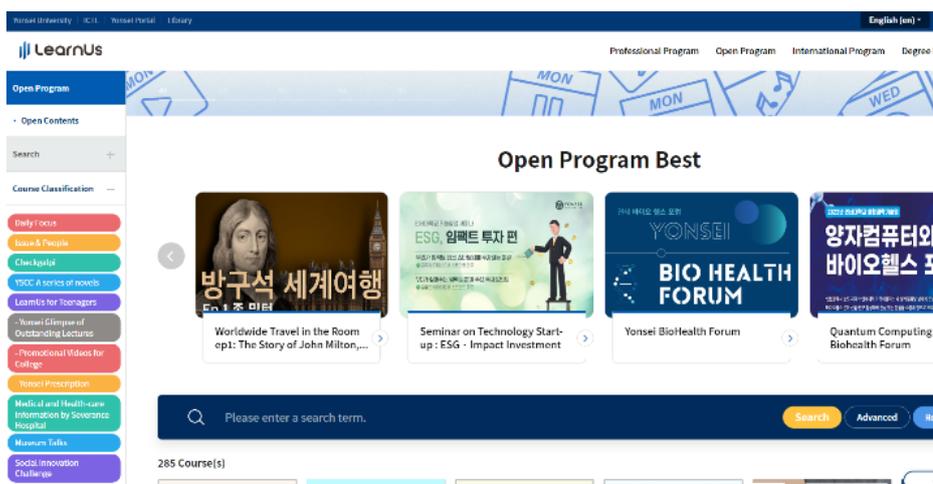


Figure 24. LearnUS Website



Figure 25. LearnUS Building



Figure 26. Violence Prevention Education Video

➤ Student ID Card

d) All degree program students will get a student ID card for entering school gates, libraries, etc. This can be used as a Woori bank check card as well. Students must fill in an application form for a student ID card with the help of the program staff and it takes 7~10 days to issue it. Once they are issued, each university office will distribute the card to the students.

➤ Computer & Internet access

- Due to security issues, internet access is not provided by the University. Students are advised to use computers in the library for research and information searching. Students are required to log onto the computer using the given password.

IV. ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

"Some provisions may not apply or may be limited, and they may be amended, deleted, or added before or after the process."

"If a fellow stays in external accommodations due to personal responsibility, separate KOICA support will not be provided."

Chapter 1: General Provisions

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of these regulations is to define the necessary matters regarding the organization and operation of the Graduate School of Convergent Healthcare and Medicine, which aims to cultivate convergent healthcare professionals who will lead the future by integrating diverse academic fields based on Christian values. It also aims to lead convergent healthcare by advancing cutting-edge research and knowledge creation that anticipates the times.

Chapter 2: Programs and Majors

Article 2 (Programs)

1. The graduate school offers master's, doctoral, and integrated master's-doctoral programs (hereinafter referred to as "integrated program"). In addition, cooperative programs with external research institutions (hereinafter referred to as "academia-research") and with industries or public institutions (hereinafter referred to as "academia-industry-government") may also be established.
2. Changes to the degree programs will follow Article 35, Paragraph 3 of the Higher Education Act and the university's internal regulations concerning changes to graduate programs.

Article 3 (Departments and Majors)

1. The graduate school has three departments, each with specific sub-majors. The names of these departments and their respective majors are as follows:

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| Department Name | Major Name |
|---|---|
| Department of Biohealth Industry | Biohealth Policy Analysis |
| | Biohealth Industry Administration |
| Department of Transdisciplinary Healthcare Sciences | Precision Medicine and Genomic Epidemiology |
| | Biohealth Data Science |
| Department of Biohealth Engineering | Biohealth Engineering |
| | Regenerative Medicine |
| | Science for Aging |

Article 4 (Change of Major)

Students in the master's or doctoral program may apply to change their major within the first two semesters. The change must be approved by the department chair and the major advisor, and then by the dean.

Article 5 (Enrollment Quota)

1. The graduate school has an enrollment quota of 18 students for the master's program, 14 students for the doctoral program, and the integrated program quota is calculated as part of the doctoral program's quota.
2. Notwithstanding the above, the following individuals are considered to have a separate enrollment quota:
 1. Students on special assignment as defined by the Ministry of Education.
 2. Defectors from North Korea.
 3. Foreigners whose parents are both foreign nationals.
 4. Overseas Koreans and foreigners who have completed an equivalent educational curriculum abroad to that of South Korea's primary, secondary, and university education.

Chapter 3: Admission

Article 6 (Admission Time)

The graduate school recruits new students once or twice a year, and the admission period is within 30 days at the beginning of each semester.

Article 7 (Eligibility for Admission)

Applicants for each degree program must meet the following qualifications:

1. Master's Program (including integrated program):
 - Those who have obtained a bachelor's degree from a domestic or foreign university or will obtain one before the admission date.
 - Those recognized by law as having an equivalent level of education.
2. Doctoral Program:
 - Those who have obtained a master's degree from a domestic or foreign university or will obtain one before the admission date.
 - Those recognized by law as having an equivalent level of education.

