

# Library offers guidelines for safe usage

By Park Ju-won

Following the start of hybrid classes starting on Oct. 5, Ewha Womans University Library (Library) opened for service with a few adjustments.

The Library Stacks from second to the fifth floor are opened from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays. On Saturdays, it runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while Sundays are closed.

As students can study in desks provided in the Stacks, any undergraduates or graduates who need to use electronic devices for resources could relieve their inconveniences. Every seat is opened for use in the Stacks, but Creative Learning Rooms are closed.

The mostly used area in the Library which is the A/V Room is available for use. However, only single seats can be reserved from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A/V Rooms are not for service on weekends.

Lounge and Laptop Computer Rooms located in the first-floor are opened for a limited time. In weekdays, these facilities can be used in the same time range as the Stacks. On Saturdays, they are opened from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Seats in the Lounge have been rearranged due to social distancing protocols, therefore, making seats available to students than usual. The Laptop Computers are not available to alumni. West entrance in the first-floor will only be closed at 5 p.m. on weekdays, therefore students must use the main entrance to use the second-floor after 5 p.m.

Facilities that are closed throughout the fall semester are Reading Room, PC Room, Cafeteria (Convenient Store) in the B1 floor of the Library.

Fortunately, the preparations for

opening the YBM reading rooms are underway. The Library has been preparing thermal cameras and prevention guidelines that will be notified for students.

As of Nov. 4, Ewha Womans University Library Access Services & Collection Development Team which is in charge of YBM reading room replied to Ewha Voice that they will reopen from Nov. 5.

Students who wish to study in the Library will not be concerned with the seats being occupied from the opening time unlike the ECC reading rooms.

According to the data the staff gave on the occupation of the Library seats, they are usually available even in examination periods. She showed Ewha Voice the percentage of how many seats are filled in the Library's seats from the first to the fifth floor. During examination periods, which

is when students use the Library the most, 50 to 60 percent of seats are occupied. Besides that, in regular periods, 35 to 40 percent of the seats are occupied.

To prevent possible contagion, sanitizing sprays are provided for students to clean their seats before use. Thermal cameras are placed at the second-floor main entrance and the first-floor west entrance to monitor students with fever.

Wearing masks are mandatory and if there are any students violating this rule they will be prohibited from using the Library for limited periods. If a student is found without a mask for the first time, she will be given a warning. The second and third time the student is not following protocols, they will be notified a 30 and 90 day prohibition to the Library respectively.

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# EAASIS Korean Text Revision Program: a new tool for international students

By Park Ju-hyun

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) announced a new program for international students called EAASIS Korean Text Revision Program on Oct. 19. EAASIS, short for Ewha Academic Assistance System for International Students, is a system which assists international students' studies. This program will provide international students with feedback and revision on Korean text and will be open from Oct. 19 to Jan. 29, 2021. Any student can apply by submitting the application on the OIA homepage.

The EAASIS Korean Text Revision Program will be run by the International Student Affairs Team (ISAT) and the feedback will be provided by the student assistant who is majoring in Teaching Korean as a Foreign Language. Once a

student signs up for this program, the application will be approved, and the student will receive one-on-one contact with the assistant. Then the assistant will revise and provide feedback within the deadline specified in the application. The ISAT limited the contents of texts to be related to academic contents and set a quantity limit below 20 pages per application.

Ewha Voice interviewed the International Student Affairs Team to further learn about this new program.

"International students find learning Korean the most challenging while studying at Ewha," the team said. "As more than 70 percent of lectures at Ewha are in Korean, we assume that there would be a considerable amount of Korean writing assignments for international students."

Although the EAASIS has already established a course this semester

called EAASIS Basic Korean in cooperation with the Ewha Language Center, this course is focused on learning how to speak Korean. Since there are not any programs related to writing in Korean, the team decided to create EAASIS Korean Text Revision Program to assist international students in Korean text this year.

The ISAT mentioned that as this was the first time to introduce this program, they were concerned with the demands and the students' preference. Although there have been high demands about support in Korean writing, they are not sure whether students would be interested in actually signing up.

"We expect international students to become more confident and active when learning Korean through this program," the team added. "In addition, we hope that international

students know that the team is trying its best to support them."

Edwyna Kurniawan, a freshman from the Department of International Studies shared her thoughts regarding this program as an international student studying at Ewha.

