

South Korean University Tier Rankings - 2025

Rank	University Name	Rank Tier	Major Strength(s)	Notable Programs	City/Region	Website
1	Seoul National University	Top Tier	Various fields incl. Eng, Medicine, Business	MBA, Medical School, etc.	Seoul	https://en.snu.ac.kr/
2	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)	Top Tier	STEM, Advanced Tech and Engineering	Engineering, Robotics, Aerospace	Daejeon	https://www.kaist.ac.kr/en/
3	Yonsei University	Top Tier	Business, Medicine, Liberal Arts	Underwood Int'l College, Global MBA	Seoul	https://www.yonsei.ac.kr/en_sc/
4	Korea University	Top Tier	Law, Business, Political Science	KUBS, Law School	Seoul	https://www.korea.edu/
5	Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH)	Top Tier	Engineering, Materials Science	Advanced STEM research	Pohang	https://www.postech.ac.kr/eng/
6	Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)	Top Tier	Engineering, Medicine, Humanities	Semiconductor, SKK GSB	Seoul/Suwon	https://www.skku.edu/eng/
7	Hanyang University	Top Tier	Engineering, Architecture, Business	Civil Eng, Startup programs	Seoul	https://www.hanyang.ac.kr/web/eng
8	Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST)	Top Tier	Science, Engineering, Tech	Various STEM programs	Ulsan	https://www.unist.ac.kr/eng/
9	Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology (DGIST)	Top Tier	Science, Tech, Interdisciplinary	Robotics, Energy Systems	Daegu	https://www.dgist.ac.kr/en/
10	Kyung Hee University	Mid-High Tier	Business, Medicine, Humanities	Global MBA, East-West Medicine	Seoul/Suwon	https://www.khu.ac.kr/eng/
11	Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST)	Mid-High Tier	STEM, Robotics, Nano	Advanced research labs	Gwangju	https://www.gist.ac.kr/
12	Sejong University	Mid-High Tier	Hospitality, Animation, Business	Hotel Mgmt, Cartoon & Animation	Seoul	https://eng.sejong.ac.kr/
13	Chung-Ang University	Mid-High Tier	Pharmacy, Film, Business	Film Production, Photography	Seoul	https://neweng.cau.ac.kr/
14	Ewha Womans University	Mid-High Tier	Women's Studies, Liberal Arts, Sciences	Int'l Studies, Nursing, Design	Seoul	http://www.ewha.ac.kr/mbs/ewhaen/
15	Kyungpook National University	Mid-High Tier	Engineering, Medicine, Agriculture	Mechanical Eng, Medicine	Daegu	http://en.knu.ac.kr/main/
16	Pusan National University	Mid-High Tier	Engineering, Fisheries, Humanities	Marine Sci, Shipbuilding	Busan	http://www.pusan.ac.kr/eng/Main.do
17	Sogang University	Mid-High Tier	Business, Humanities, Social Sci	Global Business Admin, Journalism	Seoul	http://www.sogang.ac.kr/english/
18	Ajou University	Mid-High Tier	Engineering, Medical Sci, Business	Software, Int'l Business, Medicine	Suwon	https://www.ajou.ac.kr/en/
19	Inha University	Mid-tier	Engineering, Maritime, Business	Aeronautics, Logistics	Incheon	https://www.inha.ac.kr/mbshome/mbs/en/index.do
20	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	Mid-tier	Languages, International Studies	Translation, Int'l Relations	Seoul/Yongin	https://www.hufs.ac.kr/
21	Chonbuk National University	Mid-tier	Agriculture, Veterinary, Engineering	Crop Sci, Animal Health	Jeonju	http://www.chonbuk.ac.kr/en/
22	Dongguk University	Mid-tier	Buddhist Studies, Film & Theater	Acting, Buddhist Culture	Seoul	http://www.dongguk.edu/mbs/en
23	Konkuk University	Mid-tier	Veterinary, Biotech, Business	Vet Medicine, Life Sciences	Seoul	http://www.konkuk.ac.kr/eng/
24	Catholic University of Korea	Mid-tier	Medicine, Nursing, Theology	Catholic Medical College	Seoul/Bucheon	https://cuk.ac.kr/
25	Ulsan University	Mid-tier	Engineering, Shipbuilding, Business	Naval Architecture, Mech Eng	Ulsan	http://www.ulsan.ac.kr/
26	Chonnam National University	Mid-tier	Agriculture, Fisheries, Engineering	Marine Biology, Mechanical Eng	Gwangju	https://international.jnu.ac.kr/
27	Chungnam National University	Mid-tier	Biotech, Veterinary, Sciences	Crop Sci, Animal Health	Daejeon	https://plus.cnu.ac.kr/html/en/
28	Hallym University	Mid-tier	Medicine, Social Sciences, Business	Medical, Social Welfare	Chuncheon	http://www.hallym.ac.kr/
29	Yeungnam University	Mid-tier	Engineering, Business, Liberal Arts	Architecture, Korean Studies	Gyeongsan	https://www.yu.ac.kr/english/
30	Chungbuk National University	Mid-tier	Engineering, Agriculture, Business	Industrial Eng, Crop Sci	Cheongju	https://www.chungbuk.ac.kr/
31	Dankook University	Mid-Lower tier	Dental, Arts, Tech	Dentistry, Performing Arts	Seoul/Cheonan	https://www.dankook.ac.kr/en/web/international
32	Kangwon National University	Mid-Lower tier	Agriculture, Forestry, Vet Sci	Forestry, Env'l Sci	Chuncheon	https://www.kangwon.ac.kr/english/
33	Soonchunhyang University	Mid-Lower tier	Medicine, Nursing, Business	Medical School, Hospital Admin	Asan	https://www.sch.ac.kr/eng/
34	Sungshin Women's University	Mid-Lower tier	Arts, Fashion, Education	Fashion Design, Early Childhood Ed	Seoul	https://www.sungshin.ac.kr/eng/index.do
35	Jeju National University	Mid-Lower tier	Marine Sci, Tourism, Agriculture	Marine Biology, Tourism Mgmt	Jeju	https://www.jeju.ac.kr/eng/
36	Hongik University	Mid-Lower tier	Art & Design, Architecture	Visual Arts, Architecture	Seoul	http://en.hongik.ac.kr/
37	Kookmin University	Mid-Lower tier	Design, Tech, Business	Automotive Eng, Product Design	Seoul	https://english.kookmin.ac.kr/
38	Pukyong National University	Mid-Lower tier	Fisheries, Maritime, Eng	Marine Biology, Naval Architecture	Busan	https://www.pknu.ac.kr/engMain.do
39	Sookmyung Women's University	Mid-Lower tier	Liberal Arts, Business, Music	TESOL, Int'l Business, Music	Seoul	http://e.sookmyung.ac.kr/
40	Seoul National University of Science and Technology	Mid-Lower tier	Engineering, Technology, Business	Mechanical Eng, Industrial Design	Seoul	https://en.seoultech.ac.kr/
41	Yongsan University	Lower-tier	Business, Tourism, Law	Hotel Mgmt, Int'l Biz	Yongsan/Busan	https://www.yvu.ac.kr/english/main.do
42	Soongsil University	Lower-tier	IT, Business, Economics	Software Eng, Finance	Seoul	http://eng.ssu.ac.kr/web/eng