

# Guide for GNU Student Exchange Program, Spring 2021

## I. General Information

<p><b>Introduction</b></p>	<p>Founded in 1948, GNU, a national flagship university representing South Gyeongsang Province, has been making utmost efforts to foster creative, courteous and knowledgeable professionals equipped with an aptitude for learning and a pioneering spirit. GNU has been positioning itself as an internationally recognized institution, consisting of 14 colleges and 10 graduate schools with 811 professors, 501 administration staffs and some 23,252 students across four campuses – Gajwa and Chiram in Jinju, Tongyeong, and Changwon campus.</p> <p>GNU is considered to be one of the nation's top-tier national institutions and has a reputation for excellence in education and research – particularly in the fields of Life Sciences, Nano- &amp; Advanced Materials engineering, Aerospace &amp; Mechanical Systems.</p> <p>GNU is located only within a one-hour distance drive from major industrial sites which leads our national economy in the 21st century - Gyeongnam Inno-city (Jinju), aviation industry complex (Jinju, Sacheon), machinery and heavy industry complex (Changwon), nano-convergence materials industry complex (Milyang), shipbuilding &amp; ocean plant industry complex (Tongyeong), and petrochemical industrial complex (Yeosu). Located in a historical city known for education, Jinju has one of the best natural and social environments for International students who want to study in Korea.</p>
<p><b>Facts and Figures</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Founded</b> : October 20, 1948</li> <li>○ <b>Organization</b> : 4 campuses, 14 colleges, 10 graduate schools, 80 departments &amp; majors</li> <li>○ <b>No. of Student Enrollment</b> : 23,252 (including 724 international students)</li> <li>○ <b>University Personnel</b> : 1,312 (faculty (811), administration staff (501))</li> <li>○ <b>University Ranking in 2016</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 14<sup>th</sup> in Korea and 710<sup>th</sup> in the World (2016 CWTS Leiden Rankings)</li> <li>- 17<sup>th</sup> in Korea and 537<sup>th</sup> in the World (2016 Center for World University Rankings)</li> <li>- 20<sup>th</sup> in Korea, Asia's most innovative Univ. (2016 Reuters and Thomson Reuters)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Specialized Fields</b> : Life Sciences, Nano- &amp; Advanced Materials Engineering, Aerospace &amp; Mechanical Systems</li> <li>○ <b>Others</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One of the 9 Korean national flagship universities representing South Gyeongsang Province in Korea</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 GNU scholars were recognized as among the top 1% most influential researchers in the world by Thomson Reuters – the largest number in the nation from a Korean university (2016)</li> <li>- Renowned for internationalized campus accredited by IEQAS (International Education Quality Assurance System) since February 2013</li> </ul>				
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Office of International &amp; External Cooperation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gyeongsang National University (GNU)</li> <li>- 501 Jinju-daero, Jinju, Gyeongnam, 52828, Republic of Korea</li> </ul>				
<b>Homepage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="http://www.gnu.ac.kr/">http://www.gnu.ac.kr/</a></li> <li>- <a href="http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/main/">http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/main/</a></li> <li>- <a href="http://publiceng.gnu.ac.kr/main/">http://publiceng.gnu.ac.kr/main/</a></li> </ul>				
<b>Campus Location</b>	<p>GNU is located in Jinju City, near the southern coast of the Republic of Korea. It takes about an hour and a half from Busan (Gimhae) International Airport (PUS) by bus and five hours from Incheon International Airport (ICN). For more details regarding our location and how to get to our campus, please refer to the website below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>[location of Jinju]</th> <th>[Related Web page]</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Campus location: <a href="http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_08.jsp">http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_08.jsp</a></li> <li>· Campus map: <a href="http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_09_01.jsp">http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_09_01.jsp</a></li> <li>· Way to GNU: <a href="http://publiceng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/03_03_03_03.jsp">http://publiceng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/03_03_03_03.jsp</a></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	[location of Jinju]	[Related Web page]		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Campus location: <a href="http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_08.jsp">http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_08.jsp</a></li> <li>· Campus map: <a href="http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_09_01.jsp">http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_09_01.jsp</a></li> <li>· Way to GNU: <a href="http://publiceng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/03_03_03_03.jsp">http://publiceng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/03_03_03_03.jsp</a></li> </ul>
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<b>Contact Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Inbound (from foreign countries to Korea) Student Exchanges</b></li> <li>- Ms. Jieun Byeon (international program manager) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Responsible for all countries except China and Taiwan</li> <li>· Tel +82-55-772-0273, Fax +82-55-772-0269, E-mail: <a href="mailto:pobing6@gnu.ac.kr">pobing6@gnu.ac.kr</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<b>II. Application</b>					
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Admission for 1st semester(Spring), 2021: Nov. 13, 2020</li> <li>* Application deadline is subject to change.</li> </ul>				
<b>Application Procedure</b>	<p>The application will be consulted and processed between designated staff members at the home and host institutions. Undergraduate and graduate students will officially be admitted only after being reviewed and approved by their respective department or laboratory at GNU.</p>				

