
Fall Semester 2025

Gangneung-Wonju National University Incoming Exchange Program Fact Sheet



General Information of Exchange Program

1. About University

Name	Gangneugn-Wonju National University (GWNU)
Website	www.gwnu.ac.kr
Campuses	Gangneung & Wonju
Foundation	1946

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3. Important Dates

	Fall Semester 2025 (Sep - Dec)	Spring Semester 2026 (Mar - June)
Nomination Deadline	April 18 th 2025	October 17 th 2025
	A nomination form will be sent to the study abroad coordinators of partner universities via email. All exchange students need to be nominated by their home institution first before filling in GWNU application form.	
Application Deadline	May 9 th 2025	November 7 th 2025
	All required original documents must be submitted to study abroad coordinator of partner universities. All required documents which listed no.5 application documents must be sent in their original forms by the application deadline to study abroad coordinator of GWNU.	

4. Nomination and Application Procedure

Nomination	<p>Qualified students will be selected and nominated by our partner universities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Name, Gender, Nationality, Date of Birth(MM/DD/YYYY), Email Address, Desired department/major of Study, and intended Term of Study etc. ▶ No minimum language score or CGPA requirement from GWNU, but respect a partner university's nomination criteria.
Application	<p>Incoming Exchange students should prepare required documents as following order below. (see '5. Application Documents' table below)</p>
Acceptance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An official acceptance package will be sent to accepted students, containing an Acceptance Letter, Certificate of Admission, and visa documents [D-2] ▶ Accepted students are advised to wait to make travel plans and embassy/consulate visits until they have received their official acceptance package.

5. Application Documents

No	Required documents	Remarks
1	Application Form	See the [Form 1]
2	Personal Statement	See the [Form 2]
3	Recommendation Letter	See the [Form 3]
4	Personal Information Agreement	See the [Form 4]
5	Medical Assessment Report	See the [Form 5] Submission of tuberculosis test certificate and measles vaccination confirmation
6	An official certificate of enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission of the original apostille(Documents that are not in English must be translated and notarized in either English or Korean before obtaining an apostille) - Students from OECD countries must submit only the English certificate of enrollment issued by their home university
7	An official academic transcript	Documents that are not in English must be translated into either English or Korean and then notarized before submission

8	A recent bank statement (within 30 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Original bank statement with an amount of KRW6,000,000(for a semester) or KRW12,000,000 (for 2 semesters) or above (Korean or English) - Submit bank statement in the name of applicant's own name or parent's name (If applicant's bank statement is under parent's name, the applicant must submit family relationship certificate and parent's passport) - Applicant's or parent's English name on the statement must be exactly matched with the passport name. - Students from China and Vietnam must deposit for at least 3 months <p>※ Students from OECD countries are exempted</p>
9	A copy of applicant's valid passport	

※ [8] A recent Bank Statement (issued within 30 days from the date of application)

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6. Visa

Visa Type	Student Visa [D-2]
Location	Korean embassy/consulate located in a student's home country
Required documents	GWNU Certificate of Admission ※ The regulations for obtaining a visa are subject to change. ※ Extra documents such as a certificate of registration may be requested.

7. Health Insurance

Insurance Type	Korean National Health Insurance
General Information	Mandatory nation-wide insurance for all international students including exchange students staying in Korea for more than 3 months. Required to purchase even with a similar insurance coverage from a student's home country. Keep in mind that those who completed the alien registration will be eligible for the service.
Cost	USD 70/ monthly
Coverage	<p>Various including the following benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dental treatment - Oriental medical treatment - Pregnancy and childbirth-related medical expenses - Outpatient medical service: 30~60%, varies by medical care institution type and area - Hospitalization expenses: 20% - Beneficiaries pay part of the medical expenses - The insured is not required to claim benefits after receiving treatment - Number and amount of benefits are not limited
Non-coverage	Treatment for diseases that do not affect work or daily life (e.g. plastic surgery, dental etc)

8. Airport Pick-up Service

- ▶ On a predetermined date, we offer a free airport pick-up service for exchange students arriving in Gangneung.
- ▶ Before students purchase flight ticket, they first need to communicate with GWNU's exchange program coordinator in order to arrange pick-up date. Exchange students must inform the exchange coordinator of their flight information immediately once they purchase flight ticket.
- ▶ Pick-up team cannot wait for the students who do not make it the designated place on time. If you miss the pick-up team, please use public transportation to come to Gangneung and check in a dormitory.

