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### From Research to Social Change: The Next Step for Yonsei University

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13/05/2019 Bucharest, Romania





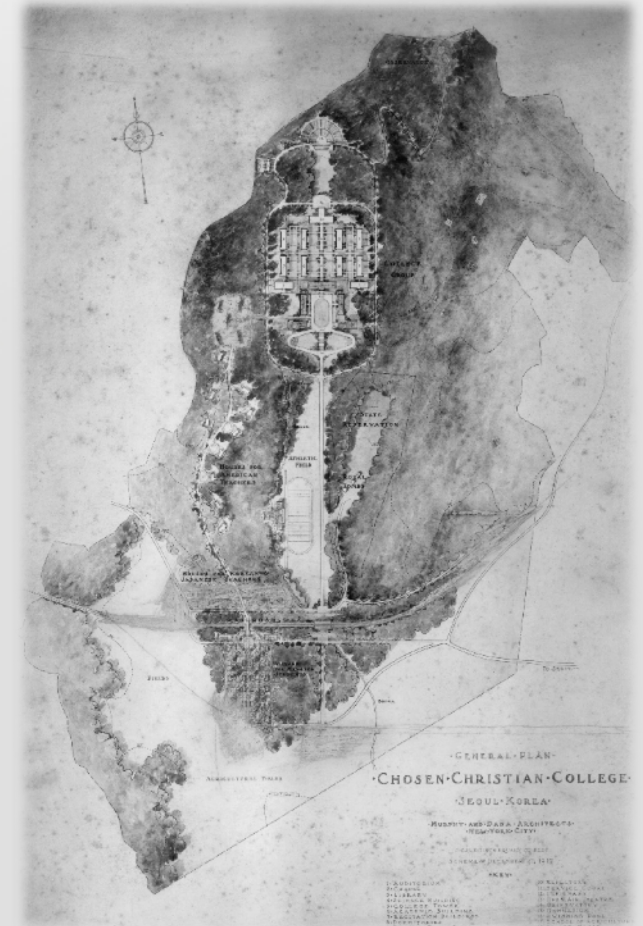
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### History of Yonsei University

1885	Gwanghyewon founded as a royal hospital by H.N. Allen
1904	Gwanghyewon becomes Severance Hospital
1915	Chosen Christian College founded by H.G. Underwood
1957	Merger of Yonhi University and Severance Union Medical College
1978	Wonju Campus opens
2010	Yonsei International Campus opens in Songdo
2015	Completion of the Baekyang-ro Reconstruction Project





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### Yonsei University Leading Way to Future

#### Christian Values

Service and  
Volunteering  
Empathy and Sharing  
Community  
Responsibility

#### Creativity

Dedicated Research  
Creative Curriculum  
Ambitious Startups  
Peer Learning

#### Connectivity

Middle-up-down  
decision-making  
Self-regulated  
operation  
Interdisciplinary  
Research Network  
Alumni Network





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## 4 Campuses



Sinchon  
Campus  
(Seoul)



International Campus  
(Songdo Int'l City,  
Incheon)



Wonju  
Campus  
(Gangwon Province)



Yonsei University Health  
System  
(Seoul)



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### Introducing Yonsei University

Korea's No.1 University by the Most International Universities in the World  
2018

107<sup>th</sup> University in the World by 2019 QS World University Rankings

29<sup>th</sup> University in the Asia-Pacific Region by THE Asia-Pacific University  
Ranking 2018

68<sup>th</sup> Most Innovative University by Reuter's World Most Innovative  
Universities 2018

38<sup>th</sup> in Social Policy, 46<sup>th</sup> in Dentistry by QS World University Rankings by  
Subject 2018





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## Yonsei University - Academics

Undergraduate Programs  
Graduate Programs  
Research Centers

91 Departments in 23 Colleges  
204 Programs, 19 Graduate Schools  
136 Research Institutes / Centers

### Sinchon Campus

Business  
Commerce & Economics  
Dentistry  
Engineering  
Global Leaders' College  
Human Ecology  
Liberal Arts

Life Science & Biotechnology  
Medicine  
Music  
Nursing  
Science  
Sciences in Education  
Social Sciences  
Theology  
Underwood Int'l College  
University College

### International Campus

Global Institute of Theology  
Integrated Technology  
Pharmacy  
Underwood Int'l College\*\*  
University College\*

### Wonju Campus

EastAsia Int'l College  
Global Elite Division  
Government & Business  
Health Science  
Humanities & Arts  
Liberal Arts  
Medicine  
Science & Technology

\* Freshman or partial programs    \*\* Both exclusive and partial programs



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## Key Numbers

### Students

Undergraduate	Sinchon & YIC	16,869	25,326
	YU Health System	1,464	
	Wonju	6,993	
Graduate	Sinchon & YIC	9,206	11,709
	YU Health System	1,551	
	Wonju	952	
Total			37,035

