



International Cooperation

Global Leadership in Criminal Justice program welcomes second cohort

Hyoungh Park, Ph.D., with his students: police officers from South Korea.



Now in its second year, the **Global Leadership in Criminal Justice program brings 10 currently active police officers from South Korea to Saint Peter's University for the fall semester to gain global perspectives and exposure to different law enforcement methods.** Started by Hyoungah Park, Ph.D.,

associate professor of criminal justice, the program aims to give the police officers not only academic training, but international experience and the chance to conduct comparative research through visits to local law enforcement agencies like the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and the NYPD Police Academy. While here, the officers—who are in their 20s, 30s and 40s and both male and female—take three

customized courses with Dr. Park and participate in campus life. So far, the students love the welcoming campus in addition to the dining services and Western-style food, Dr. Park noted.

Based on his own experiences as a police officer for 28 years in South Korea, where he rose from lieutenant to deputy inspector, Dr. Park believes the experience will be very helpful for the cohorts who come to study at Saint Peter's. "They will learn so many new things. They have already developed good investigation skills, but nowadays we have global, transnational crime. Police officers need to know the differences between the two countries or the other countries' law systems and processes. I hope they come out of this

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Hyoungah Park, Ph.D.

program really thinking critically.”

Dr. Park also pointed out that the program is mutually beneficial for the South Korean police officers and the University community. “This kind of cultural exchange is important right now,” he said. “Many Saint Peter’s students are interested in Korean culture, so they really love meeting the police officers, and the police officers are learning things like international cooperation.” These kinds of cross-cultural learning opportunities, he added, are important because they enable students to dream and think globally.

CLASS OF 2028 IS BIGGER AND MORE DIVERSE

Saint Peter’s University welcomed 535 freshmen to the Jersey City campus in August. This was the second consecutive year freshman enrollment increased by 17 percent; since 2023, the freshman class has grown by a total of 34 percent. In addition to being larger, the Class of 2028 is a diverse group who want to better their lives and uplift communities.

90%
of freshmen are from New Jersey.

The class hails from 17 states and territories outside of New Jersey including:

- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Virginia
- Florida
- Puerto Rico



10 different languages spoken at home including:

- Haitian Creole
- Tagalog
- Hindi
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Yoruba

3.10
average GPA

69%
of freshmen are first-generation college students.

54%
identify as Hispanic



Top intended majors among freshmen include:

- Nursing
- Business
- Biology
- Psychology