Academic Information

1. Undergraduate Programs

Colleges	Department	
Humanities	<input type="radio"/> Korean Language and Literature <input type="radio"/> English Language and Literature <input type="radio"/> Chinese Language and Literature	<input type="radio"/> Japanology <input type="radio"/> Philosophy <input type="radio"/> History
Social Sciences	<input type="radio"/> Economics <input type="radio"/> Business Administration <input type="radio"/> Accounting <input type="radio"/> International Trade <input type="radio"/> Urban Planning & Real Estate	<input type="radio"/> Law <input type="radio"/> Tourism Management <input type="radio"/> Local Government Administration <input type="radio"/> International Commerce & Area Studies
Natural Sciences	<input type="radio"/> Mathematics & Physics -Major in Mathematics Major -Major in Physics and Energy science Major <input type="radio"/> Date Science	<input type="radio"/> Biology <input type="radio"/> Atmospheric & Environmental Science <input type="radio"/> Chemistry & Advanced Materials
Life Sciences	<input type="radio"/> Food and Nutrition <input type="radio"/> Marine Bio Food Science <input type="radio"/> Marine Ecology & Environment	<input type="radio"/> Aquatic Life Medicine <input type="radio"/> Marine Bioscience <input type="radio"/> Plant Science <input type="radio"/> Environmental Landscape Architecture
Engineering	<input type="radio"/> Advanced Materials and Biochemical Engineering -Major in Advanced Ceramic and Materials Engineering -Major in Advanced Metals and Materials Engineering -Major in Advanced Biochemical Engineering	<input type="radio"/> Electronics and Semiconductor Engineering <input type="radio"/> Biochemical Engineering <input type="radio"/> Smart Infrastructure Engineering
Arts and Physical Education	<input type="radio"/> Fine Arts & Craft Design <input type="radio"/> Physical Education	<input type="radio"/> Music <input type="radio"/> Fashion Design
Dentistry	<input type="radio"/> Pre-dentistry <input type="radio"/> Dentistry	<input type="radio"/> Dental Hygiene
*Health and Welfare	<input type="radio"/> Nursing <input type="radio"/> Early Childhood Education <input type="radio"/> Multicultural Studies	<input type="radio"/> Social Welfare <input type="radio"/> Digital Media & Communication
*Science and Technology	<input type="radio"/> Computer Science & Engineering <input type="radio"/> Multimedia Engineering <input type="radio"/> Electrical Engineering <input type="radio"/> Information Telecommunication Engineering	<input type="radio"/> Mechanical Engineering <input type="radio"/> Automotive Engineering <input type="radio"/> Industrial and Management Engineering

*Both College of Health and Welfare and College of Science and Technology are located on Wonju Campus. However, since the Korean Language Education Center is on Gangneung Campus, students will reside on the Gangneung Campus. Please take this into consideration when applying. Additionally, when filling out the application, applicants must list the department they are currently enrolled in at their home university.

2. Academic Calendar

	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
First day of Semester	September 1	March 1
Course Add/Drop Period	the first week of September	the first week of March
Final Examination	the third week of December	the third week of June
Vacation begins	the fourth week of December	the fourth week of June
Course Registration	Students must register for courses online or application during the course registration period before semester starts. The procedure will be informed by email individually.	

**These dates are tentative and subject to change*

3. Semester Programs

	Regular Exchange Program	Intensive Korean Language Program (Korean Language Education Center)
Campus	Gangneung	
Credits	6 - 18 credits ※ Minimum credits to maintain GWNU exchange students status is 6 credits per semester.	12 credits (1 semester), 16 credits (2 semester) ※ Please ensure that your home institution acknowledges Intensive Korean Language credit.
Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Students may choose any courses offered by GWNU regardless of your major. ▶ If your Korean language skill is not very good enough, taking a major course would be difficult for you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Level 1 (Beginner) ▶ Level 2 (High Beginner) ▶ Level 3 (Intermediate) ▶ Level 4 (High Intermediate) ▶ Level 5 (Advanced) ※ Before semester begins, there is a level test to assess your Korean language ability.
Language of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Korean (Main) ▶ English (Only English lectures run by a native-English professor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Korean Only
Timetable	Varies	Monday to Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ (AM Class) 9:00 ~ 13:00 ▶ (PM Class) 13:10 ~ 17:00

4. Academic Notes

- ▶ Students can check each semester's course list. The list of courses for a new semester is updated in early February for Spring and in early August for Fall.
- ▶ Students should be aware of mandatory classes need to be taken from your home university during their exchange program at GWNU.

5. Grading System

Grade	Score	GPA	Description
A+	95 ~ 100	4.5	Excellent
A	90 ~ 94	4.0	Very good
B+	85 ~ 89	3.5	Good
B	80 ~ 84	3.0	Highly satisfactory
C+	75 ~ 79	2.5	Satisfactory
C	70 ~ 74	2.0	Fair/ Sufficient (Minimum passing grade)
D+	65 ~ 69	1.5	
D	60 ~ 64	1.0	
F	0 ~ 59	0	

6. Certificate and Transcript

Exchange Student Certificate	Exchange Student Certificate works as a Proof of Enrollment at GWNU. - Location: Student Hall (C3) 1F - Cost: Free of Charge
Transcripts	One official copy of GWNU transcript will be sent to directly to the home institution upon completion of student's studies.
Korean Language Education Center Transcript	One official copy of Korean Language Education Center Transcript will be sent to directly to the home institution upon completion of student's studies.

