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Academic Calendar	• **Spring Semester:** March 2 – late June • **Fall Semester:** September 1 – late December			

Nomination Dates

	Semester	Nomination	Application	Acceptance
Deadlines	Spring	October 15	November 15	Late December
	Fall	April 15	May 15	Late June
Requirements	No language proficiency test result or minimum GPA is required, but KNU respects its partners' nomination criteria.			

Required Application Documents

1. **Online Application:** Complete the online form at https://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange_app2.htm
2. **Official Letter of Nomination:** Issued by applicant's home university.
3. **Official Certificate of Enrollment:** Issued by applicant's home university.
4. **Official Academic Transcript:** Issued by applicant's home university.
5. **Passport Copy:** A copy of the photo/data page of a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the planned departure date.
6. **Color ID Photo:** A standard head-shot or passport-style photo (not a copy of an ID card.)
7. **Bank Statement:** Proof of funds showing a balance of at least KRW 8,000,000 per semester.

> ★ ***Additional Requirement for Non-OECD Citizens:***
> *Applicants holding citizenship from a non-OECD country must send the* ***original physical copies*** *of the following documents by mail before the application deadline:*
> - ***Item 3 (Certificate of Enrollment):*** *Must be either apostilled or notarized by a South Korean embassy.*
> - ***Item 7 (Bank Statement):*** *Must be the original document issued by the bank.*

Courses Registration

- **Course List**: View available courses at https://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange01.htm
- **Registration Process:** Students must register for their courses online during the designated registration period prior to the start of the semester. Detailed registration instructions will be announced via email.
- **Course List Updates:** Updated in mid-January (Spring Semester), in mid-July (Fall Semester)

Credit Load & Course Limits

- **Credit Value:** Most courses are worth 3 Korean credits, though some carry 1 or 2 credits.
- **Undergraduate Students:** Must take between 6 credits (minimum, ~2 courses) and 18 credits (maximum, ~6 courses) per semester.
- **Master's Students:** Can take a maximum of 10 Korean credits (~3 courses) per semester. To attend additional classes beyond this limit, you must enroll in them as audited (non-credit) courses.

Student Visa (D-2) Requirements

- **Mandatory Pre-Arrival Visa:** You must obtain a ***Student Visa (D-2)*** before traveling to South Korea. KNU does not issue a Certificate for Confirmation of Visa Issuance (CCVI).
- **Application Timeline:** Once you are accepted and receive your Certificate of Admission from KNU, you must apply for your visa within one month.
- **Embassy Confirmation:** Please check with your local South Korean embassy or consulate to confirm their specific visa application requirements.

Alien Registration Card (ARC)

- **Mandatory Post-Arrival Requirement:** All international students must apply for an Alien Registration Card (ARC) after arriving in South Korea.

- **Application Guidance:** Detailed instructions on how to complete this process will be provided during the KNU orientation.

Scholarships

- **Available Programs:** KNU offers several scholarship opportunities for international students, including the **Global Korea Scholarship (GKS), ASEM-DUO,** and **dormitory scholarships** (available through special partner agreements or for students from partner institutions with an exchange balance deficit).
- **Eligibility Notification:** Details regarding any specific scholarships you qualify for will be outlined in your official acceptance letter.

Arrival & Orientation

- **Recommended Arrival:** Plan to arrive in South Korea at least one week before the semester begins to attend the mandatory orientation.
- **Orientation Overview:** During orientation, you will receive a welcome kit along with essential academic and practical information, including instructions on how to apply for your Alien Registration Card (ARC) through the Korean Immigration Office.

KNU Buddy Program

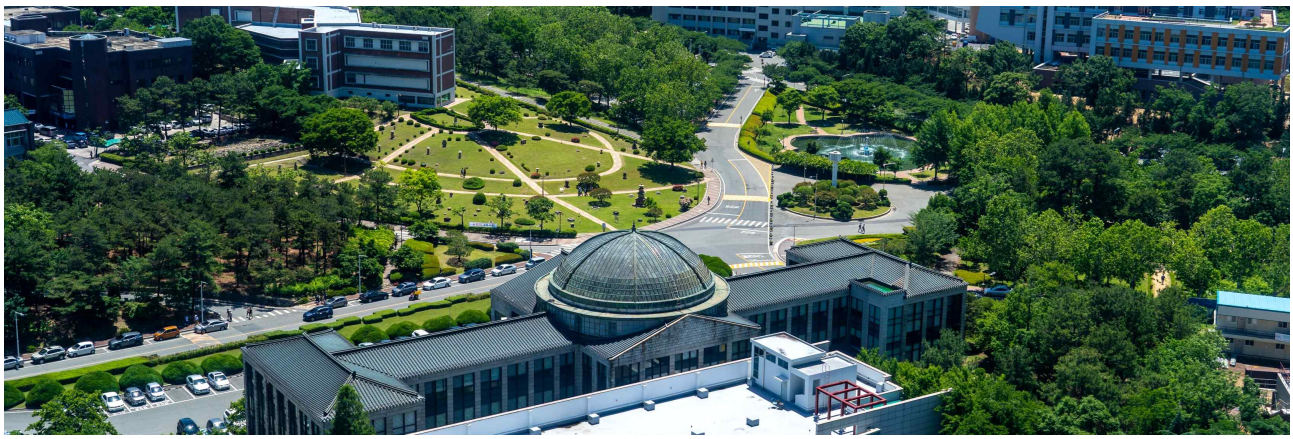
- **Pairing Ratio:** Typically, two exchange students are paired with one Korean KNU student buddy.
- **Purpose:** Your buddy will help you adjust to life in South Korea, bridge communication gaps, and foster cultural exchange.

National Health Insurance Service (NHIS)

- **Mandatory Enrollment:** All international students residing in South Korea are automatically enrolled in the National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) during their stay.
- **Estimated Cost:** Approximately KRW 76,390 (~USD $60) per month.
- **Coverage & Benefits:** Enrolled students receive the same comprehensive medical benefits as Korean citizens, including general medical care, dental treatments, traditional Korean medicine, routine health check-ups, and maternity/childbirth coverage.

On-Campus Dormitories

- **Accommodation Type:** You can apply to live in a shared room within one of KNU's on-campus dormitories.
- **Estimated Cost:** Approximately USD $500 to $1,000 per semester, depending on whether you select an optional meal plan.
- **Application Process:** Housing requires a separate online application that must be submitted before the semester begins.



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 (Fall) Oct. 15 (Spring)
All Students	**Online Application at Kyungpook National University** http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange_app2.htm	Apr 30 (Fall) Oct. 30 (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 *must* be received before departure.	Late July (Fall) Late Jan. (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 (Fall) Mid Jan. (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. (Fall) Early Feb. (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. (Fall) Mid Feb. (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. (Fall) Late Feb. (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. (Fall) Late March (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. (Fall) Late Feb. (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 (Fall) Late Jan. (Spring)
All Students	**Orientation** Orientation is usually held a day or two before the semester starts or on the first day of the semester. 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 (Fall) March 2 (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. (Fall) Late June (Spring)
All Students	**Receive your Official Transcript from Kyungpook National University** Students can find their official transcripts at: https://knu.certpia.com/?lang=en. The KNU does not send the official transcripts to students or universities.	Late July (Fall) Late Jan. (Spring)





