

2025/2026 FACT SHEET

Name of University	Kyungpook National University (Office of International Affairs) Address: 80, Daehak-ro, Buk-gu, Daegu, 41566, South Korea Website: http://en.knu.ac.kr				
Contacts		Type	Name	Phone	Email
	Inbound Exchange	Academic Program	Haejin SHIN (Ms.)	+82-53-950-2425	shinhj@knu.ac.kr
		Dormitory & Events	Jungmin LEE (Ms.)	+82-53-950-2427	sabroad@knu.ac.kr
	Outbound Exchange	Europe	Saeron LEE (Ms.)	+82-53-950-2413	knuexchange@knu.ac.kr
Non-Europe		Niki LEE (Ms.)	+82-53-950-2423	goglobal@knu.ac.kr	
Academic Calendar	Fall Semester: September 1 to December 31, Spring Semester: March 2 to June 30 (expected)				
Nomination & Application Deadlines		Semester	Nomination	Application	Acceptance
		Spring	October 15	November 15	Late December
		Fall	April 15	May 15	Late June
Language Requirements	No language proficiency test result is required, but KNU respects its partners' nomination criteria.				
Credits	Undergraduate	1 course is typically 3 Korean credits, but some courses are only 1 or 2 credits. Undergraduate students can take a maximum of 18 credits (6 courses) per semester, and the minimum requirement is 6 credits (2 courses per semester.)			
	Graduate	Master's students can take a maximum of 10 Korean credits, which is usually 3 courses.			
Application Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Online application: http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange_app2.htm 2) Letter of nomination from the applicant's home university 3) Official certificate of enrollment from the applicant's home university (an apostille or notarized certificate from the Embassy of South Korea is mandatory for non-OECD countries) 4) Official transcript from the applicants' home universities 5) Copy of a passport (face/data page, valid for at least 6 months beyond the day of departure) 6) Color ID photo (not ID card but a face photo) 7) Bank statement with an amount of at least KRW 8,000,000 (for one semester) <p><i>* For non-OECD countries, the original forms of the 3) official certificate of enrollment and 7) bank statement must be submitted by post right after the online submission and received at KNU before traveling to Korea.</i></p>				
Course List & Course Registration	Course List: http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange01.htm#con08 Students must register for courses online during the course registration period before the semester starts, and the procedure is explained by email. Course lists are updated in the middle of July for the fall semester , and in the middle of January for the spring semester .				
Scholarships	KNU has several scholarship programs for international students, such as the Global Korea Scholarship (GKS), ASEM-DUO, dormitory scholarships (by special agreements, for graduate level students or students from unbalanced institutes). Each applicable program is described in the welcome letter and/or subsequent emails.				
Visa & Alien Registration in Korea	Students must get a Student Visa (D-2) before traveling to Korea. Once accepted from KNU with the certificate of admission, students must apply for the student visa within one month after receiving the certificate of admission . Please confirm the visa requirements with the local Korean embassy or consulate. Applying for the Alien Registration Card (ARC) is mandatory after arrival in Korea. Students will get more information about this process from KNU at the orientation.				
Vaccination	Vaccination and its certificate submission are no longer mandatory for traveling to Korea.				
Arrival Date	Arrival in Korea a week before the beginning of the semester is recommended for the compulsory orientation. Students receive welcome kits necessary university-related information and practical information including the ARC application to the Korean Immigration Office.				
Buddy Program	On average, two exchange students will be paired with one Korean KNU student buddy to assist with settling into their new lives in Korea, communication, and cultural exchange.				
Health Insurance	All international students in Korea are subject to mandatory enrollment in the National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) while in Korea. The estimated cost is approximately KRW 75,490 (USD \$60) per month. Once enrolled, students will receive various benefits, including dental, traditional Korean medicinal treatment, health exams and check-ups, and pregnancy and other childbirth-related medical coverage, just as Korean citizens receive.				
Campus Dormitory	Students can apply for on-campus housing to be assigned to a shared room in one of several on-campus dormitories. The dormitory fee for one semester can range from around USD \$500 to \$1,000, depending on the meal plan (which is optional). This application should be completed separately by online application before the start of the semester.				

CHECKLIST

For Whom	Checklist	Deadline
All Students	Nomination by Home University Calls for nominations are announced every September (for Spring) and March (for Fall) to KNU's partners by email with online links.	April 15 (for Fall) Oct. 15 (for Spring)
All Students	Online Application at Kyungpook National University http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange_app2.htm	May 15 (for Fall) Nov. 15 (for Spring)
All Students	Student Visa (D-2) Issuance Once the Certificate of Admission and Acceptance Letter from KNU are received, students must apply for a Student Visa (D-2) at their local Korean Embassy or Consulate. This <i>must</i> be received before departure.	Late July (for Fall) Late Jan. (for Spring)
All Students	Apply for On-Campus Dormitory On-campus dormitories are available for approximately US\$ 500 to US\$ 1,000 for one semester (4 months). KNU guarantees on-campus housing to all incoming exchange students upon request via online application. Note that on-campus dormitories only provide shared rooms (i.e., with a roommate.)	Mid July (for Fall) Mid Jan. (for Spring)
All Students	Buddy Matching Every incoming student will be paired with a KNU Student Buddy, who will help with getting adjusted to academic life at KNU and also provide useful information about living on campus and in Korea in general.	Early Aug. (for Fall) Early Feb. (for Spring)
All Students	Student Number and Student ID Card A student number will be assigned and emailed to students before the beginning of the semester. Students can use a mobile student ID card by downloading the "KNUPIA" app and logging in with their student number.	Mid Aug. (for Fall) Mid Feb. (for Spring)
All Students	Private Medical Insurance for Traveling Overseas Countries (Optional) Students who have a private insurance plan from their home country can submit proof of enrollment to KNU.	Late Aug. (for Fall) Late Feb. (for Spring)
All Students	Korean National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) All international students staying in Korea with a D-2 visa are subject to mandatory enrollment in the National Health Insurance Service. The monthly fee is around USD \$60. Once you are enrolled, you can receive various health services and benefits, just as Korean citizens receive.	Late Sept. (for Fall) Late March (for Spring)
Dorm Applicants	Tuberculosis Test Tuberculosis test results (in English) should be issued from a student's home country before coming to Korea and submitted to the KNU Housing Office at the time of check-in.	Late Aug. (for Fall) Late Feb. (for Spring) or at dorm check-in
All Students	Course List and Registration Each semester's course lists are finalized in July and January, and updated on the KNU website (https://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange01.htm). Students should check the course list to prepare to register for classes between the given period in early August (Fall Semester) and early February (Spring Semester).	Late July (for Fall) Late Jan. (for Spring)
All Students	Orientation Orientation is usually held a day or two before the semester starts. Attendance is mandatory for all students.	Start of Semester
All Students	Starting Coursework Attendance is taken very seriously at KNU. Make sure you attend all your classes to avoid absence-related penalties.	Sept. 1 (for Fall) March 2 (for Spring)
All Students	End of Semester Late December and mid-June mark the end of the Fall and Spring semesters, respectively, and a Certificate of Completion will be issued to all exiting students.	Late Dec. (for Fall) Late June (for Spring)
All Students	Receive your Official Transcript from Kyungpook National University Official transcripts will be emailed to all students. Students can also find their official transcripts at: https://knu.certpia.com/?lang=en	Late July (for Fall) Late Jan. (for Spring)