<p><b>Application Requirements</b></p>	<p>1) Form A : Application Form (Form Provided)  2) Form B : Dormitory Application Form (Form Provided)  3) Form C : Medical History Form (Form Provided)  4) Form D : Financial Information and Certification of Support (Form Provided)  5) Form E : Permission for the Use of Personal Information (Form Provided)  6) Form F: Study Plan <i>(In English or Korean)</i>  7) Form G: Self-Description (Introduction) <i>(In English or Korean)</i>  8) Form H: Letter of Recommendation from Head of the Dept. or Dean of the International Office <i>(In English or Korean)</i>  9) Official Academic Transcript (issued by the home institution) <i>(In English or Korean)</i>  ※ Graduate students must also submit the official transcript of their undergraduate academic records.  10) Official Certificate of Enrollment (issued by the home institution) <i>(In English or Korean)</i>  11) Copy of Passport  12) 3.5*4.5 centimeter size, 2 photos (Please attach one photo on application form and submit one more photo to the GNU International Office upon student's arrival.)</p> <p><b>All required documents mentioned above should be submitted to <a href="mailto:pobing6@gnu.ac.kr">pobing6@gnu.ac.kr</a> via email as a PDF file by the application deadline.</b></p> <p>All application documents and materials should be submitted and managed through the international office of their home university. As we send application forms to your home university's international office, please contact the person in charge at your university to get the necessary forms.</p>
<p><b>Language Requirements</b></p>	<p>At GNU, most courses are taught in Korean (around 90%), and some taught in English (around 10%). If you are fluent in Korean, you may take any courses that you want. However, if you are not fluent in Korean, please bear in mind that your course registration can be limited. You may not find any relevant courses with your majors and even your course application can be rejected by course lecturers. So, we strongly advise you to take good care of your credits for your graduation at your home university before coming to GNU.</p>
<p><b>III. Department (Major) and Course Selection and Registration</b></p>	
<p><b>Department (Major) Selection</b></p>	<p>We advise you to apply for the same or similar major or department at GNU as with your home university. All the colleges, departments (majors), and course information can be found at <a href="http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/02_03.jsp">http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/02_03.jsp</a>.  After choosing a department or a major, please state the selected department (major) in the application form.</p>

<b>[Colleges and Departments of GNU]</b>	
<b>Colleges</b>	<b>Departments</b>
<b>Humanities</b>	Language and Literature (Korean, German, Russian, French, English, Chinese), History, Philosophy, Korean Classics in Chinese, Ethnic Dance
<b>Social Science</b>	Economics, Social Welfare, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Public Admin.
<b>Natural Science</b>	Physics, Life Science, Mathematics, Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Information Statistics, Geology, Computer Science, Chemistry
<b>Business</b>	Management Information System, Business Administration, Intl' Trade, Accounting
<b>Engineering</b>	Mechanical, Aerospace and Information Eng. (Mechanical Eng., Aerospace and Software Eng.), Nano- New Materials Eng., Industrial Systems Eng., Architectural Civil Eng., Architecture, Semiconductor Eng., Chemical Eng., Electrical Eng., Electronics Eng., Control and Instrumentation Eng.
<b>Agriculture and Life Sciences</b>	Food and Resources Economics, Forest Environmental Resources, Environmental Materials Science, Agricultural Plant Science, Animal life science, Agrochemical Food Eng., Agrosystems Eng. (Biotechnology Industry Mechanical Eng., Area-based Environmental Eng.)
<b>Law</b>	Law
<b>Marine Science</b>	Fisheries Management, Marine Food Science and Biotechnology, Coast Guard Systems, Mechanical Systems Eng., Energy of Mechanical Eng., Information and Communication Technology, Naval Architecture and Marine Eng., Marine Civil Eng., Marine Environmental Eng.
<b>Course Selection</b>	<p>Students may choose courses during course registration period upon arrival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course Registration Period for 1<sup>st</sup> semester(Spring), 2021: March 2~8, 2021</li> </ul> <p>Upon your arrival at GNU, you may visit your department office and register for courses by a consultation of your department assistant.</p> <p>While we recommend exchange students to take courses among their own departments' curriculum, <b>they are also allowed to take any other preferred courses in other departments.</b> At GNU, 1 credit consists of 50 minutes coursework per week for 15 weeks during the semester. To see the course lists taught in foreign language, please visit at <a href="http://emc.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_01_18.jsp">http://emc.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_01_18.jsp</a>.</p> <p><b>Apart from the list, there is a basic Korean course for beginners and 4 Korean courses for intermediates. Also 2-3 English electives for exchange students is offered every semester.</b></p>
<b>Restricted Departments and Courses</b>	Since most of the courses at GNU are being taught in Korean, applicants who do not have any basic knowledge in Korean may not be accepted into their chosen departments or courses. If your admission is denied from the preferred department,

