

Fashion Institute of Technology

2018 Fall Application FAQs

Q1. Do you receive the same degree as the main campus if you graduate from SUNY Korea FIT?

- Yes, SUNY Korea FIT provides the same curriculum as the main campus taught by the same faculty, and therefore, provides the exact same degree.

Q2. Is SUNY Korea FIT a 2-year program?

- FIT Korea currently offers a two-year associate's degree program. After receiving an associate's degree, students can enter the bachelor's degree program and study for two more years in the New York main campus or the FIT campus in Italy.

Q3. How do I apply?

- You can apply online via the SUNY Korea website. (<http://www.sunykorea.ac.kr>)
- The required documents are a high school transcript, college or university transcript (*Only if applicable), admissions essay (up to 750 words), and English proficiency test score (TOEFL iBT 80, IELTS 6.5, PTE 53).
- Fashion Design applicants must also submit a portfolio.

Q4. How long are my English proficiency test scores valid for? What are the conditions to be exempt from the English proficiency test requirement?

- Official English test scores must be no more than two years old from the date of application.
- The English proficiency test requirement can be waived for those who have completed four years of education in high schools where the medium of instruction is primarily in English, regardless of country or location (excluding ESL).

Q5. How can I hand in my transcripts?

- On the SUNY Korea FIT online application form, a scanned copy of the transcript will suffice.
- For the original copies of the transcripts, applicants can send a sealed, officially attested copy of their transcript (bearing the stamp and signature of the designated officer of your school) directly to the admissions office of the **FIT main campus in New York City** only if:

1) They are in possession of a Korean-based transcript

2) They are in possession of a transcript from an English-based (United States, Canada, Britain, Australia, etc) curriculum, including international schools regardless of country or location.

***(The date on the postage must be before the application deadline)**

- If none of the above are applicable, applicants are required to have their credentials evaluated by a member of the **National Association of Credential Evaluation Services** (www.naces.org) before having them sent to the admissions office of the **FIT main campus in New York City**.

- FIT NYC Admissions Office:

Fashion Institute of Technology, Office of Admissions, Room C139
227 W. 27th St. New York City 10001-5992

Q6. If I do not have an English proficiency test score, can I still apply for provisional admissions?

- There is no provisional admissions system at FIT. Applicants need to be in possession of an English test score to be eligible to apply. (For additional details, please consult an admissions officer)

Q7. Do I need to hand in my SAT/ACT scores?

- SAT and ACT test scores are *not required* for admissions purposes. They can, however, be used to waive English and Math placement exams at SUNY Korea FIT. To be waived for the placement exams, applicants must officially report their scores to the SUNY Korea FIT using the institution codes shown below.

*** SUNY Korea institution code: SAT 7442 / ACT 7029**

Q8. Can I still apply even if I took the GED?

- Yes, anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent can apply as long as they hand in an official copy at the time of their application.

Q9. Do I need to hand in a portfolio?

- The portfolio requirement is only applicable to Fashion Design applicants. It is not applicable to those applying to Fashion Business Management.
- You will submit your portfolio through SlideRoom link that you have received via email.
- The portfolio is used to gauge an applicant's artistic sense, creativity, and passion. For a more detailed guideline of the portfolio, please refer to the information on the FIT website (fitnyc.edu/admissions/apply/portfolio).
- More information on the portfolio will also be available at the FIT information session taking place on October 21, 2018.

Q10. When is the deadline for the 2018 Fall semester applications? When will the results be announced?

- The deadline for scholarship applications is December 31, 2017, with the results being released mid-February. The deadline for the applications themselves is February 1, 2018, with the results being released early April. The required documents need to be submitted by their respective deadlines.

Q11. Is it mandatory to live in the dormitories?

- It is mandatory for students to live on campus for their 2 years in the program. SUNY Korea is known for its Residential Program (RC) program, a program designed to help students find their vision and establish the right set of values. Through the RC program, students participate in a myriad of activities such as career development, volunteering activities, and special lectures, thereby experiencing the spirit of self-development and humanitarianism. However, exceptions will be made for a few cases, such as for health concerns.

Q12. How much is the tuition?

- The annual tuition for the 2017-2018 school year is \$21,500. The tuition is identical to that of SUNY Korea Stony Brook.

Q13. Are there any scholarship or financial aid opportunities?

- The scholarship and financial aid review process is carried out at the same time as the admissions review. Incoming freshmen are also eligible to apply for scholarship and financial aid. However, please note that the deadline for scholarship and financial aid application is December 31, 2017.
- SUNY Korea currently offers Presidential scholarships, Grand scholarships, Prestige scholarships, Encouragement awards, and financial aid to two or three students in each department.

Q14. Do I need to select a major when I apply?

- Yes, applicants need to choose their desired major at the time of their application. They cannot be admitted as undecided majors or double majors.

Q15. Can I transfer into SUNY Korea FIT?

- The Fashion Design program has a very specifically developed curriculum, with each class serving as a specific prerequisite to the next. It is therefore impossible to transfer in as a second year student.
- In the case of Fashion Business Management, transfer availability varies depending on the classes the applicant took in their previous institution and the classes offered at SUNY Korea FIT. Therefore, it can only be determined on a case-by-case basis after the applicant hands in their college or university transcript.

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