

## SolBridge International School of Business Information for Fall 2018

### **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 2017)**

- 1,160 students
- BBA – MBA distribution: approximately 90%/10%
- 70% international students – 30 % Korean students
- 80% international faculty members with PhD degrees
- 56 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.

### ***Fall 2018 semester dates***

- Application deadline and submission of all documents: 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Airport meetup service: 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August
- Orientation week: 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August
- Start of the semester: 27<sup>th</sup> August
- End of the semester: 14<sup>th</sup> December

### ***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 5 ECTS credits. **Students may complete up to 18 credits for a full semester** and transfer 30 ECTS to their home institution.

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** and transfer 30 ECTS to their home institution.

### *SolBridge's credit system for inbound dual degree students*

BBA students joining the inbound 2+2 programme 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**, an equivalent to 120 ECTS. 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 programme 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**, an equivalent to 60 ECTS. 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.

**Starting from Fall 2017, exchange students are granted the possibility to live off-campus.** We kindly request them to inform the Admissions Team following their admission interview. Students are responsible for finding private accommodation.

**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 (3 euros). 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 (about 325 – 375 euros).

**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\\_khEpkkJHyUngoOchapLBH6](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1wj8gswZWN_khEpkkJHyUngoOchapLBH6)
- Sports Day <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BzmbNaH9x46CY3h3ZDJHRnZUMWM>

## Admission Process – step by step

1. **Submission of application** via email to Romain Bartolo at [rbartolo@solbridge.ac.kr](mailto:rbartolo@solbridge.ac.kr), with **all supporting documents by Saturday 30 June 2018**:
  - Proof of English proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL, or official B2 level certificate)
  - 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. If students do not have an international insurance, they can purchase a Korean insurance plan for USD 113 for one semester, or USD 158 for one academic year. Dual degree students are required to purchase the Korean insurance plan.

***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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