

# Part-time Job Support for International Students

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## What is Part-time Job Support?

KDU Global practices a unique and comprehensive part-time job support system for international students, who wish to engage with local businesses, communities, and enhance their Korean skills and understanding of local lifestyle, support themselves financially without compromising their education and extracurricular activities.

International Student Services Center (ISSC) - a specially designated division at KDU Global, coordinates and helps students with the entire process of finding and formalizing part-time jobs during their studies. The related services include recommending students for local businesses with vacancies, guiding them in obtaining employment permission from the local immigration office, providing Korean language training and resources, reporting changes in job places, ensuring safety and security at workplaces, protecting the rights and privileges of students, and many more.

## Part-time Job Placement Process

Students who would like to engage in part-time employment visit the ISSC and sign up for part-time job counselling and placement. Placements are offered in the order of the students on the sign-up list. Under ISSC's guidance, the students obtain permission from the local immigration office prior to starting to work part-time.



## Eligibility Requirements

While the ISSC consistently ensures that job opportunities are available for any student at any point, all international students at KDU Global must meet the part-time job support requirements on class attendance and academic performance. The support is available for undergraduate and graduate students from their first semesters, whereas those in language programs are eligible after their first six months of stay in Korea.

## Free Korean Language Training

International students must be able to demonstrate a certain level of communication in Korean to qualify for part-time job support by the ISSC at KDU Global. Korean language training is offered for all international students, enrolled in both degree and language courses, in their first semesters in addition to their regular curricular subjects. All additional Korean classes are fully sponsored by KDU Global!

## Scope and Types of Part-Time Employment

International students may engage in part-time employment in accordance with the pertinent immigration laws and regulations in Korea. Working at convenience stores, coffee shops, restaurants, and other activities commonly done by students are allowed. The ISSC provides detailed guidance on the types of jobs permitted and auxiliary exceptions feasible.

## Working Hours and Remuneration

Upon receiving an official permit from the local immigration office, international students are allowed to work anywhere between 20 to 30 hours on weekdays, depending on their programs of enrollment at KDU Global. No limit on working hours is imposed on weekends and during vacations.

Typical part-time jobs for international students in Korea pay minimum or somewhat higher than minimum hourly wages. Based on 2024 international student surveys, average earnings from part-time employment range from KRW 1,100,000 to 1,500,000 during semesters and KRW 1,600,000 to KRW 2,200,000 during vacations. It is important for all international students to keep in mind that part-time employment cannot and should not be considered as the main source of financing for their educational and living expenses in Korea. Detailed information regarding part-time job support is available at ISSC and on the official KDU Global website.

***KDU Global is the only university in Korea with a comprehensive part-time job support system for international students!***

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