### Faculty

Full Time	2,056
Adjunct / Part Time	3,171
Total	5,227

### Other

Staff: 1,142      Scholarship Funding: \$124 million      Courses: 6,895

Oct 1, 2018  
\$1 ≈ ₩1,130



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### Global Initiatives

1. International Alliances by expanding global networks and creating new links

2. 3 Campus East Asia

Fostering East Asian studies with a specialized for educational exchange

Host universities: Keiko University, Yonsei University, University of Hong Kong

Partner universities: Princeton University, Cornell University, King's College London, Georgetown University, University of Southern California, University of Geneva





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### Global Initiatives (continued)

#### 3. Strategic Partnerships & Research Collaboration

Identifying and strengthening ties with existing partners through joint research and mobility  
University of Geneva, University of Sydney, Emory University

#### 4. Student Mobility

Encouraging the exchange of knowledge and experience across borders all year round

#### 5. Yonsei International Summer School & Winter Abroad at Yonsei

Designing short-term study opportunities for international students



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## SDG Related Org./Programs in 2019

**A CALL TO ACTION: EMPOWER PEOPLE, SHARE PROSPERITY**

**GEEF 2019**  
Global Engagement & Empowerment Forum  
on Sustainable Development

February 14-15, 2019  
Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea  
For more information and updates, please refer to our website at  
[www.geef-sd.org](http://www.geef-sd.org)

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8th UN Secretary-General

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Chancellor of Austria

**HEINZ FISCHER**  
11th President of Austria

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### Global Engagement & Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development (GEEF)

- February 14-15, 2019
- Held in Yonsei University, Seoul
- Theme: A Call to Action : Empower People, Share Prosperity
- Designated speakers talked about : desertification, financing for SDGs, children's rights, biomedical innovations and heard international young scholars' perspectives





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### SDG Related Org./Programs in 2019



International Conference on the Localization of the SDGs and the Co-Construction of the Means of Implementation

- February 23-24, 2019
- Co-hosted by Institution of Poverty Alleviation and International Development(Yonsei University), UNRISD and KOICA
- To provide knowledge and information on good practices in the localization of the SDGs and how to overcome challenges



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### SDG Related Org./Programs - UNOSD



United Nations Office for  
Sustainable Development  
Incheon - ROK

- Established in 2011 by the UN and the Government of the Republic of Korea to support UN Member States
- Plans and undertakes integrated sustainability transformation, particularly in the context of the SDGs
- Assists countries in applying integrated systems-level approaches for envisioning, planning, implementing and monitoring national development plans and strategies, as well as the development and use of integrated policies and processes globally



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## SDG Related Org./Programs – UIC SDC major

### Majors

Justice and Civil Leadership (JCL)

Quantitative Risk Management  
(QRM)

Science, Technology and Policy  
(STP)

Sustainable Development and  
Cooperation (SDC)



Program Purpose



Curriculum



Careers



Faculty



Major Courses

The Sustainable Development and Cooperation (SDC) major aims to equip students to pursue a future in international development, which encompasses a broad range of development issues such as, poverty reduction, inequality, human rights, health, education, economic growth, and environmental preservation. Students will acquire theoretical and conceptual skills that enable them to address a wide variety of development issues from the perspectives of diverse academic disciplines including economics, politics, anthropology, and history. Students will also develop practical field experience as a development practitioner and play an informed role in the struggle for the improvement of human life.

- Underwood International College(UIC), students can major in Sustainable Development and Cooperation
- Consists of a combination of three major academic areas
  - 1) development studies
  - 2) regional and international studies
  - 3) sustainability studies



Outside Evaluations

Placed 1st in the 2018 Social Responsibility Private University Rankings in Korea for the second consecutive year

Schools	Employment	Human Rights	Students	Local Communities	Environment	Justice	Governance	Total
Scores	90	90	300	120	100	150	150	1000
Yonsei University	A+	C-	A+	B+	A+	D+	A+	738.54





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### Outside Evaluations

Placed 1st in the 'Industry, Innovation, Infrastructures' category in THE(Times Higher Education) University Impact Ranking 2019 (SDG 9)

The announcement was made in the KAIST-THE Innovation & Impact Summit of April 2019.

THE University Impact Rankings measure how much universities achieved SDGs and how universities can affect the society

Yonsei University founded Yonsei Frontier Lab(International joint research platform), planned to establish Yonsei Science Park(Innovative Industry University Institute Collaboration)



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### Future Challenges

- To build on strong Christian education heritage
- To make further progress on green campus projects
- To move from research and outreach to education and social change
  - 1) 'Sustainability Thinking' required for all students?
  - 2) Promotion of sustainable lifestyles and businesses in research, education and outreach



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