7. Tuition Waiver

- ▶ GWNU offers not only waiving tuition fee but also Korean Language Education Center(1 or 2 semesters) for incoming exchange students.

Korean Language Education Center

1. Course Information

Course	Semester	2025	2026	Class Hours
Regular	Spring	March 4 - May 14	March 2 - May 12	200 hours
	Summer	May 26 - Aug 4	May 26 - Aug 3	
	Autumn	Sep 1 - Nov 14	Aug 31 - Nov 11	
	Winter	Nov 24 - Feb 3	Nov 23 - Feb 2	

**Term dates are subject to change*

2. Class Information

Class	Curriculum
Level 1 (Beginner)	Learning Korean characters and basic vocabulary & expression
Level 2 (High beginner)	Basic conversation and Korean grammar
Level 3 (Intermediate)	Intermediate conversation and Korean grammar
Level 4 (High intermediate)	High intermediate conversation and Korean grammar
Level 5 (Advanced)	Advanced conversation, general education for academic skills

3 Other extra-curricular programs

		
K-Food Making Experience	Local Field Trip	Winter Sport Experience

▶ Korean Cultural Experience : KLES provides field trips and special classes every semester which allow students to learn Korea and Korean culture through a variety of cultural experiences

▶ Field Trip : About 1~3 times per semester (Experience Korean traditional culture and visit historic sites or noteworthy attraction)

Student Life at GWNNU

1. On-Campus Programs

Global Mate Program	International students will be paired with current GWNNU students who will help with the transition period as well as their academic achievement. This may be a beginning of a life-long friendship.
Cultural Excursions	A day trip around suburban areas of Gangneung and Gangwon State will allow students to indulge into Korean culture, cuisine, interact with the locals, and experience difference aspects of Korean culture and history.
Korean Cultural Experience Program	This program is a planning or organizing cultural trip to Korea by building a team. It is a Korean language and culture program designed for students not only to develop their Korean skills but also discover Korea's must-visit attractions and sites during summer or winter break. At the end of this program, you will develop your team management skills, interpersonal skills and improve cross-cultural understanding and communication skills.

2. On-Campus Residence

Name	International Exchange Dormitory
Address	International Exchange Dormitory (C6) Gangneung-Wonju National University 7 Jukhoen-gil, Gangneung-si, Gangwon State, South Korea 25457
Fees	USD800 (One regular semester) USD1,200 (One regular semester and summer/winter break) ※ Excluded meal plan
Room Type	2 Bedrooms
Facilities	Gym, Praying Room, Student lounge, Laundry room, Public kitchen

※ Blankets for the dormitory are not provided. You can purchase one for yourself, or you can request us to purchase one on your behalf.

3. Meal Plans

Cost	USD 420/ 5 days (One regular semester)
Meal option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 2 meals/ day ▶ Only lunch and dinner are included. Breakfast is not included. ※ (In case of applying for meals) Meals are compulsory for 2 meals per day (lunch and dinner) on weekdays (Monday through Friday), and optional on weekends (Saturday through Sunday). Breakfast is not provided.
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Meal plan is optional. ▶ After submitting a dormitory registration form, you cannot change the option.

4. Cost of Living

Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Meal ticket (on campus): USD6 ▶ Local restaurants (off campus): USD6~20 ▶ Cafe Drinks: USD3~5
Residence Card	USD50
Korean National Health Insurance	USD70 /per month
Local Transportation	Bus fare: USD1~1.5 Taxi fare: USD3~15 in Gangneung Train fare: USD30 (Gangneung - Seoul) Inter-city bus fare: USD20 (Gangneung - Seoul)
Academic (books, stationery etc)	USD200~300 (per semester)
Personal	USD150~300

※ Estimated personal expenses per month in US dollars

※ All of above fees and cost of living are subject to change

5. Campus Location



Transport :: Bus

- ▶ Seoul ⇔ Gangneung : about 2.5 hr
- ▶ Incheon International Airport ⇔ Gangneung : about 3.5 hr

Transport :: KTX (Korean Train Express)

- ▶ Seoul Station ⇔ Manjong Station (Wonju) : about 1hr 10min
- ▶ Manjong Station (Wonju) ⇔ Gangneung Station : about 50 min
- ▶ Seoul Station ⇔ Gangneung Station : about 1hr 50min