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Energize Dongguk

Welcome to Dongguk University.

Dongguk University is a Buddhist university founded by Buddhist pioneers in the spirit of educational patriotism trying to get their country back through education. Starting from Myungjin School, Dongguk University has developed into Buddhist Higher Education Institution, Central Education Institution, Central Buddhist Professional School, Hyehwa College and has suffered unhappiness of the forced closure by Japan, but it has a proud history that it encountered the liberation without submitting. In 1946, the school changed its name to Dongguk University and was promoted to a university in 1953, having the status today. Dongguk University is leading our society as a prestigious university that has produced over 300,000 talented people in various fields including religion, politics, economy, society, education and culture during the past history and Korea’s only Buddhist university. Following the will of Buddhist pioneers, we are to make it stronger and to leap toward the world as a world-class university with the world.

Recently, as the internal and external environments surrounding the university have become increasingly difficult, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is requiring more changes and innovations, and global competition is also accelerating. Leading and leading these changes and missions of the times, Dongguk University has the preparation and ability to bring forth talented people required by the times.

Based on the vision of ‘Global Dongguk respected for its contribution’, I will develop Dongguk University while practicing ‘Strengthening founding philosophy capacity,’ ‘Strengthening sustainable management capacity,’ ‘Strengthening education contribution capacity’, ‘Strengthening research contribution capacity’ under the slogan of ‘Energize Dongguk’. We will strive to be the ‘one of Top 100 Universities in the World’ by raising talented people required by the nation and society and devoting itself to the promotion of happiness for the nation and mankind. Please watch Dongguk University, which is preparing for the future and leading change.

I wish all of you Buddha’s merciful light.

Yoon, Sung Yee
19th President of Dongguk University

Thank you.
Dongguk University in Numbers

- 4 campuses in Seoul, Goyang, Gyeongju and Los Angeles
- 115th Anniversary (in 2021)
- 306 Overseas Sister Universities with Seoul campus (as of January 2021)
- 1,044 The number of full-time professors
- 29,788/4,217 The accumulated number of enrolled students (Undergraduate/Graduate)
- 300,000 The number of Alumni
Since its foundation in 1906, Dongguk University has emerged as one of the most prominent private institutions in Korea. The past one hundred years of Dongguk’s history testify to the fact that education equates to hope for the future. A new century is unfolding for this leading institution, which has been at the forefront of Korea’s intellectual progress in the past century.
Our Strengths

The Future Opens Up

Specialization of Education

Dongguk University has designated and intensively promoted its long-held strength fields such as regional studies, NT (Nano Technology), ET (Energy Technology), BT (Bio Technology), IT (Information Technology), and CT (Culture Technology) as a specialized field. The school is pursuing its multidisciplinary amalgamation and fusion between Humanities and Natural Science based on its founding philosophy of Buddhism.
Buddhism at the Core of Disciplinary Convergence

A World-Class Mecca for Studies on Asia and Buddhism

As Korea’s headquarters for Buddhist studies and a self-designated keeper for Korean ideologies and cultures, Dongguk University stores and researches a massive amount of Buddhist studies data and the school’s Asian Studies, in particular, has attracted global attention, which thus has led many scholars and students from around the world to visit the school.

The Project for Establishing the Archives of Buddhist Culture heritage (ABC)

With the financial support of KRW10 billion from the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism for ten years from 2012 to 2022, the Academy of Buddhist Studies, a Dongguk University school policy research center, has been on its way to establishing its digitalized Archives of Buddhist Culture (ABC) on all the Korea’s recorded Buddhism culture heritage. This ABC project will lay the groundwork for Buddhism-based East Asian regional studies and create the contents for Buddhist cultures by establishing a database for the compiled East Asian Buddhism data under the Chinese language cultural sphere.

Specializing BT, respecting life

Bio Technology, the Growth Engine for Future Society

Having teamed up with the research capacity of its Biomed Campus and Ilsan Hospital since 2011, Dongguk University is leading Korea’s BT industry in joint collaboration with the campus’s resident biofield companies. The Biomed Campus, equipped with the state-of-the-art environments for in-depth research for the students of the Colleges of Biosystem, of Medicine, and of Korean Medicine, will take the lead in the future of life sciences as the central axis of an infrastructure for the industry-school research collaboration (a medi-cluster).

Making Great Strides with Focus on the R&D for Developing New Medicine and Medical Devices

Selected as a “center for developing and promoting the medical devices that create values for future growth” administered by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Dongguk University has been making great strides in developing cutting-edge medical devices with the government financial support of KRW14 billion for five years. Moreover, the school has made significant contributions to developing Korea’s new medicine by operating an open translational research center for innovative drug with the financial support of KRW6 billion for six years through the biomedical technology development project of the Ministry of Education.
Our Strengths

Specialization of CT, a conversion between humanities-arts and science-technology

Hometown for Korean Culture and Arts
Dongguk University has been equipped with the powerful manpower comprised of alumni who have established themselves in many fields with their accumulated academic assets on Korean cultures and arts. Based upon such a Korea's best foundation, the school's excellent faculty and students have been immersed in preparing for taking the lead of the next generation culture and arts circle.

