
Information on the GWNu Student Exchange Program 2024

General Information of the University

Name	Gangneung-Wonju National University (GWNu)
Website	www.gwnu.ac.kr
Number of Campuses	Two (Gangneung Campus / Wonju Campus)
Foundation	November 11, 1946

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Important Dates

	Spring Semester (March - June)	Fall Semester (September - December)
Nomination Deadline	December 20, 2023	TBC

Note Before submitting an application to GWNu, all exchange students must be nominated by their home institution.

Application Deadline	December 20, 2023	TBC
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Note Student documents must be collected by the outbound coordinator of the partner university. The application documents must be submitted via PDF in the order listed on the checklist.

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 '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.

Application Documents

No	Required documents	Remarks
1	Application Form	See the [Form 1]
2	Personal Statement	See the [Form 2]
3	Recommendation Letter from home university	See the [Form 3]
4	Personal Information Agreement	See the [Form 4]
5	Medical Assessment Report	See the [Form 5]
6	An official certificate of enrollment	An apostille or in the form of notarized and translation in either Korean or English
7	An official academic transcript	
8	A recent bank statement (within 30 days)	See below [8] for further information
9	A copy of applicant's valid passport	
10	A copy of local health insurance card/certificate or A copy of travel insurance card/certificate	Translation in English and Korean must be submitted upon arrival for Korean National Health Insurance exemption.
11	Korean or English Language Proficiency Certificates	Optional

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

- Original bank statement with an amount of USD6,000(for a semester) or USD12,000 (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.

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.

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 60/ monthly
Coverage	Various including the following benefits - 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)

Airport Pick-up Service

- ▶ For exchange students arriving in Gangneung on a predetermined date, we offer a free airport pick-up service.
- ▶ In order to arrange a pick-up date, students must first contact GWNU's exchange program coordinator. Once an exchange student has purchased a flight ticket, he or she must inform the exchange coordinator immediately.
- ▶ It is not possible for the pick-up team to wait for students who do not arrive at the designated place on time. If you miss the designated pick-up time, it is recommended that you use public transportation to reach Gangneung and check into a dormitory.

Academic Information

Undergraduate Programs

Colleges	Department	
Humanities	<input type="radio"/> Korean Language and Literature <input type="radio"/> English Language and Literature <input type="radio"/> German 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 <input type="radio"/> Data Science <input type="radio"/> Physics and Energy	<input type="radio"/> Biology <input type="radio"/> Atmospheric & Environmental Science <input type="radio"/> Chemistry & Advanced Materials
Life Sciences	<input type="radio"/> Food & Nutrition <input type="radio"/> Marine Biology <input type="radio"/> Marine Food Convergence <input type="radio"/> Marine Ecology and 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 Ceramic and Materials Engineering <input type="radio"/> Electronic Engineering <input type="radio"/> Biochemical Engineering	<input type="radio"/> Construction and Environment Engineering <input type="radio"/> Advanced Metal and Materials Engineering
Arts & Physical Education	<input type="radio"/> Fine Arts & Craft Arts <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	

Academic Calendar

	Spring 2023	Fall 2023
First day of Semester	March 1	September 1
Course Add/Drop Period	March 2 ~ 8	September 1 ~ 7
Mid-term Examination	April 24 ~ 28	October 23 ~ 27
Final Examination	June 12 ~ 16	December 14 ~ 20
Last day of Semester	June 16	December 20
Vacation begins	June 19	December 21

**These dates are tentative and subject to change*

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.
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Semester Programs

	Regular Exchange Program	Intensive Korean Language Program (Korean Language School)
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 weeks) ※ 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 (Elementary) ▶ Level 3 (Intermediate) ▶ Level 4 (Advanced) ▶ Level 5 (Upper Advanced) ※ Before semester begins, there is a level test to assess your Korean language ability.
Language of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Korea (Main) ▶ English (Only English lectures run by a native-English professor)	▶ Korean Only
Timetable	Varies	Monday to Friday 9 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

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.

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	

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 School Transcript	One official copy of Korean Language School transcript will be sent to directly to the home institution upon completion of student's studies.

Tuition Waiver

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

On-Campus Programs

Global 1:1 Buddy Program	International students will be paired with current GWNU 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 Province 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, your will develop your team management skills, interpersonal skills and improve cross-cultural understanding and communication skills.

Life at GWNNU

On-Campus Residence

Name	International Exchange Dormitory
Address	International Exchange Dormitory (C6) Gangneung-Wonju National University 7 Jukhoen-gil, Gangneung-si, Gangwon-do, South Korea 25457
Fees	700 USD* (One semester) 1,200 USD* (One semester and summer/winter break) *Excluding meals
Room Type	Double occupancy
Facilities	Gym, Prayer Room, Student Lounge, Laundry Room, Public Kitchen

Meal Plans

Cost	530 USD / 7 days a week (One semester)
Meal option	▶ 2 meals a day ▶ Only lunch and dinner are included. Breakfast is not included.
Remarks	▶ Meal plan is optional. ▶ After submitting a dormitory registration form, you cannot change the option.

Cost of Living

Food	▶ Meal ticket (on campus): 5 USD ▶ Local restaurants (off campus): 6-20 USD ▶ Cafe Drinks: 3-5 USD
Residence Card	30 USD
Korean National Health Insurance	60 USD a month
Local Transportation	Bus fare: 1-1.5 USD Taxi fare: 3-15 USD in Gangneung Train fare: 30 USD (Gangneung - Seoul) Inter-city bus fare: 20 USD (Gangneung - Seoul)

- Estimated monthly personal expenses in US dollars.

- The above fees and cost of living are subject to change.