Article 8 (Admission Process)

1. The admission process for each degree program is primarily based on document review and an oral examination.
2. Notwithstanding the above, a special admission process may be conducted by each major with the approval of the graduate school's operating committee.
3. Applicants who fall under Article 5, Paragraph 2 must meet a certain level of proficiency in Korean or English, and if they pass the separate admission process, they may be admitted as an exception.

Article 9 (Application Procedure)

Applicants for each degree program must pay the admission fee and submit required documents.

Chapter 4: Registration and Academic Status

Article 10 (Registration)

Students in the master's and doctoral programs must register for a minimum of four semesters, and students in the integrated program must register for at least six semesters. Doctoral and integrated program students must register for a minimum of two additional semesters as research registration until they complete their degree.

Article 11 (Rights of Registered Students)

Students who are regularly registered or research-registered may earn credits, take qualification exams, and receive thesis research guidance. Research-registered students may also earn additional credits required for graduation. However, additional credits require payment of tuition according to Yonsei University regulations.

Article 12 (Tuition Refund)

If a student withdraws or takes a leave of absence, tuition is refunded according to Yonsei University's regulations. However, no refund is given if the withdrawal is due to disciplinary action or expulsion.

Article 13 (Leave of Absence)

1. If a student needs to take a leave of absence due to illness or other unavoidable reasons, they must submit a leave of absence request and obtain approval from the advisor, department chair, and dean.
2. The total leave of absence period cannot exceed two years (4 semesters) for a master's program and three years (6 semesters) for a doctoral program, with no limit on the number of times.
3. Military service, pregnancy, childbirth, or childcare for children under 8 years old (or 2nd grade of elementary school or below) will not be counted as leave of absence time, but combined leave for pregnancy, childbirth, or childcare may not exceed 2 years.
4. New and re-admitted students may not take a leave of absence during their first semester, except in cases of military service or health-related issues with appropriate documentation.

Article 14 (Reinstatement)

A student wishing to reinstate must submit a reinstatement request before the registration period of the relevant semester.

Article 15 (Expulsion)

Students who fall under any of the following categories will be expelled:

1. Failure to reinstate after the leave of absence period expires.
2. Failure to register within the designated period.
3. Failure to select courses within the required period after registration.
4. Students deemed unable to continue their studies due to academic failure or other reasons by the graduate school's operating committee.
5. Failure to pass the comprehensive exam after re-taking it.
6. Exceeding the allowed study period.

Article 16 (Voluntary Withdrawal)

Students wishing to voluntarily withdraw must submit a withdrawal request and obtain approval from the dean.

Article 17 (Re-admission)

1. A student who has completed a master's program or has been expelled may apply for re-admission once, if there is space available in the admission quota. Re-admitted students will retain their previously earned credits and remaining semesters. However, students expelled under Article 15, Paragraph 4 and Article 34 are not eligible for re-admission.
2. Those wishing to re-enter must submit re-admission documents and undergo a separate interview according to the schedule for new student admissions.

Chapter 5: Courses and Credits

Article 18 (Course and Study Duration)

The study duration for the master's and doctoral programs is 2 years (4 semesters), with a maximum of 4 years (8 semesters) for the master's program and 7 years (14 semesters) for the doctoral program. The integrated program duration is 3 years (6 semesters), with a maximum of 8 years (16 semesters). However, leave of absence time is not counted towards the study duration.

Article 19 (Class Days)

The number of class days per academic year must be at least 30 weeks in accordance with Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the Enforcement Decree of the Higher Education Act.

Article 20 (Extension of Study Period)

Even if the study duration as outlined in Article 18 has expired, students who pass the preliminary thesis examination may apply for an extension of the thesis submission deadline. The extension may be granted for one additional semester for the master's program or two semesters for the doctoral and integrated programs, following a review by the thesis advisor, department chair, and dean.

Article 21 (Course Selection)

Students in each degree program will select courses in accordance with the Graduate School of Convergent Healthcare and Medicine's guidelines for their specific major.

Article 22 (Minimum Credits for Completion)

1. The minimum number of credits required to complete the master's program is 30 credits.
2. The minimum number of credits required to complete the doctoral program is 60 credits, including the credits earned in the master's program. Students must submit a credit recognition request to have credits from the master's program recognized, with a maximum of 30 credits recognized.
3. The minimum number of credits required to complete the integrated program is 54 credits.

Article 23 (Credits per Semester)

The maximum number of credits that can be earned in a semester for each degree program is 12 credits.