On-site Training through the School Companies
Dongguk University has expanded various business in the field of performance planning through its school companies such as Dongguk Art Company (Department of Theater) and Blue Mold (Department of Film & Digital Media). Establishing school companies carries significance in that they can both boost synergy effects onto students and faculty's on-site training and research and promote commercialization by transferring a university's technologies to the private sector. Furthermore, various performance planning and production business get more efficient through school-industry cooperation based on Lee Hae Rang Art Theater, a performance-specific theater run on campus, which has served as an incubator for enrolled students and graduates, thus prompting the lively development of performance contents.

NT & IT, the cutting-edge science and technologies that work in the global arena

Expanding the Infrastructure Geared towards Developing Science Majors
Dongguk University has consistently pushed forward on the expansion of its research infrastructure. The school finalized building a new engineering center on its Seoul campus and has greatly expanded the research infrastructure for the fields of Information Technology (IT) and Nano Technology (NT). With a dramatic increase in students' practical experiments and professors' research space, pleasant education has been made possible with the school's not sparing any efforts in investing for the enhancement of educational environments.

Fostering the Next Generation Industries for Fusion Contents
Also selected for the LINC+ project following the LINC project, Dongguk University has implementing various student support projects with focus on industry-school collaboration for the new amalgamation in the fields of engineering, humanities and arts. Along with the school's specialization education and the academy-industry education courses such as “Capstone Design,” which is creative engineering design, and “On-site Practical Training,” the technology development activities of the companies related to approximately 300 cultural contents have been underway.
Our Campus

Our Future, Interacting with Society and Coexisting with Nature

The 21st Century Urban Knowledge Information Campus Fitting Well with its Surroundings

A university for both students and professors to strive for studies leading to social development: Dongguk University has evolved with the times to make further efforts in fulfilling its core function as such. In its endeavors of formulating the state-of-the-art educational environments that interact with various disciplines and cultures, paving the way for international exchanges, and blending in with Mt. Namsan’s nature, the school has been on its way towards becoming the campus that fits well with the 21st century.

Environment-friendly Campus in Nature

Located in the beauty of Mt. Namsan, the Dongguk University Campus has turned itself into the one further stepped in nature. Thanks to its green rooftop project, beautiful rest space is ready to be explored with lots of various trees on the rooftops of its main library and each building throughout the campus. Furthermore, a scheme to efficiently utilize the excellent natural resources of Mt. Namsan for areas on campus has been underway, such efforts of which include construction of underground parking areas for a car-less clean campus and the creation of an underground campus to establish high-tech learning environments overcoming its restricted space.
Cultural Arts Campus Breathing with the Times
Culture and traditions build up a larger communication space right in the middle of the times. Dongguk University and Mt. Namsan located in the middle of Seoul have performed such functions for cultural communication and sharing. Voluntarily taking the leading role for Korea’s literature and movie industry, Dongguk University has the flowers of cultural arts bloom once again. Transformed into a performance-specific hall after being remodeled, Lee Hae Rang Arts Theater has been spotlighted as Seoul’s emerging cultural mecca, and Chungmuro Media Center located at the crossroads of Myeongdong and Chungmuro has created cultural contents relevant for the 21st century.

The Campus that Makes You Want to Study
Dongguk University has transformed itself into an all-inclusive campus-life-oriented complex culture arena where even its main library can be a place for students’ studies and leisure, which includes a large conference room on the 3rd floor, small seminar rooms, study rooms for 4 to 8 people, audio-visual rooms, and rest areas. The main library has become a students’ favorite hangout place serving as a multiplex cultural area for their studies, rest, and fun. In addition to this, an IF (Information Forest) Zone was established for students’ healing and creativity, which is expected to be another center for students to relax, study, and explore cultural life together with its IC (Information Commons) Zone.

The Dormitory Snuggled into Nature
Namsan Residence Hall, which opened its door at Mt. Namsan ridge in 2012, is proud of its clean natural environments all year round. It is a modern dormitory whose gross floor area is about 14,262㎡ with 373 double occupancy rooms on 6 floors above ground and 3 levels of basement. The dorm also has various additional facilities that meet students’ needs such as fitness center, space for seminars, and leading-edge multimedia centers.

Consistently expanded the infrastructure to build up its students’ ability to creatively think and enhance their sense of on-site work activities. For the multidisciplinary, fusion, and industry-school collaboration Capstone Design educational program, startup training, expert mentoring, and seminars, its I-SPACE serves as a place where students can be more exposed to various experience.
The view of Dongguk campus and Seoul city from the sky
The College of Buddhist Studies, initiated by pioneers of the Buddhist community in 1906, has served as the leading center of Buddhist Studies in Korea, playing a pivotal role in the field. In the 21st century as mankind shifts its focus of life from the material to the spiritual, the College will continue to shine a brighter light of wisdom in the world based on the principles of compassion and life, and building on the foundation of Dongguk's long history and tradition.