	<p>our office will help you to be accepted into other similar majors and/or related programs.</p> <p>Some departments in the College of Education may also restrict exchange students' admissions. Graduate students' admissions, especially, will be decided by the selected departments' professors. Thus, graduate students must contact us by email in advance (pobing6@gnu.ac.kr) to check possibility of your admission before their application.</p>																														
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<b>Academic Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (Spring Semester), 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Period : March 2 ~ June 18, 2021</li> <li>- Final Examination Week (2 weeks): June 7 ~ 18, 2021</li> <li>- Summer Vacation : June 18, 2021 ~ August 31, 2021</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																														
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<b>Arrival and Departure Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Arrival</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spring Semester : March 13 ~ 15, 2020</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Departure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spring Semester : from mid June</li> <li>- Fall Semester : from mid December</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Students who finish final exam and satisfy all required coursework may leave any time.</p>																														
<b>Orientation</b>	<p>Orientation will be held for the incoming international students at the end of Feb. or early Mar. for Spring semester and end of Aug. or early Sept. in the fall semester.</p> <p>Dates and detailed information regarding orientation will be provided later along with other information by email.</p>																														

**\* Pick-up or transportation from the airport below can be changed due to Covid-19 situation. We will guide you via email once your flight schedule is fixed.**

GNU provides free airport pickup for new-coming students who arrive at Busan (Gimhae) International Airport (PUS) or Jinju(Sacheon) airport. So, once you book your flight, you need to inform your flight no. arrival date and time at [pobing6@gnu.ac.kr](mailto:pobing6@gnu.ac.kr). However, if you arrive at Incheon International Airport, you will have to come to GNU on your own.

**[How to get to GNU from Incheon International Airport]**

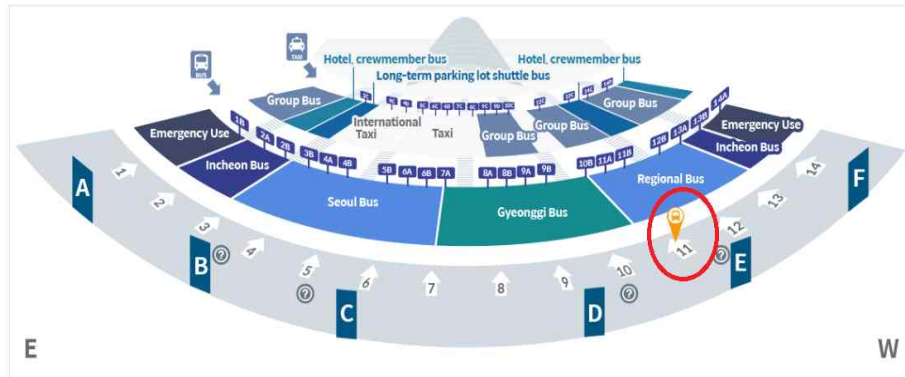
The easiest way to get to GNU from Incheon International Airport is to take an airport limousine bus to Jinju. The bus runs 10 times per day starting from 07:30 a.m. to 21:30 p.m at Incheon airport terminal 1 and 2. For timetable and location of bus station, please see below or visit at <https://www.airport.kr/ap/ko/tpt/busRouteList.do>.