Article 24 (Academic Evaluation and Course Retake)

1. Academic performance is evaluated using the following grades: A+, A0, A-, B+, B0, B-, C+, C0, C-, F, W, P, and NP. The grades are defined as follows:

<Criterion>

| Grade | 100-point scale | Grade Point Average (GPA) | Evaluation |
|--------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| A+ | 97~100 | 4.3 | Excellent |
| A0 | 94~96 | 4.0 | |
| A- | 90~93 | 3.7 | |
| B+ | 87~89 | 3.3 | Good |
| B0 | 84~86 | 3.0 | |
| B- | 80~83 | 2.7 | |
| C+ | 77~79 | 2.3 | Fair |
| C0 | 74~76 | 2.0 | |
| C- | 70~73 | 1.7 | |
| F | 69 or below | 0 | Poor |
| I | | 0 | Incomplete |
| W | | 0 | Withdrawn |
| P / NP | | 0 | Pass / No Pass |

2. If the same course is retaken, only the highest grade earned will be counted toward graduation requirements.

Article 25 (Credit Recognition for Attendance)

1. If a student's attendance rate for a course is at least two-thirds of the total class hours and the grade for the course is 1.7 (C-) or higher, the credit for the course will be counted toward graduation requirements.
 2. The total grade point average required for graduation from each degree program must be 3.0 (B0) or higher.
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Chapter 6: Qualification Examinations, Foreign Language Examinations, Thesis, and Degree Awarding

Article 26 (Qualification Examination and Foreign Language Examination)

1. Students who have earned the required credits and passed the qualification and foreign language examinations may submit their thesis.
2. The operation of the qualification examination and foreign language examination follows the "Regulations for Qualification Examinations of the Graduate School of Transdisciplinary Healthcare."

Article 27 (Thesis)

The details regarding the thesis for the M.S./MPH, Ph.D., and integrated programs follow the "Regulations for Thesis of the Graduate School of Transdisciplinary Healthcare."

Article 28 (Eligibility for Degree Awarding)

1. A student who meets all the following requirements is eligible for degree awarding:
 - 1.1. Has earned all the required credits specified in Article 22 for their respective program.
 - 1.2. Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher.
 - 1.3. Has passed the qualification examination and either passed the foreign language examination or has been exempted from it.
 - 1.4. Has studied for the prescribed academic period as specified in Article 18, without exceeding the maximum duration of study, or has extended the study period in accordance with Article 20.
 - 1.5. Has passed the final thesis examination.
 - 1.6. Has met the following conditions for their respective program:
 - o Master's Program: Has completed at least 4 semesters of regular registration and received thesis guidance for at least one semester.
 - o Doctoral Program: Has completed at least 4 semesters of regular registration, registered for research for at least 2 semesters, and has published a research paper (or equivalent achievement) that meets the program's standards.
 - o Integrated Program: Has completed at least 6 semesters of regular registration, registered for research for at least 2 semesters, and has published a research paper (or equivalent achievement) that meets the program's standards.
2. If an integrated program student discontinues their program but meets the requirements for the Master's degree as specified in the graduate school's regulations, they may be awarded the Master's degree.

Article 29 (Degree Awarding)

1. The Dean shall submit the eligibility for degree awarding to the Graduate School Steering Committee, and the President, upon the Dean's recommendation, shall award degrees to those who pass the degree awarding process. The degrees awarded are as follows:

V. PRECAUTIONS

- **Possibility of Online Program:** According to arising circumstances and public health regulations thereof, the academic program within this PI may be switched online. In accordance with academic regulations of each training institute, blended learning (or hybrid learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning) may be implemented, including pre-sessions.
- In principle, even when the academic program is conducted online, participants must be physically present in Korea to participate (cannot participate in the program online from home country or outside Korea).
- **Early Departure:** Due to various circumstances such as no flights operating or border closures, participants may be required to depart Korea before the program end date.
- In such cases, part of the academic curriculum, thesis defense, or closing ceremony may be conducted online.
- **Living Costs:** In principle, costs of living are provided per diem; that is, participants receive living costs per diem based on the actual date of departure.
- In case of early departure, living costs are received per diem based on the date of early departure, and NOT the anticipated departure date or program end date
- **Adherence to Entry/Departure Guidelines:** Any additional costs occurring due to the participant's failure to adhere to the entry/departure guidelines are the participant's own responsibility.
- **Vaccination requirements:** Participants are to individually check with the training institute on whether vaccination is required and prepare accordingly; any disadvantages following are the participant's own responsibility.
- Example) If the participant fails to provide a proof of a WHO-certified vaccination and cannot check into the university dormitory, the participant will be responsible to find accommodation for him/herself (accommodation fees are supported in the amount corresponding to the dormitory fees).
- **Check-in to Dormitory:** In principle, dormitory check-in is required of program participants.
- **Religious meals & personal food preferences:** Religious meals and personal food preferences are not provided during the scholarship program. For further information, check the university guidelines (if necessary, personal fees may be incurred)

Regulatory Compliance: KOICA SP participants should observe KOICA CIAT Fellows' Guidebook and University's internal rules and regulations, otherwise the participant would lose one's status as a SP participants and a university student.

VI. CONTACTS

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