

# ISC HANDBOOK

BY ISU



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# -ISU INTRODUCTION-



## 1. Who are we?

- a. The International Student Union (ISU) is a student organization that represents the international (int'l) student body of Handong Global University. We advocate for the rights and fair treatment of int'l students through effective communication, purposeful actions, and active feedback. We work to ultimately unify the entire Handong student body by encouraging interaction between the int'l and Korean communities.

## 2. What do we do?

- a. We host events, provide helpful information, promote different cultures, and collaborate with other school organizations to ensure the rights of the int'l community.
- b. We receive funding from the school, organizations, churches, and also through our fundraising events.

# -ARE YOU PART OF ISC?-

1. You are part of the official organization that ISU represents and supports!

2. We have four types of members. Which category do you fall into?

a. ISC Regular Member: one or more non-Korean passport(s)

b. Sub-type A Member:

i. Korean passport + one or more other passports

ii. Korean passport + lived abroad for at least twelve years

c. Sub-type B Member: Exchange student of HGU

i. same as graduate students but mandatory

d. Sub-type C Member: Graduate student of HGU + Non-Korean passport

i. Not mandatory registration

## 3. Registration:

a. At the beginning of each semester, all international freshmen will be required to register for ISC

b. Please contact us for further information if you would like to be part of ISC. We would love to have you as part of our community!

# -ISU MEDICAL FUNDS-



1. ISU has set aside funds to aid ISC members in regards to medical emergencies. Aid may be provided in the form of a partial loan, loan, partial donation, and/or full donation. If in the case of a financial emergency, please do contact us for help.
2. All applications will be dealt with case by case. However, the type of aid that will be provided will be decided by the ISU Presidency. They will take into account of the needs of the applicant.
3. All members of the ISC are eligible to apply for this aid.
4. To apply, please contact us through our email which can be found on the **last page**.

# -COMMUNITIES-

1. Amongst the internationals, we form communities of those from the same country. We have various communities from all over the world! There are communities that you can join if you would like to.
2. A leader will be elected at the beginning (Week 3) of every semester. They will have to commit to that position for the whole semester.

## **Some of their roles include:**

- i. 2 community leaders meeting with ISU.
- ii. Staying in contact with ISU.
- iii. In charge of community meetings.
- iv. Taking care of current and incoming community members.
- v. In the case of an event where communities are to be involved, ISU will work directly with community leaders.
- vi. If the community leader is unable to perform their duties, one community member has to take over his or her role.





3. As a registered community member, there are benefits and also responsibilities:

- i. ISU will be your voice in Handong! If there is a need to talk to various Handong organization such as student government and OIA, ISU can provide direct inquiry if needed
- ii. Prioritized by ISU in their events, especially Festival of Nations
- iii. Financial reimbursement for Festival of Nations performance
- iv. Financial aid for medical needs in case of emergency

# -ISC General Meeting-

Being part of ISC means staying in contact with ISU How? Through the ISC General Meeting.

a. When? Held once a semester  
(~13th/ 14th week):

- i. ISU Presidency will hold the general meeting at least once every semester
- ii. The general meeting will be announced at least 5 days before the meeting date
- iii. It's a time when ISU provides reports and answers questions the international community has. This meeting acts as a method of accountability of ISU to the people we represent

b. What? Happens during the meeting.

- i. ISU presidency will address information related to ISU
- ii. In these meetings, important matters will be discussed and voted on. These meetings will also decide ISU's future steps
- iii. All matters during the ISC meeting that requires a decision will be done through voting. If the votes are equal, the matter will be rejected
- iv. Financial report of ISU



# -ISU Presidency election-



1. We need your help to choose our next president! Only ISC members are eligible to vote.
2. The election of ISU Presidency usually takes place within the November of each year. Not everyone is eligible to vote and not anyone could be a nominee for the presidency position. **Here are some of the things you'll have to take note of:**
  - i. Any undergraduate student of HGU is qualified to become President of ISU.
  - ii. How to register as a voter: If you are a regular member or sub-type A member of ISC, then you are automatically registered as a voter! For more information you can refer to **Section 2.2**.

# -Scheduled events-

ISU holds events every semester. Below are few of the things that we do!

## **1. Festival of Nations:**

An event that ISU holds every Fall semester. This event brings all communities together to celebrate diversity through various cultural performances from each community. The program is organized to introduce the globalization of Handong Global University by presenting the different cultures of the world and bringing awareness about the international community in HGU.

## **2. Fundraising:**

When ISU requires funding for the international community, this is one of the ways we collect support. Our events include fundraising for drinks, food, etc.

## **3. Freshmen OT:**

At the beginning of the semester. In this event, we invite speakers to do short-talks where they give advice, tips, and tricks, to new students.

## **4. Student Takeover:**

Mainly on Instagram, students are given an opportunity to “takeover” ISU’s instagram account and showoff a day of their lives.



## **5. Unity Cup (ISU Basketball Competition):**

Registered basketball clubs of Handong come together for a friendly competition.

## **6. Sora Cleaning Campaign:**

Once every semester ISU will gather the community for volunteers to clean SORA.

## **7. Chuseok Events:**

International students often have no programs during Chuseok where most Korean students return to their homes to celebrate Chuseok with their families. During that period ISU hold events for international students to participate in.

## **8. Chingu Program:**

Managed by the Bridge, a department of ISU, in this program, international students are paired up with Korean students to have fun activities together.

## **9. English Classes:**

An almost full semester program where ISU connects students and tutors in a few ranges of English classes to allow students to practice their English skills.

CHECK OUT OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE @HGUISU !



ISU WELCOMES YOU WITH A SERVING HEART AND OPEN ARMS! WE WANT TO  
CARE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS MUCH AS WE CAN.

FOR ANY INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT US THROUGH:  
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