### Affiliated Research Institutes
- Dongguk Institute for Buddhist Studies Research (Korean Buddhist Research Institute, Institute of Electronic Buddhist Texts and Culture Content, Center for Chogye Order Buddhist Studies, Translation Centre of Buddhist Scriptures)

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**Internationalization of Korean Buddhism**

Internationalization of Buddhism is one of Dongguk University's highest priorities in pursuit of attaining global recognition and enhancing the foreign language proficiency of students. With the invitation of foreign professors in the field of Buddhist studies, the Division has been increasing student access to English lectures. In addition, as part of its efforts at globalization, the Division offers courses related to Buddhism at the university's International Summer School, and runs student exchange program in cooperation with Mahidol University of Thailand and other overseas universities.
Globalization of Korean Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts, nicknamed the Literary Star, operates a wide range of programs to train outstanding students with the purpose of cultivating global talent and to globalize the field of liberal arts in Korea. To this end, the College selects talented students by screening candidates from around the world and domestic students with good foreign language skills. In addition, along with our effort to offer more courses in a range of foreign language including English, the College is expanding its student exchange program at sister universities overseas for students majoring in language-related areas.

Affiliated Research Institutes

Institute for East-West Thought, Translation Studies Research Institute
Establishment of Advanced Research Infrastructure
In an effort to improve student research capacity, the College of Natural Sciences is expanding opportunities for students to participate in advanced science research by establishing government-supported research organizations including the Quantum-functional Semiconductor Research Center (QSRC).

Through these projects, the College has built a highly-acclaimed research infrastructure, providing students with an improved educational environment equipped with highly qualified faculty. Further, the College motivates students to concentrate on their studies by offering various scholarship programs and research supporting programs for both undergraduates and graduate school students.

Affiliated Research institutes Quantum-functional Semiconductor Science Research Center, Research Institute for Natural Science, Institute of Statistics and Information Technology
The College of Law is a leading educational institution that has produced many outstanding leaders in judicial, administrative and legislative fields, as well as in the business community and the non-profit sector. Over 210 graduates of the College have served in the field of law, including on the Constitutional Court.

**Dept. of Law**

**Finest Law Education Infrastructure in Korea**

Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities such as the Comparative Law Institute, law library and moot courtrooms with jury chambers, the College of Law produces top-notch legal experts.

The College’s facilities also include the bar exam preparation center, classrooms with modern equipment, various seminar rooms and five conference rooms for each division, the entertainment law research center and the law clinic center. Under the University’s newly initiated system for academic convergence and fusion, the College is now equipped with the infrastructure to pursue specialized research in the field of entertainment law, in collaboration with the College of Buddhist Studies, the College of the Arts, the Graduate School of Cultural Arts, the Graduate School of Digital Image and Content and the Dongguk Business School.

**Affiliated Research Institute** Comparative Law Institute
The College of Social Sciences, which began as the Department of Politics and Economics in 1947, has produced elites in various fields in the social sciences including politics, economics, diplomacy, public administration, public security, sociology, finance and media. All departments and majors within the College are closely interlinked to cultivate talent that will lead the globalization era of the 21st century.

- Division of Politics & Public Administration (Politics & Diplomacy, Public Administration, North Korean Studies) / Division of Economics & Trade (Economics, International Trade) / Division of Sociology, Journalism & Communication (Sociology, Journalism & Communication) / Dept. of Food Industrial Management / Dept. of Advertising & Public Relations

Educating Korea’s Power Elite

With more than 60 years of history, the College of Social Sciences has contributed to the modernization and the development of democracy across various sectors of Korean society.

Centering on the Departments of Politics & Diplomacy, Economics, Public Administration and Sociology, the College has produced a large number of politicians and government officials who have contributed greatly to Korea’s advancement. The College ranks fifth among Korean universities in the number of former and incumbent lawmakers it has produced. The Police Administration and North Korean Studies Departments have played a pioneering role in the fields of peace and public security at home and abroad.

With the establishment of departments like Journalism & Communication, Advertising & Public Relations, International Trades and Food Industrial Management, the College has worked ceaselessly to cultivate new talent by offering education in the social sciences.

Affiliated Research institutes Research Institute of Social Science, North Korea Research Institute, Institute of Ecology and Environment, Institute of Policing and Criminology, Research Institute of Communication
Since the Department of Police Administration (DPA) was established in 1963 as the first department of its kind in Korea, it has been producing police officers and professors, and has earned the best reputation in the field of public safety. For the last 50 years, the DPA has been focusing on training police officers, while expanding its areas of education and social advancement. In 2016, the DPA was reorganized with an expansion into the College of Police & Criminal Justice in order to more effectively train and produce specialized personnel in the field of public safety. The College of Police & Criminal Justice offers four major specializations, namely Police Science, Crime Science, Security Studies, and Study of Corrections.

