Since its foundation in 1895, SNU School of Law has led the progress and advancement of legal scholarship and education in Korea along with the development of the Korean society at large, and produced excellent scholarship and educated some of the best jurists in the country. Our graduates have played, and are playing a crucial role in the dazzling growth and development process of today’s Korea.

Now, together with the evolution of the global society, laws and legal research often transcend national boundaries. SNU School of Law has its mandate and mission to train and educate future scholars and legal professionals who would play an active role in the global stage. Accordingly, SNU School of Law is now opening its doors to embrace students and scholars from all over the world.

We sincerely invite you to SNU School of Law, where outstanding individuals with clear awareness of the spirit of the times follow their dreams. We hope you will join us in our pursuit of truth, justice and excellence in legal scholarship.

Thank you.

Won-Woo Lee
Dean
SNU School of Law
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Symbols

Centennial Hall of the Modern Legal Education

The year 1995 marked the hundredth anniversary of the modern legal system and education in Korea, and also the centennial of SNU Law itself. The historical project, the Centennial Hall of the Modern Legal Education was constructed with the support of the Alumni Association of SNU Law.

Bell of Justice

The small western bell at the building No.15 is engraved with "Let Justice be done, though the Heaver should fall", which stands as the traditional symbol of law and justice. Bell of Justice encourages the law students to learn the worth of justice and write its remark indelibly on their hearts.

Statue of Yi Jun;

Among the graduates of the Institute, Yi Jun(1859-1907) was an extraordinary prosecutor. He is also known as King Kojong’s envoy to the Hague Peace Conference in 1907.
Educational Goal

- Cultivation of the future creative scholars
- Legal education leading the globalization of law
- Meeting the specialized social demand

Educational Ideal

Excellent jurist with international competitiveness

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Faculty

Excellent jurist with international competitiveness

Legal education leading the globalization of law

Meeting the specialized social demand
To this date, SNU School of Law has been a leading institute in Korea in terms of legal research and legal education. Further, it aims to lead the legal advancement in the Asia-Pacific area in the coming future. The legal system in Korea is as much developed and refined as those in other advanced nations. Korea is now ready to share its experiences and insights gained therefrom with other nations that are in need of cooperation and assistance in this regard. Here at SNU School of Law, international students from Asia and the Pacific area will learn how law has played a crucial role in the modern history of Korea. With these lessons on the rule of law, they will go forward and contribute to the economic development and political democratization back in their homelands.

SNU Law faculty members are committed to establishing the Asian common legal standard that is broadly applicable to the Asia-Pacific region. As the head of the SNU Asia-Pacific Law Institute, I hope that this institute could achieve this ambitious goal as we cooperate with international scholars and students in this region.

Prof. Hi-Taek Shin
Head of SNU Asia-Pacific Law Institute

Global Faculty
SNU School of Law is undoubtedly the best school in Korea. It is wonderful to associate with nationally renowned fellow professors and excellent students.

Korea has made impressive progress in both democratization and industrialization in such a short period of time after World War II. Korea has experienced compressed development in the past few decades. The past and the future coexist in Korea. Further, problems of both developing countries and developed countries are witnessed in Korea as well. In the midst of such dynamism, the role of law has been a foundation on which this nation has relied. SNU School of Law has played a central role in expanding the rule of law. Studying at SNU Law will give you opportunities to learn lessons and wisdom obtained in such a process. You will also enjoy privilege to learn from renowned professors. I strongly recommend you to come to SNU Law and benefit what SNU Law has to offer.

Prof. Guangwen Jiang, China

Global Faculty

SNU School of Law is a highly acknowledged faculty which offers lectures in Korean and English. Additionally students can qualify in different foreign legal cultures like the German or the one of the EU which helps them to better understand their domestic legal order.

They will come in an environment where almost all professors have spent years studying and qualifying abroad which makes them know the situation of foreign students. The members continue to further promote in research, teaching and globalization.

Therefore I do not have the least doubt that SNU Law will remain a top-notch law school in the world. Last but not least the Office of International Affairs is prepared to assist them in all matters that can occur during the stay.

Prof. Birgit Daiber, Germany

Global Faculty
Student Service

Housing Options
SNU offers on-campus accommodation to most of the foreign students who are in degree programs or exchange programs. The main campus in Gwanak has a huge dormitory complex named Gwanak-sa near the rear gate of the campus which can house about 5,000 people.

