

FAQ for AMA+ Admission

General Question

Q. How many admission rounds do you have for AMA+ scholarship? Can I apply for Fall semester entrance?

A. We only have one admission a year. For AMA+ Scholarship, admission takes place from March through August/September and the final grantees enter Korea for Korean language training starting November and begin their degree program starting March.

Q. I'm enrolled in other university and have earned some credits. Can I transfer to K-Arts?

A. No. We have no transfer system. Students basically have to start from a scratch to join our university and apply for full degree admission only.

Q. Can you advise what major I can choose or what needs to be included in my study plan, self introduction, portfolio, etc?

A. No. We don't provide consulting on your choices or how to fill out the documents. Please do not explain your personal background or send your documents via email. Your documents will only be read after application deadline when you have successfully completed your application following the application procedure and schedule.

Questions : Eligibility for AMA+ Scholarship

Q. Do you have an age limit?

A. No, we do not have an age limit. You are free to apply.

Q. I don't belong to the eligible country for AMA+ or I have double nationalities with only one belonging to the eligible country. What should I do?

A. AMA+ Scholarship is ODA (Official Development Assistance) project and both **you and your parents' nationalities** no matter how many you and your parents have, need to belong to the ODA recipient countries. If you are not from the recipient countries, you can only apply for general foreign admission, which means fee paying program with a separate admission timeline. Please see the information on other admission route than AMA+ scholarship; www.karts.ac.kr/en/karts/foreign.do

Q. I didn't major in ~. Am I eligible to apply?

A. You may change your career and study course. If you meet the required standards for each major, and can submit the required documents, you may apply for your desired major.

Q. Can I apply for second BA studies in K-Arts?

A. Yes, whether you have BA degree elsewhere isn't important. We already have students studying for the second BA degree in K-Arts.

The required documents are the same for an undergraduate program applicant.

Q. Can I apply for two different majors?

A. No. You can only apply to one major (department).

Q. I already graduated from university / college, and some years passed after my graduation. Am I eligible?

A. Yes, you are eligible.

Q. I will graduate before March 2025, but not before the application submission date. Can I apply? What should I submit?

A. If you are to graduate by the end of February 2025, you can submit a certificate of expectant graduation. Even if you do not submit your diploma for the document screening, you need to submit your diploma / scores before 28th February, 2025 when you become a final grantee.

Q. I want to know the vacancies/quota for my country.

A. K-Arts does not have a set vacancy number for each country.

Q. I'm already studying at a university in Korea (funded by other scholarship), can I still apply for K-Arts?

A. If you have received Korean government sponsored scholarship including AMA+ scholarship for a degree program, you are NOT eligible to apply. However if you have graduated with CGPA 90%(3.87/4.3) and above or the ranking in the top 10% on a 100-point scale in his/her previous degree program with a valid TOPIK level 5 or above, then you are eligible to apply for a higher degree program.

Questions : Spoken Language /Language proficiency test scores/

Q. Are there English classes?

A. 95% of the lessons in K-Arts are taught in Korean. No English/other language assistance is given. If you wish to study in K-Arts, you should be able to communicate in Korean freely.

Q. Is there any way for me to be selected for scholarship without speaking Korean or without submitting Korean language test scores?

A. No, you must provide a Language proficiency test score for your application to be reviewed by the school.

Q. Can I replace my Korean language proficiency test scores with other language tests? (IELTS, TOEFL, TOEIC etc.)

A. No, as those scores do not represent your ability to speak Korean.

Q. When should I provide the Korean language proficiency test scores?

A. Your Korean test scores should be submitted at the time of submitting your application; from March 21 ~ 31, 2024 ONLY.

Q. Can I get the required TOPIK scores during the 6-months language training?

A. No. You must acquire the required TOPIK level before applying. The 6-months training before enrollment teaches advanced Korean to help you adjust to studying in Korea, not to meet your required level for application.

Q. All the TOPIK tests are not being held in our region. Can I not submit a language proficiency test score and take the language test provided by K-Arts instead?

A. We are sorry about the situation in your country, but we cannot apply exceptions depending on the situation of each country/individuals. If you cannot submit a TOPIK score, you need to provide alternative test scores listed in the application guideline. We need to be able to check if your alternative Korean language test score is equivalent to the TOPIK requirement set by each department/major. You can check the application guideline for more detail on the alternative test scores.

If we do not receive any appropriate Korean language proficiency certificate at all, your application will NOT be reviewed regardless the quality of your portfolio or the rest of your application.

Q. My Korean proficiency level is lower than my desired major's requirements. Can I study more and take the Korean test at K-Arts later?

A. In K-Arts where 95-100% of the lessons are taught in Korean. The test results prove that you can study properly without a translation assistance (which is not provided) in your desired major. Hence, it is mandatory for applicants to prove *in their application* that they meet the very least of our school's language requirements.

Please note that the Korean test held by K-Arts is only for reviewing if the applicants' Korean certificate - TOPIK or any alternative certificates - is valid for each major's Korean proficiency requirement. If your alternative test score is considered high enough to meet the language requirements by each major, you may be subjected to take the K-Arts Korean language test. The test's result held by K-Arts will only be referred to as a 'complementary material'. The result still cannot be a substitute for your TOPIK scores. If you do not speak Korean fluently to a level required by each major, but are still determined to study at K-Arts, you can study more and apply next year.

Q. Do I need to provide an English proficiency test score?

A. Unless your desired major specifies the requirements for English proficiency test scores in the application guideline, the scores are not mandatory. Even when some departments require English proficiency, it doesn't mean you don't need Korean proficiency. Again, our language of instruction is always Korean and English is additional.

Questions : Portfolio Requirement and Interview

Q. My department doesn't have any information on what to submit as portfolio. What do I need to submit for portfolio.

A. If your department doesn't require portfolio, you don't need to submit it. However, the applicant can attach additional portfolio if wanted.

Q. My department plans to have an interview. When and how will this be held?

A. If your department has notified in the Portfolio section of 'II. Admission Unit and Requirement" that they will have an interview, it will be notified sometime in mid-June individually for its schedule and method. For those staying outside Korea, it will be held online. For those already in Korea, it is likely to be held in person.

※See: 2025 AMA+ Scholarship Application Guide p. 15~27