Affiliated Research Institute  Criminology Research Institute.
Dongguk Business School

Boasting a 50-year history, the Dongguk Business School (DBS) has played a leading role in Korea’s economic growth. The School offers a wide range of specialized courses including accounting, which has been offered for 30 years, and information management to train its students to combine general knowledge in management and expertise in specialized areas.

- Division of Management (Business Administration, Accounting, Management Information)

First Business Education Accreditation in Korea

In 2008, the DBS became the first institution in Korea to be accredited by the Korea Association of Business Education Accreditation (KABEA) as the best in business education. The accreditation system is designed to evaluate and certify university-level business education programs in order to raise competency in the field. The system aims at recognizing educational excellence after a thorough evaluation of, and deliberation over, overall educational settings. In addition, the DBS was given full accreditation by Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in 2012, established by business school deans at prominent universities in the U.S. The approval provided a strong foundation for international exchange such as credit-sharing, equal treatment in employment, and faculty and student exchange programs. Moreover, the DBS helps students expand their global perspective and knowledge by teaching more than 50% of major subjects in English, as well as offering lectures by scholars from overseas.

Affiliated Research Institute Institute for Dongguk Business
First Engineering Education Accreditation in Korea
In 2001, the College of Engineering became Korea’s first institute accredited for its education by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea (ABEEK). The College currently operates nine accredited programs. This indicates that the curriculum of the College is officially recognized as a competent educational system that can produce professional engineers with outstanding qualities and leadership sought by the industry. Graduates of the College receive certification from ABEEK, proving that they are highly-trained engineers who satisfy the demands of leading corporations. With the ABEEK certification, graduates of the College of Engineering at Dongguk University enjoy a relatively higher reputation than their counterparts at other universities.

Affiliated Research Institutes
Innovation Center for Engineering Education, Research Institute for Industrial Technology, Institute of Information Convergence Technology, Millimeter-wave Innovation Technology Research Center, Ubiquitous Supply Chain Management Research Center, Center for Advanced Colloidal Materials, Center for Advanced Printing Technology, Clean Energy Research Center
The College of Education imbues students with the spirit of wisdom and compassion, and encourages them to cultivate the character required to be educators. The College nurtures outstanding educational professionals by offering in-depth training. Since its foundation in 1968, the College’s longstanding alumni networks have provided students with opportunities to experience on-site training to increase motivation and improve practical skills.
- Dept. of Education / Dept. of Korean Language Education / Dept. of History Education / Dept. of Geography Education / Dept. of Mathematics Education / Dept. of Home Economics Education / Dept. of Physical Education

Active Networks Among Teachers
The College of Education has produced numerous teachers who currently teach at middle and high schools nationwide, and in various social sectors. A broad network of alumni, formed over a span of more than 40 years, not only motivates students to work hard, but also improves their learning capacity through practical training. Various professional networks among the alumni greatly benefit students, directly and indirectly, in their careers at schools and in other fields.
College of Arts

The College of Arts was established in 1987 with the merging of the Department of Drama and Cinema, opened in 1960 as the first of its kind in Korea, and the Department of Fine Arts, opened in 1971. The College has produced notable artists through basic and specialized education covering a broad spectrum of the arts.

- Division of Fine Arts (Buddhist Art, Korean Painting, Painting, Sculpture) / Division of Theatre (Drama, Musical) / Dept. of Film & Digital Media

Infrastructure for Distinguished Arts Education

The College of Arts focuses its investments in infrastructure, aimed at arts education with a specialization in CT, one of the University's fields of specialization.

In 2008, an existing art theater in the University was transformed into the 'Lee Hae-rang Art Theater', a medium-sized, professional performance center that allows students to stage public performances. The theater helps students acquire hands-on experience. In addition, the College boasts an outstanding educational setting, situated in the heart of Seoul's cultural and artistic activity. The college's location, at the base of Namsan Mountain, with its magnificent natural scenery, and near Daehak-ro, Insa-dong and the National Theater makes it a cradle of vibrant learning in the arts.

Affiliated Research institutes Research Institute of Formative Buddhist Arts and Cultural Heritage, Culture Technology Institute, Research Institute for Image & Culture Content

School-based Enterprise Dongguk Art Company, Penicillium Film
College of Applied Convergency

- Department of Interdisciplinary Security Science, Department of Social Welfare and Counseling, and Department of Global Trade and Commerce

College of Applied Convergency

The College of Applied Convergency aims to be an open-minded college that helps shape the career path for adults. Through systematic theoretical education and implementation of a multidisciplinary curriculum, coupled with an emphasis on participation in teaching and innovation to enhance field-based practical skills, CTSF aims to equip its students with the ‘creative thinking, cooperative intelligence, and practical problem-solving skills’ demanded by today’s society.
Dharma College helps students understand the natural and cultural worlds in which they live, have independent thinking abilities, and grow into tolerant and creative persons on the basis of an extensive and balanced understanding of mankind’s intellectual and artistic heritages through liberal education based on Buddhist ideas, the school’s founding philosophy.