Transportation
The University provides a shuttle bus service that operates between campus and Bongchun-dong and Shilim-dong for students’ convenience in using the subway or bus. Also, a circulating shuttle for convenience is moving around campus.

On Campus Facilities
A wide range of cultural and recreation activities are available to SNU students with Dining, Stores and Cafes, Bookstore, Stationery Store, Document Services, Other Convenience Facilities (Pharmacy, etc.), Computer Labs and Printers, Museums and Leisure Facilities, Post Office. Also, the University provides students with high-speed internet and online administrative services.

Why SNU Law

Law School Reputation
Our proud alumni of SNU School of Law have been playing active roles both in public and private sectors.

As of September 2014,
- Chief Justice and 11 out of 13 Supreme Court Justices
- President and 5 out of 8 Constitutional Court Justices
- 30 out of 300 National Assemblymen
- Hundreds of Law Professors
- Many CEOs, executive directors of Korea’s leading companies

Seoul
Seoul is in the center of Asian Metropolises. Outside of SNU campus, the city of Seoul is surrounded by natural environment such as mountains and river. In 2007, Seoul was named the “World Design Capital 2010” by the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design. With this designation the city expects to leap into a position of global design leadership; becoming a cultural center in the process and going even further to play a pivotal role in designing the country, the whole world and its future as well.
Why SNU Law

University Resources for International Students
SNU Buddy Program is organized to assist international students’ adjustment at SNU and in Korea. We also offer the following supporting organizations:
Language Education Institute (http://lei.snu.ac.kr)
Center for Teaching and Learning (http://ctl.snu.ac.kr)
Center for Campus Life and Culture (http://snucounsel.snu.ac.kr)
Career Development Center (http://career.snu.ac.kr)

Extensive Curriculum
SNU School of Law offers International Law, Civil rights, Corporate Financing and other curriculums. In addition, SNU Law provides numerous courses that are taught in a language other than Korean.

Faculty
The faculty is composed of distinguished scholars who are experienced and have expertise in various areas of law and other social science. We have 58 fulltime faculties and 3 foreign-professors.

Weather
Seoul experiences four distinct seasons. Spring is mostly clear and sunny but remains quite cold and windy even past March. For the most part, spring is very beautiful with cherry blossoms, azalea and magnolia trees blooming everywhere. 6℃ (43℉)~16℃ (61℉).
Summer is hot and humid with monsoon season that lasts several weeks from the end of June until late July 19℃ (66℉) ~ 25℃ (77℉).
Fall brings cool breeze and clear, dry weather 9℃ (48℉) ~ 23℃ (73℉).
Winter feels colder and drier on campus since it is surrounded by the Gwanak Mountains. -8℃ (17℉) ~ 7℃ (45℉).

As of March 2015
Exchange Program

SNU Law Global Program

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Alumnus  Jae-wang Kim  
Public Interest Lawyer  
Law is about protecting people’s rights and giving them a hope.

Alumna  Won Kyung Cho  
Judge of the Seoul Western District Court  
I believe that a good lawyer does not claim his or her answer to be absolutely right, but rather has a sense of balance and a sense of social responsibility to brighten the society. I learned to become a true lawyer from the very spirit of SNU School of Law.

Alumni  I always contemplate on social issues, such as how to lessen the social gap, environmental problems, and how to improve the stereo-typed view on the physically/mentally-challenged people.

Alumnus  Sang-heon Kim  
CEO of NHN Co., Inc.
1. Why did you choose SNU Law instead of other Korean Law schools?

2. Since you have been a student at SNU Law for a while now, what is your impression of the school? In other words, what is good about the school?

SAVOURNIN LUCILLE MARIE
Pantheon-Assas University, France

1. My home university has an exchange partnership with Seoul National University. I could not miss this amazing opportunity; I applied to come here, and was accepted. I am really thankful: Seoul National University is the best law school in Korea, it is a real asset for my future.

2. In Seoul National University Law School, I am constantly stimulated, incited to do my best, to think, to question everything. Every student shows great motivation. As for the professors, it is obvious that they really enjoy to teach. Not to mention that the campus is wonderful: the nature is omnipresent, which makes it a perfect environment to study.

NOBREGA VITOR
University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

1. Because I wanted to study at the best. After studying the international rankings and the SNU Law’s information, I realized that SNU Law was the best in the country, so I chose it.

