**South Korea, Pohang**  
**Pohang University of Science and Technology**  
**IAP Academic Notes – Fall, Spring, Academic Year**

Please refer to your IAP Study Abroad Handbook for a complete list of UW policies. These academic notes supply additional information specific to your program.

**International Relations Office:** [http://www.postech.ac.kr/international/eng/main.php](http://www.postech.ac.kr/international/eng/main.php)

**Courses**

You will have the option of selecting one of the following course plans:

- **Exchange Program**  
  This is a regular coursework program that allows students to earn course credits.

- **Combined program (Coursework + Research)**  
  Students may participate in the combined program if they wish to take courses while being involved in a research project at POSTECH.

**NOTE:** POSTECH does not offer credit for research activities. For this reason, the third option (Research Program) is **not** available for UW-Madison students.

**Registration**

IAP will register you for a special “Study Abroad Course” for the term(s) you will be studying abroad; therefore, it is not necessary for you to register on the UW-Madison campus. This is a temporary registration, which will be converted into graded UW-Madison credit after the completion of your program.

**Equivalents and Course Equivalent Request (CER)**

Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison “equivalent” and the grade you receive in the course also transfers back to be recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. In order to establish UW-Madison course equivalents for your study abroad courses, you will submit a Course Equivalent Request (CER) through your My Study Abroad account. The deadline to submit the CER is by the end of the fourth week of classes (not including pre-session terms). Detailed information on the UW course equivalent process that you will use through your My Study Abroad account is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and in your My Study Abroad account under the academics tab.

Please note that every course you take abroad must be awarded an equivalent UW course. There are no exceptions. It is important to start the equivalent process as soon as possible to avoid any delay in posting your study abroad courses to your UW Madison transcript.

If you are taking a course taught in Korean, the equivalent for this course is determined based on the **content** of the course, not the language the course is being taught in. For example, if you are
taking a chemistry course taught in Korean, you would request a chemistry equivalent for the course.

*Language Note:* POSTECH does not offer Korean language courses for credit. There is the opportunity to take non-credit language instruction in order for you to learn some introductory Korean.

**Limits and Load**

UW-Madison students are required to take a minimum of 12 UW-Madison equivalent credits each semester. The POSTECH credit load is 11-20 credits. UW-Madison students should plan to take 12 to 18 credits per semester, given the credit conversion (see below).

**Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit**

Please refer to the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for Academic Policies.

**Credits**

One course is usually three credits with three classroom hours per week. Credits will be converted on a one-to-one basis. For example, a 3-credit course at Pohang University will receive 3 credits at UW-Madison.

**Grades and Grade Conversions**

Grades will be converted according to the following scale:

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