Educational Characteristics of Dharma College

Dharma College seeks a radical change in liberal education. It is important because it is a preliminary course for majors later as part of educational characteristics representing Dongguk University.

The most notable characteristic of Dharma College’s liberal education is to provide an integrated education of humanities, engineering and natural science based on a comprehensive understanding of humanities. In particular, it plans to prepare its liberal education, the basis for major education, for a comprehensive understanding of representative classics of the East and the West as well as for consilience and convergence, the recent academic trends. Accordingly, existing subjects, including common, core and general liberal arts subjects, are changed. To this end, it has introduced a program Liberal Education 3.0.

Software Education Institute

The concept of talent pursued by the Software Education Institute in Dongguk University is a “man of convergence software (SW) that changes the society smartly”. To do this, SW basic education, SW convergence education, and SW industry-university research are underway for all students focusing on the industry-customized SW education course. The university also runs the various SW convergence-related major courses. A total of seven SW convergence-related majors are currently provided: criminal investigation SW-interdisciplinary major, robot convergence SW-interdisciplinary major, culture and art SW-interdisciplinary major, bio-information system SW-interdisciplinary major, construction and environment SW-interdisciplinary major, and industry information SW-interdisciplinary major in addition to existing fusion SW-interdisciplinary major. Talented students graduated from the Software Education Institute are specialized resources that lead the fourth industrial revolution in the future, who will be welcomed to all industrial fields.
A research oriented Bio-Technology specific campus
The Ilsan Campus is being built into a research oriented Bio-technology specific campus in order to foster bio-technology, medicine and pharmaceutics, which are promising fields of the future. Based on its Ilsan Hospital, the Ilsan Campus plans to grow into a leading ‘bio-medical hub’ in North East Asia by building up core facilities such as its Medical School, School of Oriental Medicine, College of Life Science and Biotechnology, College of Pharmacy, Library of New Drug Candidate, Pre-clinical Trial Center, Clinical Trial Center, and Medical Equipment Development Promotion Center. In order to accomplish this, construction of state of the art infrastructure is full swing.

Promoting new drug development and achieving technological and clinically based research center
Goyang-si is in an advantageous location in promoting new drug development and achieving technological and clinically-based research center, and building a special zone for medical tourism. Goyang-si actively seeks to maximize industry-university cooperation by attracting prospective businesses in the field of biotechnology, or BT. In addition, it plans to secure bio-related infrastructure such as domestic and foreign corporate research centers, a venture research complex, a medical-welfare town, and medical service facilities in connection with local government agencies. Dongguk University’s Bio-Medi Campus in Goyang is home to about 2,000 students from the College of Bio System, College of Pharmacy, College of Korean Medicine, College of Medicine.
**College of Bio System**

Launched as the College of Agriculture in 1951, the College of Bio System serves as the core infrastructure in the BT area, one of the University’s fields of specialization. In pursuit of interdisciplinary convergence and curriculum innovation, the College reorganized its school system and curriculum into a four-department system, breaking down the barriers between majors. As a result of this effort, the College has greatly strengthened its research capacity.

- Dept. of Life Science / Dept. of Bio Environment Science / Dept. of Medical Bio Technology / Dept. of Food Bio Engineering

**Active School-Industry Partnership through the Goyang Medicluster**

Dongguk University constructed its Bio Medi Campus around Dongguk University Goyang Hospital in 2011, in collaboration with Gyeonggi Province and Goyang City. Bio Medi campus will create an advanced medical complex, to be called the Goyang Medicluster. Through this effort, the College of Bio System will have access to active partnerships with the bio-technology industry. Centering on the Department of Medical Bio-Technology, the College has cultivated cooperative ties with researchers from both Western medicine and traditional Korean medicine at the Dongguk University Ilsan Hospital. This will allow more students to participate in research to develop new medical technology and medicines for incurable diseases.

**Affiliated Research institutes** Institute of Lotus Functional Food and Ingredients, Institute of Yellow Dust & Combating Desertification, Institute of Buddhist Food, Institute of Food Systems, Biotechnology Research Institute (Center for Medical Research, Center for Biotechnology Research, Center for Bio-Colloidal Materials, Center for Wave Energy Bioactivation Technology)
College of Pharmacy

Founded in 2011, the College of Pharmacy set its goal of (i) education future generations of clinical pharmacists who will serve as outstanding health care professionals, and (ii) developing global leaders who will enrich the future of pharmaceutical industry and the medical research fields. In order to achieve this goal, Ultimately, College of Pharmacy is dedicated to improve the national health care and also to build the healthy global community.