2. First of all, the diversity. I have met students, professors and lecturers from many different countries who shared their experience, values and point of views with me. It’s been a really enriching experience. The infrastructure of the University should be also praised. I love the SNU campus and, specifically, the Law buildings. We have everything we need to study, learn and live here, which makes the adaptation really easy. The professors are good and I have been learning in a really different approach than the one that I’m used to, it’s a more practical focus and I really appreciate it.

CHAN WAI KA
City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

1. Seoul National University has been ranked as the top-notch university in Korea for long and its Law School is widely known to be very competitive. Therefore, I immediately grasp this precious opportunity when I found that SNU has joined the exchange program organized by my university in Hong Kong. Since I only have one semester for exchange studies, I will undoubtedly choose the best education institute. Not only will I can gain global exposure, my home university can also benefit when I share my experience with them.

2. In this semester, I take up three law courses at SNU Law School. Despite the heavy workload, I enjoy attending the lectures a lot. Apart from the highly qualified professors who are willing to provide useful guidance, the encouraging learning atmosphere created by SNU Law also plays an important role. Instead of pure lecturing, students’ involvement and contribution are regarded as the main focus of all courses. This allows me to fully understand the crux of the subjects in an efficient way. Furthermore, the cultural diversity of students facilitates exchange of knowledge and helps to broaden my horizons. It is my honour to be able to study in the well-constructed and high-tech building of SNU Law.
Law Research Institute

The Law Research Institute is designed to support and develop legal education and culture in the nation. The mission of the Institute is to publish and disseminate theories and practices of law. The Institute publishes academic books, journals and annotations of legal judgments. The Seoul Law Journal has been published quarterly by the Institute and it is regarded as a respectable legal journal both domestically and internationally.

The Kooksan Law Library

The Library has continuously made an uncompromising effort to better supply research materials for the School of Law community and for the public. The Library currently holds approximately 155,055 volumes of legal text books, various academic journals and special collections.
A CURRICULUM RICH IN SUBSTANCE AND CHOICE

As part of the curriculum, students are exposed to foundational subjects of Korean law and broad range of elective subjects. The intellectual life of SNU Law is rich and dynamic. SNU Law encourages students to analyze legal problems creatively and develop the critical thinking skills for their future careers as lawyers, judges, and in other prominent positions in civic life.

Graduate Curriculum

- Basic Law
- Civil Law
- Commercial Law
- Criminal Law
- Administrative Law
- International Law
- Social Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Individual Industrial Property Law
- Korean Tradition Legal History
- Private International Law

Samples of Recent Practice Courses

- Bond Law Cases
- Constitution Practice
- Criminal Law Practice
- Patent Law Practice

Samples of Recent Advanced Courses

- International Family Law
- International Law of Civil Procedure
- Korean Legal History
- Law of Economics

The Seoul National University School of Law is a three-year professional graduate school dedicated to preparing its students to become leaders in the Korean and international legal communities. In light of the goals, the SNU Law faculty creates a rich and diverse curriculum for our students. Faculty and students research and innovate at the forefront of legal developments. Legal debates and reforms in Korea and in international legal arenas are significantly influenced by the insights and analyses generated at the School of Law.
Graduate Students
How to Apply
Online application may be found at http://en.snu.ac.kr/apply/info

Standards for Admission
The University welcomes students from a variety of backgrounds and recognizes that international students provide diverse perspectives and contribute to a dynamic learning atmosphere. During each academic year, SNU offers both spring and fall intake.

Law School Students
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Deadline
International law school applicants should follow the instructions in SNU School of Law website in Korean(http://law.snu.ac.kr). The law school application announcement will be made annually around August or September.

Standards for Admission
Admission to SNU School of Law is selective. We admit one-hundred and fifty students each year under three-year curriculum. Our selection process is designed to ensure that each candidate is evaluated in terms of his or her academic promise and potential and Korean proficiency.

Scholarship
SNU Law and external scholarship-granting organizations support students with high potential and good conduct by providing various types of scholarships. The purpose of scholarships is to allow students to delve deeper into their studies and benefit society. Scholarships may cover half or all of students' tuition fees in part or in whole.

Scholarship Criteria
We review applicants’ disability, financial status, and academic achievement. Selection for the full scholarships is based on applicants’ financial status. (eg. The National Basic Living Security, Lower Income Family, Disability)