

SolBridge International School of Business Information for Spring 2019

A short description of SolBridge

Founded in 2007, SolBridge International School of Business offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programmes in Business Administration. All classes are taught in English.

The following specialisations are available at both Bachelor and Master levels:

- International Finance
- International Management
- International Marketing
- Entrepreneurship

Facts and figures (as of Fall 2018)

- 1,160 students
- BBA – MBA distribution: approximately 90%/10%
- 70% international students – 30 % Korean students
- 57 nationalities on campus
- American curriculum with a focus on Asian business
- Korean language courses for exchange and dual degree students
- 200 partner universities for exchange and dual degree opportunities
- Scholarship opportunities available from 30 to 100%
- Accreditations and awards: AACSB, CK1 - Creative Korea Project Grant

Korea's most international business school

With 1,160 students on campus, SolBridge has about 70% international students representing up to 56 nationalities from Asia, Africa, North America, Latin America and Europe. 80% of our faculty members are international professors who hold a PhD degree from prestigious American, European or Asian universities.

An American-style curriculum focusing on Asian expertise

Based on an American curriculum, SolBridge delivers an Asian-focused business education with global perspectives. During their studies, students will acquire practical and marketable skills.

Spring 2019 dates:

- Application deadline and submission of all documents: 28th December 2018
- Orientation week: February 2019
- Start of the semester: March 2019
- End of the semester: June 2019

Information on courses

All BBA course syllabi can be downloaded at the following address,
<http://www.solbridge.ac.kr/story/page/index.jsp?code=solbridge0301>.

All MBA course syllabi can be downloaded at the following address,
<http://www.solbridge.ac.kr/story/page/index.jsp?code=solbridge0302>.

SolBridge's credit system for exchange students

BBA students coming for an exchange or study abroad semester **may choose up to 6 courses**, including the Easy Korean initiation course if applicable. **Each course is worth 3 credits** and equivalent to

MBA students coming for an exchange or study abroad semester **may choose up to 4 courses**, including a Korean Language initiation course if applicable. **Each course is worth 3 credits. Students may validate up to 12 credits for a full semester.**

SolBridge's credit system for inbound dual degree students

BBA students joining the inbound 2+2 program must have completed two years of university education at the home institution before transferring to SolBridge in third year. **SolBridge can accept up to 70 credits.** Course articulation is done on an individual basis with the assistance of SolBridge's Academic Affairs Department upon admission. Dual degree students need 140 credits to graduate and will then have to complete another 70 credits at SolBridge to be eligible for graduation.

MBA students joining the inbound 1+1 program must have completed one year of university education at the home institution before transferring to SolBridge for their second and final year. **SolBridge can accept up to 24 credits.** Course articulation is done on an individual basis with the assistance of SolBridge's Academic Affairs Department upon admission. Dual degree students need 48 credits to graduate and will then have to complete another 24 credits at SolBridge to be eligible for graduation.

Language skills

Students will be given the opportunity to take a Korean language course, without additional cost.

Accreditations

SolBridge was awarded several national and international accreditations and awards:

- **AACSB accreditation** (May 2014)
- **Most outstanding international department in Korea – Creative Korea Project** (2014): a grant of USD 5.1 million funded by the Korean Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to support internationalisation on campus.
- **IEQAS (International Education Quality Assurance System) certification** (2013): the IEQAS certification is a guarantee that Korean higher education institutions pursue the goal of internationalisation. In 2016, about 80 – out of 200 - Korean higher education institutions have received this certification. This certification was renewed in March 2017 for a period of four years.

Location

SolBridge is located in Daejeon, 50 minutes away from Seoul by high-speed train. Daejeon is Korea's fifth largest city and is renowned for being Korea's Silicon Valley with about 30 research and development institutions. Daejeon has the highest concentration of researchers with more than 7,000 PhD holders working in the city.

Additional information

Proof of finances for dual degree students – According to the Korean government regulations, all **degree-seeking** international students completing a degree in Korea must show proof of finances with a bank certificate with a minimum equivalent of **\$18,000 USD (or equivalent)**. **This document is required for all dual degree students, and does not apply to exchange or study abroad students.**

English language requirements

BBA: TOEFL IBT 61, IELTS 5.5, or equivalent (B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

MBA: TOEFL IBT 79, IELTS 6.5, or equivalent (B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

Scholarships - Tuition scholarships for dual degree students are available. Scholarships are merit-based, depend on the English score and academic GPA, and may range from 30 to 100%. They are awarded for the duration of one semester and renewable depending on the student's academic performance. Scholarships do not include stipend.

Accommodation - the school policy requires students to stay at the residence provided by SolBridge for their first semester in South Korea. BBA students share a double bedroom with a private bathroom. MBA students live in a single studio accommodation. Following the completion of their first semester, students will have the option to choose their accommodation. As of Fall 2018, the cost of accommodation per semester is USD 683 for BBA students and USD 1,050 for MBA students.

Breakfast - breakfast is provided at the school residence for BBA students. Breakfast is a compulsory component of our package, and costs a fee of USD 315 per semester.

General living expenses - meals in South Korea are generally very affordable. Meals at the school cafeteria cost around 4 USD. Meals outside campus may range from 5 to 12 euros. Personal expenses depend upon the student's lifestyle. The school recommends students to plan monthly living expenses around USD 350 – 400 to begin.

Expenses for the initial week in South Korea - some additional payments around USD 300 might be needed during the first week in Korea (airport shuttle bus, medical check-up, personal care products, residence security card, Local ID card registration, etc.).

Part-time job opportunities - working part-time is allowed for dual degree students after completion of the first semester. According to the Korean government's regulations, students can work on or off campus up to 20 hours a week. Exchange or study abroad students are not allowed to work in Korea.

Website - for further information, please do not hesitate to consult our website at the following link, <http://www.solbridge.ac.kr/story/main/index.jsp>.

Brochure – the 2018 brochure can be downloaded through Google Drive at <https://drive.google.com/open?id=13txRKYM6kn4DaHY2x3xh2pldWwDJHm2V>.

SolBridge campus tour (December 2016) – video available at the following link, <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-22mkTUofr5OUw1V3V4YTdNNHc>

Videos of our yearly events

- Culture Day: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1wj8gswZWN_khEpkkJHyUngoQhapLBH6
- Sports Day <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BzmBNaH9x46CY3h3ZDJHRnZUMWM>

Admission Process – step by step

1. **Submission of application** via email to Rezia Usman at rezia.usman@solbridge.ac.kr, **with all supporting documents by Friday, 28 December 2018:**
 - Proof of English proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL)
 - Passport copy
 - Enrolment certificate
 - Grade transcripts: scanned and certified copies with mandatory English translation are acceptable.
 - Degree certificate: scanned and certified certificates with mandatory English translation are acceptable.
 - Certificate of international health insurance: the certificate must clearly show the dates.

Additional documents required for inbound dual degree applicants:

- Certificates of extracurricular activities, if applicable
 - Scholarship essay
 - Scholarship form
 - Proof of finances: bank statement with a minimum amount of USD 18,000
 - Recommendation letters: 1 for BBA students, 2 for MBA students
 - Resume / CV: for MBA applicants only
2. **Verification of documents** by our Admissions Department
 3. **Scheduling of a Skype admission interview** with our Admissions Manager
 4. **Issuance of an acceptance letter and payment invoice** with a deadline upon admission
 5. **Sending of invitation and guarantee letters** for the visa application after fee payment is made through wire transfer. **The D2 visa is the only eligible visa for international students in Korea.**
 6. Upon arrival to South Korea, dual degree students are kindly asked to show in all original documents and certificates that were furnished for the admission process.

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