Specialized education systems for nurturing talented pharmacists
Specialized curriculums emphasizing clinical pharmacy and the systematic practical training programs carried out in multiple facilities including university medical center, general hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, and research institutes will endorse fostering the competent clinical pharmacists who can serve the community at local, national and global levels. Various global programs including expanded exchange of scientific knowledge with internationally renowned scholars will promote establishment of the global standards for pharmaceutical education.

Building the core technology for the new drug discovery and development
Integrated Research Institute for Drug Development (IRIDD) in the College of Pharmacy will maximize our research capabilities by establishing core technologies necessary for the new drug discovery and development. IRIDD will play the trigger role in many areas of pharmaceutical researches through establishment of the academic-industrial cooperation network between BMC and MediCluster in Goyang-si, and therefore, contribute to enhance the international competitiveness of the Korean pharmaceutical industry.

Graduate program Department of Pharmacy
Associated research organization Integrated Research Institute for Drug Development
The College of Korean Medicine at Dongguk University received accreditation from the government in 1978, and it has led local Korean medicine education and studies since its first admission of students in 1979, and is striving to establish a strict educational system and environment for the training of medical personnel.

**Optimized Clinical Training Infrastructure**

Dongguk University College of Korean Medicine has basic studies and clinical classes to provide students with basic and clinical education for Korean medicine, and has both Korean medicine hospital and Western medicine hospital advantageous for clinical education in Goyang, Bundang, Gyeongju, etc., in which high-quality clinical training is provided, and the volunteer medical service team consisting of students, Korean medicine physicians graduated from the school and professors is actively providing medical services, contributing to the improvement of the health of local people.

**Research Capacity for Korean Medicine Development**

In particular, the College of Korean Medicine at Dongguk University is proud of excellent research capacity in Korean medicine development, and is doing its best to improve national medical welfare and make Korean medicine scientific and globalized by cultivating outstanding medical professionals to lead the future of Korean medicine and by strengthening R&D capacity.

**Globaliation of Korean Medicine through DULA**

(Dongguk University Los Angeles)

It has DULA campus in LA, the U.S. to serve as a stepping stone for the globalization of Korean medicine, and language training programs for students are in active operation to cultivate them as global talents.

**Affiliated Research institutes** Institute of Oriental Medicine, Oriental Medicine R&D Center
The College of Medicine at Dongguk University dates back to the premedical course established in 1986, and produced its first graduates, who are serving as professors, hospital physicians or practitioners in various fields of medicine home and abroad. Established in 1997, the Department of Nursing Science has recorded 100% pass rate in the national examinations for nurses, and graduates are successfully serving as nurses and health teachers across the nation.

**Operation of Innovative Educational Programs**
The College of Medicine at Dongguk University has introduced a student-centered curriculum, including integrated education, problem-based learning and clinical performance assessment, widely used as new medical education techniques, which is actively modified and supplemented by positively reflecting suggestions and requests from students and professors, and all members of the school are striving to provide more efficient education and to enable students themselves to think and solve problems.

**Best Clinical Training and Research Infrastructure**
Together with Dongguk University Gyeongju Hospital opened in 1991, Dongguk University Ilsan Buddhist Hospital, a general hospital with a capacity of 900 beds, in Goyang City, Gyeonggi-do was opened in 2005 to be used as a clinical training site for students to experience various patients.

The College of Medicine at Dongguk University is especially proud of its excellent researchers and infrastructure in industry, education, research and hospital fields ranging from basic research to active clinical research to studies on the practical use of regional characteristics using regional research infrastructure.

**Affiliated Research institutes** The Medical Institute of Dongguk University, Intractable Disease Research Center, Institute of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ICPP), Posture Science Institute, Institute of Buddhism and Medicine, Channelopathy Research Center
The Dongguk University Graduate School was founded in 1953, with master’s programs in three departments. Currently, in addition to the wide range of programs in the Graduate School, the University also offers two professional graduate programs and seven special graduate programs.

The Graduate School
Established in 1953, the Dongguk University Graduate School aims to increase global recognition of Korean culture, and to contribute to the realization of human ideals. Since its establishment, the Graduate School has conferred 90 honorary doctoral degrees, 1,500 doctoral degrees and 5,200 master’s degrees upon qualified candidates of outstanding knowledge and character. The Graduate School currently offers master’s programs in 64 departments and doctoral programs in 63 departments.

