

2026-1 Student-Designed Major Application Guidelines

※ School Regulations: Constitution of Korea University, Chapter 4, Article 35(Classification of Majors) & Academic Operations Regulations Chapter 6, Article 3(Student-Designed Major) & Guideline for Student-Designed Major

The ‘Student-Designed Major’ is designed to accommodate the interests and career goals of students with broad interdisciplinary interests that cannot be satisfied within one of the traditional Korea University majors. Upon satisfying the graduation requirements of both first and Student-Designed Major, students with Student-Designed Major shall be conferred with the bachelor’s degree of each major. Curriculum of Student- Designed Major should be created by combining a minimum of three Korea University majors’ and must contain 36 major credits or more in total under the guidance of academic advisor of Student-Designed Major.

I. Application Information

1. Application Dates

Applicant must submit their application to the department office of applicant’s first major following the application procedures indicated below in ① and ② during the Application period.

October 1(Wed) 2025, 10:00 ~ October 31(Fri) 2025, 17:00.

① The applicant collaborates with the Academic Advisor of the Student-Designed Major to develop the curriculum and submits the application to the department office of their primary major.



② The Committee for the Student-Designed Major reviews the application and submits the result to the Educational Affairs Team.

- ※ An Academic Advisor for Student-Designed Major will be assigned after a consultation with the head of the a student’s 1st major department.
- ※ Selection Criteria: Academic ability, study plan and overall GPA including any F grades)

2. Announcement of successful applicants

- Date: **December 19 (Fri) 2025, 17:00 (To be Confirmed)**
- Notice: KU Portal (<http://portal.korea.ac.kr>) - Bulletin - Notice - Undergraduate schedule

3. Note

- 1) The mandatory regulation of completing a second major is applied to students entering from 2004 onward. Students subject to this regulation must complete one of the following:
 - ① Intensive Major course of first major, ② Double Major,
 - ③ Interdisciplinary Major, ④ Student-Designed Major.
- 2) Students who withdraw second major program before applying for Student-Designed Major can no longer apply for other second major. If student fails to enter the Student-Designed Major, they should take an intensive major course in their first major.
- 3) Intensive major course of first major is similar to the existing single major system.
- 4) Among successful applicants, only those who retain applicants eligibility conditions during the application semester (ex. registration, approval of pre-taken courses, designation of Student-Designed Major courses, course registration) will be accepted for Student-Designed Major from the following semester. Applicants must remain registered during the semester in which they apply for the Student-Designed Major.

II. Basic Information for application

1. Eligibility

- ① Under the Constitution of Korea University, Article 35, applicants should have registered for more than three semesters(those who do not have been designated their first major are ineligible).
 - ※ Students who apply for a Mid-semester leave of absence during the semester of application will be cancelled even after being announced as successful applicants.
 - ※ Semester Period : Spring(March 1 -July 31), Fall(September 1 - January 31 of the following year)
- ② Transfer students can apply after completing a minimum of one semester at Korea University.
- ③ Students on a leave of absence are ineligible to apply for a student-designed major.
- ④ The applicant collaborates with the Academic Advisor of the Student-Designed Major to develop the curriculum and submits the application to the department office of their primary major within the designated application period.
- ⑤ Students taking double/interdisciplinary major as second major are able to apply for Student-designed Major. Double/interdisciplinary major will be cancelled when they are accepted to the Student-designed Major.

2. Application scope and curriculum

- ① All undergraduate students including transfer students are eligible to apply for Student-Designed Major.
- ② The curriculum of Student-Designed Major shall be designed including the courses of student's first major(with the exception of major required courses. Courses completed for student designed major should not coincide with courses of the first major, it shall also not be considered as a minor.

3. limitation on Student-Designed Major and standard of approval

- ① "The number of Student-Designed Majors that a single professor can supervise shall be limited to three.
- ② The number of students that a single professor can tutor shall be limited to ten.
- ③ The selection standards shall be determined by each Student-Designed Major council and approved by the Curriculum Committee.

4. Application Process

- ① Students in Student-Designed Major shall develop the curriculum under the guidance of academic advisor and should obtain the permission of the university president after adhering to certain selection procedures.
- ② Details of selection procedures mentioned above (paragraph 1) shall be set separately in Guidelines for Student-Designed Major or council for student-designed major.

5. Credit completion and Approval

- ① The method of completing each Student-Designed Major shall be determined by each major's regulation of curriculum.
- ② Student-Designed Major student shall complete the minimum of 36 credits or above contained within the approved curriculum.
- ③ Student-Designed Major courses which students have already completed before the approval of the application shall be approved as student-designed major credits.
- ④ Courses completed for Student-Designed Major cannot be approved as first major, minor, or dual degree.

6. Withdrawal from Student-Designed Major

- ① Students entering Korea university before 2003: Those who intend on withdrawing from Student-Designed Major and graduate only with single major should submit a request for a withdrawal at least one month before the end of the semester(by January 20 or July 20) and complete the graduation requirement of their single major.



- ② Students entering from 2004 onward: Those who withdraw from Student-Designed Major should take another second major(or intensive major) under Academic Operations Regulations Article 56.
- ③ Students intended applying for another second major must complete withdrawal procedure of their second major during the specified period (Student-Designed Major applicants can withdraw from their previous second major after being accepted to Student-Designed Major). Reapplication for second major is allowed only once. However, students who withdraw from an Student-Designed Major after having been accepted shall be ineligible to apply again).
- ④ Courses taken for Student-Designed Major shall be classified as general electives if a student withdraw from it.

7. Eligibility Review and Approval of Graduation

- ① The academic department which the chairman of the Student-Designed Major council belongs to, is responsible for reviewing the eligibility of their graduation.
- ② Students pursuing an Student-Designed Major may graduate only upon satisfying the graduation requirements of both first and Student-Designed Majors.

8. Degree Conferral

Upon satisfying the graduation requirements of both first and Student-Designed Major, students with independent major shall be conferred with the bachelor's degree of each major.

9. Certificates

Student-Designed Major degree shall be transcribed on each certificate as follows:

- ① Certificate of Studentship: First and Student-Designed Major
- ② Academic Transcript: First and Student-Designed Major; Courses will be classified.
- ③ Certificate of Graduation: First and Student-Designed Major