**Airport  
Pick-up and  
How to get  
to GNU**

**[Bus timetables & intervals]**

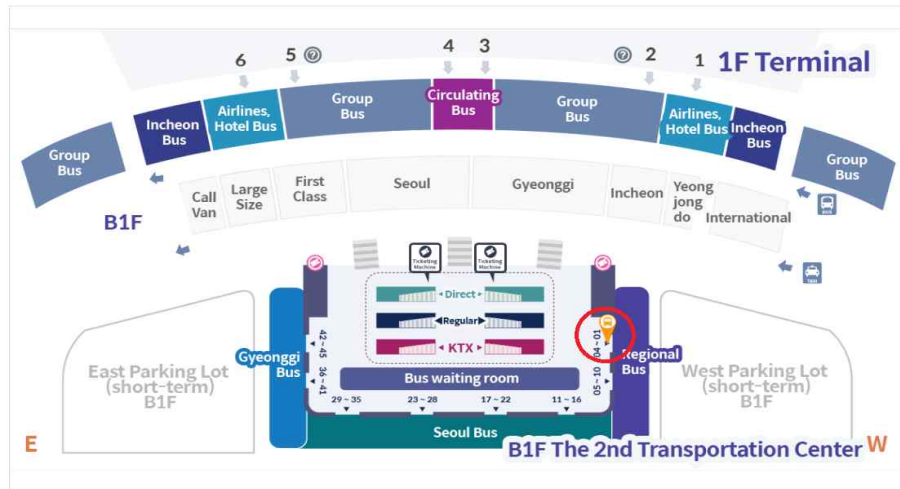
<b>Interval</b>	10 times per day	<b>Transit time</b>	5 hours
<b>Type</b>	Cross-country	<b>Fare</b>	34,800 KWR
<b>Timetable</b>	Departure time from Terminal 1 · 07:50 08:30 09:50 10:50 13:30 15:00 17:00 18:40 20:20 21:50  Departure time from Terminal 2 · 07:30 08:10 09:30 10:30 13:10 14:40 16:40 18:20 20:00 21:30		
<b>Location of Bus Terminal</b>	<b>[Terminal 1. (Station No 11, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)]</b>		

Terminal 1 Bus stop location (1Floor No. 11)



**[Terminal 2. (Station No 4, 1st floor)]**

Terminal 2 Bus stop location (Transportation center Basement 1 No. 4)



**VI. Living Expenses**

Expenses (per semester)	Contents	Approximate Amount (US\$)
	Application and Tuition Fees	Exempt
	Accommodation	US \$400 ~ US \$600 (variable depending on room types)
	Meal Plan	US \$300 ~ US \$650 (variable depending on meal options)
	Health Insurance	US \$250 ~ US \$300
	Textbooks & Supplies	US \$100 ~ US \$150
	Personal Expenses	US \$300 ~ US \$500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>US \$1,350 ~ US \$2,200</b>

<b>Dormitory &amp; Meal Plans</b>	<b>Dormitory Fee per semester</b>
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Classification		Room type	Rate
	Building No.		
Male	6	Shared	550,310
	70	Shared	550,310
	8	Single	911,910
		Shared	562,740
	10	Single	962,760
		Shared	621,500
Female	5	Shared	536,750
	7	Shared	550,310
	9	Single	911,910
		Shared	562,740
	11	Single	962,760
		Shared	621,500
<b>Married</b>			<b>1,162,770</b>

\* The fees are subject to change.

#### Meal Plan

Classification	300 Meals	230 Meals	190 Meals	150 Meals	120 Meals	Single Meal Ticket
Average Daily	2.63	2.02	1.67	1.32	1.05	
Unit Cost	2,200	2,300	2,700	3,000	3,400	3,600
Total	660,000	529,000	513,000	450,000	408,000	

## VII. Exchange Student Support Program

### GNU Buddy Program

The GNU Buddy program encourages interaction between international and Korean students on a one-to-one basis. This program aims to promote friendship, cultural learning, and interaction through shared experiences.

### ISA (International Students Association)

The ISA was established in June 30, 2010, as an autonomous student organization for the promotion of fellowship and cooperation among GNU international students. ISA organizes various special events for international students such as international students' day, sports days, field trips, etc.

- ISA Face book website: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/gnu.isa/>

### Cultural Excursions and Special Events

GNU organizes various cultural experience programs and special events for international students throughout the year. All of these excursions and events will be provided free of charge. It is a good opportunity not only to experience Korean culture, but also to have meaningful memories while studying in Korea.



**VIII. Other Information**

**Visa Requirement**  
 GNU will send a Letter of Admission and Certificate of Eligibility for your visa application. Exchange students should go to the Korean Embassy in their home country along with the required documents for their visa.

**Health Insurance**  
 The Korean Ministry of Education requires all international students to purchase medical insurance during their study in Korea. Without insurance, medical treatment can be extraordinarily expensive in some cases. It is obligatory for all exchange and dual degree students to obtain an adequate insurance at GNU. We will assist you to buy an insurance upon your arrival and it will cost approximately US\$ 60 for one semester and US \$120 for one academic year.  
 \* The insurance policy for foreigners will be changed from March next year. So all the foreigners staying Korea for more than 6 months should be join the national health insurance which will cost more.