Professional Graduate Schools

Graduate School of Digital Image and Content
It is said the 21st century will see the emergence of a brand new society, in which cultural content and sensitivity are treasured as critical resources. Globalization, digitization and informatization are the three keywords in bringing about social change. To respond to this change, the Graduate School of Digital Image and Content has put emphasis on industry-university cooperation, cultivation of talented students through practice-oriented programs, and development of high-tech applications through joint research with government, industry, and academia.
- Dept. of Culture Content / Dept. of Film & Digital Media / Dept. of Multimedia / Dept. of Performing Art

Dongguk Business School (MBA)
With a long history and tradition, starting in 1973 as the Graduate School of Business Administration, the Dongguk Business School has produced many CEOs with leadership skills and strong ethical senses, who play a leading role in various arenas of Korean society.
- General MBA, Culture-Oriented MBA, Entrepreneurship MBA, International Financial Analyst MBA

Special Graduate Schools

Graduate School of Buddhist Studies
Established in 1991 as a special Buddhist educational organization, the Graduate School of Buddhist Studies provides master’s programs, and research and leadership programs for Buddhist practitioners. In this age of uncertainty, many look to Korean Buddhism for a new paradigm of thought. Corresponding to this demand, the Graduate School of Buddhist Studies, a provider of “open education to cultivate men of truth,” produces Buddhist leaders of tomorrow.
Graduate Schools

Graduate School of Public Administration
The Graduate School of Public Administration, founded in 1967, the first of its kind among Korean private universities, has produced approximately 6,000 outstanding graduates. The alumni of the Dongguk Graduate School of Public Administration play a pivotal role in government as devoted leaders, particularly in the fields of public administration, national security, and public safety. In addition, since the early 1990s, the School has fostered graduates with professional knowledge and ethical conscience in the field of social welfare. They not only form social welfare policy, but are also active social welfare leaders. The Graduate School of Public Administration has recently expanded the scope of its education and training programs by establishing the Department of Real Estate, to keep up with increasing demand and interest in the area. The School strives to educate rational, ethical experts in the field.

Graduate School of Police Administration
The nation’s first graduate school of police administration was established in 2011 to nurture experts well versed in both theory and practice by retraining people working for national security, including police, crime, national intelligence, industrial security and correction.

Graduate School of Education
Since its establishment in 1979, the Graduate School of Education has cultivated accomplished leaders in education. The Graduate School places emphasis on improving the quality of education, in line with the school's mottos of 'Fostering education experts for the 21st century' and 'Improving the quality of school education.' Teachers and graduate students, enrolled in twenty-one majors in two departments, learn theory and gain knowledge through research and on-site teaching practice.
The exchange between students and working teachers creates a synergistic effect.


Graduate School of Communication and Information
Information distribution, channel expansion, media integration and development of new multimedia herald a new era, as new media born of the digital revolution take the place of existing communication methods. Focusing on these changes, the Graduate School of Communication and Information cultivates leading professionals who will provide vision and guidelines for future societies. The Graduate School trains students to understand all communication media, explore academic principles and political alternatives, and strengthen practical applications.

- Dept. of Journalism and Communication (Journalism and Communication, Digital Convergence) / Dept. of Printing and Publishing (Publication and Magazine, Printing and Imaging Engineering) / Dept. of Advertising and Public Relations

Graduate School of Cultural Arts
The Graduate School of Cultural Arts at Dongguk University, established in 1995, was Korea’s first professional graduate school specializing in culture and arts. The School continues to evolve through research and development. The School offers master's programs in five departments: Creative Writing, Theater Arts, Buddhist Fine Art and Culture, Arts Management, and Art Therapy. The Graduate School produces numerous elite professionals, provides continuing education, and plays an important role in vitalizing the field of art and culture.

- Dept. of Creative Writing / Dept. of Theater Arts / Dept. of Buddhist Fine Art and Culture / Dept. of Arts Management / Dept. of Art Therapy

Graduate School of International Information
Founded in 1997, the Graduate School of International Information developed Korea's first Information Security Department, and also Korea's first cyber forensics major in 2008. The Graduate School of International Information creatively tackles the challenges of society through academic pursuits, and trains top professionals in various related fields. The Graduate School offers a wide range of courses to cultivate international communication experts. The Graduate School has produced many of Korea’s most competent translators and interpreters, who play an important role at international conferences on various fields, including politics, economics, society, culture, science, medicine, information technology and biotechnology.


Graduate School of Legal Affairs
The Graduate School of Legal Affairs provides specialized law education to meet the increasing demand for various legal services. The Graduate School of Legal Affairs produces legal experts who are competitive in the global law market. In order to provide high-quality legal service to the public, the Graduate School offers education programs in the following subjects: American Legal Studies, to cultivate international legal experts; Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, to write fair contracts for athletes and entertainers, and fair trade in dealing with works of art, and; Culture and Practical Law, to enhance practitioners’ ability to resolve disputes, and improve administrative skills.

- Dept. of Practical Law / Dept. of American Legal Studies / Dept. of Arts and Cultural Affairs Law / Dept. of Property & Finance Affairs Law
Dongguk University promotes cultural technology (CT), bio-technology (BT), nano-information technology (NIT) and Asian studies as its specialized research fields. Research institutes at Dongguk University are closely linked with existing institutions in related fields to improve global competitiveness.