"I believe that this program will be helpful to international students who take many courses in Korean and need to complete assignments in Korean," Kurniawan said. "Since international students are confused about numerous basic Korean grammar rules, handing in an assignment with grammatical mistakes will undermine the quality of the assignment and also make it difficult for the professors to mark our work. Hence, this program will be very helpful in conveying our thoughts, opinions and research findings to the professor clearly."

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# School offers freshman adaptation programs

By Lee Su-min

The school administration has started a new program to help freshman students who have had little to no chance of visiting the school campus.

The pandemic has taken away opportunities for freshmen to interact with other students in person. Before the spread of the coronavirus, gatherings for freshmen such as MTs and OTs were held to provide school-related information and help them build ties with other students. However, without these programs, freshmen have had a hard time adapting to university life.

Paeng Ji-won, a freshman majoring in HOKMA College of General Education, expressed her feelings about the limited opportunities to interact with other students. She

stated that she has met no more than five people from the same college so far. The lack of school information was another difficulty that she needed to overcome by herself.

"It was such a disappointment to miss all the opportunities to be acquainted with my colleagues and seniors," Paeng said. "It was hard for me to feel a sense of belonging to Ewha, since I could rarely visit the campus and interact with other students."

Seo Hye-in from the Division of Business Administration also described her attempts to overcome the situation.

"As I live outside of Seoul, it was especially hard for me to meet colleagues in person," Seo said. "I tried to establish a sense of attachment to the school by participating in online programs

where I could interact with other students."

In response to the hardship that freshmen have been experiencing, the Ewha Student Counseling Center (ESCC) held an idea contest for contents to help freshmen adjust to their school lives. The winning teams earned the position of Ewha Healing Group (EHG) during the fall semester.

EHG is a group of student supporters who help students relieve their stress and worries through various programs they have designed. EHG's programs were presented online during Mental Health Week, an event conducted by ESCC to care for students' mental health. The programs of EHG were available on CyberCampus from Sept. 16 to 29.

One of the winning teams of the contest was a team named

Counseling Team for Ewhain's Worries, comprised of four undergraduates. Even though Mental Health Week has ended, the team continues its program for freshmen as healing supporters from EHG. Ku Na-yeon, a student from the Division of Business Administration, explained details about the team's program.

"Since there are numerous freshmen who have never been to school, we wanted to relieve their stress by letting them talk about school life," Ku explained. "We also thought it would be a chance for them to develop a sense of belonging to the school."

"It will be great to have more students take attention to EHG's upcoming events and actively join in the programs," Cho said.

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## In Brief

### School holds collaborative academic conference with Konkuk University's Institute of Body & Culture

Ewha Institute for the Humanities and Institute of Body & Culture of Konkuk University held the second collaborative academic conference on Oct. 30. The conference was divided into two sessions, the 'The COVID-19 era, the new body' and the 'Science and politics in crisis.' In the first session, presentations including 'Techno-feminism and Corporeality' were made. In the second session, presentations including 'Thermodynamic Politics to Survive Pandemics: Margaret Atwood's The Year of the Flood' were made. In addition, each session featured a discussion.

### Announcement of the winners of the 6th Ewha Ecrire

The winners of the 6th Ewha Ecrire, which was held from Sept. 21 to 25 by the HOKMA Liberal College, was announced on Nov. 2. The awards ceremony was held on Nov. 5 to congratulate the winners of the contest. Ewha Ecrire is a writing contest which began in 2016 as an expansion of the Ewha Reading Competition. The contest was divided into two sections: writing a book review or free writing with a given topic.

### Ewha Career Development Center holds Ewha Mentoring Day

Career Development Center held Ewha Mentoring Day from Nov. 7 to 8 online through YouTube livestream. Five mentoring sessions were held by different mentors. The mentors were Ewha graduates who are now each working in Lotte Fine Chemical, SSG.com, NCSOFT, Kakao Commerce, and Hyundai Motor Company, respectively. In each session, the mentors gave advice on how they utilized their major to obtain their position, how to make a great portfolio, and how to prepare for job interviews and resumes.

### Ewha Career Development center holds special regarding foreign companies

The Ewha Career Development center has held a special lecture for students who wish to work at foreign companies on Nov. 3, followed by one on one consulting sessions on Nov. 5. Due to the pandemic, the special lecture was live streamed via YouTube and the individual consulting sessions were held remotely through Zoom. The special lecturer was Lee Ha-young who graduated from the Department of Consumer Studies and currently works as a president of the consulting firm, Allin.