**Institute for Buddhist Studies Research**
The Institute for Buddhist Studies Research, established in 2009 with the goal of promoting Buddhist studies and global recognition of Korean Buddhism and research of cultural assets.
- Korean Buddhist Research Institute, Institute of Electronic Buddhist Texts and Culture Content, Center for Chogye Order Buddhist Studies, Translation Centre of Buddhist Scriptures

**Academy of Cultural Studies**
The aim of the Academy of Cultural Studies is to research both traditional and contemporary cultures of the world, and to contribute to the development and transmission of culture.
- Institute of Korean Literature Studies, Institute for Popular Culture Studies, East Asian Culture Research Center, Institute for English Cultural Studies, Institute for Japanese Studies

**Biotechnology Research Institute**
The Biotechnology Research Institute was established to contribute to the development and industrialization of biotechnology through technology development and clinical medicine research.
- Center for Medical Research, Center for Biotechnology Research, Center for Bio-Colloidal Materials, Center for Wave Energy Bioactivation Technology

**Academy of Nano-information Technology**
The Academy of Nano-information Technology promotes international joint research, development and industrialization of technology.
- Quantum-functional Semiconductor Science Research Center, Millimeter-wave Innovation Technology Research Center, Ubiquitous Supply Chain Management Research Center

**Research Institute for Image & Culture Content**
The aim of the Research Institute for Image & Culture Content is to maximize research benefits, and to promote school-industry partnership.
- R&D Center of Culture Content, Digital Image & Media Center, Game Research Center, Center for Advertising and Public Relations, Performing Art

**Dongguk University, established in 1906, has a history that spans over a hundred years. The University’s lively tradition and academic heritage are preserved today in the University Library and Museum.**

**University Library**
Opened in 1906 at the time of the school’s founding, the University Library has assisted academic research and cultivated creativity in students. The library has evolved into an academic information center with a collection of 1,230,000 books with the reading space that will seat 900 people.

**University Museum**
The Dongguk University Museum was established in 1963 to expand the understanding of Buddhism by surveying and excavating, collecting and studying. The museum houses a superb collection of Buddhist artifacts, including sculptures, paintings, crafts, architecture and epigraphs.
The history of health and medicine at Dongguk University began in 1979, with the establishment of the Department of Premedical Studies in Oriental Medicine at Dongguk’s Gyeongju Campus. Since then, it has expanded its areas of expertise to include, in order, traditional Korean medicine, Western medicine, and nursing science. The Medical Center provides medical education and health care services based on the Buddhist spirit of compassion, at two colleges, a graduate school of medicine, and five hospitals.

**Dongguk University Ilsan Hospital**

Dongguk University Ilsan Hospital and Oriental Hospital are state-of-the-art hospitals that have implemented the world’s first digital integrated medical information systems on traditional and Western medical treatments. They opened as general hospitals in 2005, with 1,000 beds, in an area of around 92,600, in Ilsan, Goyang City. These hospitals set up a completely paperless system by implementing an electronic medical record (EMR) system, the first among university hospitals providing integrated traditional and Western medical services. They also feature cutting-edge medical facilities, including nineteen operating rooms equipped with high-definition cameras, a sterile operating room for blood stem cell transplantation, sixty-four slice CT scanners, which take three-dimensional images of organs and blood vessels, Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) devices, medical imaging tools for detection of early-stage cancer, high-tech radiotherapy linear accelerators for cancer treatment, and laparoscopic equipment.

As of now, the hospitals have thirty-two clinical departments in Western medicine and eight clinical departments in traditional medicine. They provide efficient medical services through close collaborative treatments between traditional and Western medicine. The hospitals also operate twelve specialized centers and fifty clinics.

**Dongguk University Bundang Oriental Hospital**

Founded, in October 1996, on the Buddhist spirit of bringing compassion and relief to mankind, the Dongguk University Bundang Oriental Hospital operates under a comprehensive medical system, with a variety of diagnostic equipment for traditional medicine, integrating systems of Western and traditional medical treatment. The hospital includes nine clinical departments and seventeen clinics.

**Dongguk University Gyeongju Hospital**

**Dongguk University Gyeongju Oriental Hospital**

Built on an area of 37,752 m², with seven floors and one basement, the Dongguk University Gyeongju Hospital and Gyeongju Oriental Hospital are general hospitals with 419 beds, which have established a cooperative medical treatment system between Western and traditional medicine and an integrated medical information system. There are twenty-five clinical departments in Western medicine and four clinical departments in traditional medicine, as well as thirty-two clinics.
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Dongguk University illuminates Korean history. It shines a light on the future of college education. It is a shining light of truth, awakening a new era and driving innovation. It is a burning light of human intellect, breathing life into the world and empowering future generations. At the foot of Namsan Mountain, in the heart of Seoul, Dongguk University casts a bright guiding light for the world to follow.