



## KNU FACT SHEET 2026-2027

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<b>Academic Calendar</b>	<b>Fall Semester:</b> September 1 to December 31, <b>Spring Semester:</b> March 2 to June 30 (expected)				
<b>Nomination &amp; Application Deadlines</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Acceptance</b>	
	Spring	October 15	November 15	Late December	
	Fall	April 15	May 15	Late June	
<b>Language Requirements</b>	No language proficiency test result is required, but KNU respects its partners' nomination criteria.				
<b>Credits</b>	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.			
<b>Application Documents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Online application:</b> <a href="http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange_app2.htm">http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange_app2.htm</a></li> <li>2) <b>Letter of nomination</b> from the applicant's home university (free format)</li> <li>3) <b>Official certificate of enrollment</b> from the applicant's home university (an apostille or notarized certificate from the Embassy of South Korea is mandatory for non-OECD countries)</li> <li>4) <b>Official transcript</b> from the applicants' home universities</li> <li>5) <b>Copy of a passport</b> (face/data page, valid for at least 6 months beyond the day of departure)</li> <li>6) <b>Color ID photo</b> (not ID card but a face photo image file)</li> <li>7) <b>Bank statement</b> with an amount of at least <b>KRW 8,000,000</b> (for one semester)</li> </ol> <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>				
<b>Course List &amp; Course Registration</b>	<b>Course List:</b> <a href="http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange01.htm#con08">http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange01.htm#con08</a> Students must register for courses online during the course registration period before the semester starts, and the procedure is explained by email. <b>Course lists</b> are updated in the <b>middle of July</b> for the <b>fall semester</b> , and in the <b>middle of January</b> for the <b>spring semester</b> .				

Scholarships	KNU has several scholarship programs for international students, such as the Global Korea Scholarship (GKS), ASEM-DUO, dormitory scholarships (by special agreements or students from unbalanced institutes). Each applicable program is described in the acceptance letter.
Visa & Alien Registration in Korea	Students must get a <b>Student Visa (D-2) before traveling</b> to Korea. Once accepted from KNU with the certificate of admission, students must apply for the student visa within <b>one month after receiving the certificate of admission</b> . Please confirm the visa requirements with the local Korean embassy or consulate. Applying for the <b>Alien Registration Card (ARC)</b> 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 before the start of the semester is recommended to attend the compulsory orientation, where students receive welcome kits, essential university-related information, and practical guidance, including how to apply for the ARC at the Korean Immigration Office.
Buddy Program	On average, two exchange students are paired with one Korean KNU student buddy to help them settle into life in Korea, as well as to support 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 80,000 (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	<b>Nomination by Home University</b> 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	<b>Online Application at Kyungpook National University</b> <a href="http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange_app2.htm">http://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange_app2.htm</a>	May 15 (for Fall) Nov. 15 (for Spring)
All Students	<b>Student Visa (D-2) Issuance</b> 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. (Visa Type: D-2-6 for exchange students, D-2-8 for visiting students, D-2-2 for undergraduate double degree students, D-2-3 for master's double degree)	Late July (for Fall) Late Jan. (for Spring)
All Students	<b>Apply for On-Campus Dormitory</b> On-campus dormitories are available for approximately USD 500 to 1,000 per semester (4 months). Kyungpook National University guarantees on-campus housing to all incoming exchange students upon request via an online application. Please note that on-campus dormitories only offer shared rooms (i.e., with a roommate).	Mid July (for Fall) Mid Jan. (for Spring)

All Students	<b>Buddy Matching</b> Every incoming student will be paired with a KNU Student Buddy, who will assist with adjusting to academic life at Kyungpook National University and provide useful information about living on campus and in Korea in general.	Early Aug. (for Fall) Early Feb. (for Spring)
All Students	<b>Student Number and Student ID Card</b> 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	<b>Private Medical Insurance for Traveling Overseas Countries (Optional)</b> Students who have a private insurance plan from their home country may submit proof of enrollment to KNU.	Late Aug. (for Fall) Late Feb. (for Spring)
All Students	<b>Korean National Health Insurance Service (NHIS)</b> 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	<b>Tuberculosis Test</b> Tuberculosis test results ( <b>in English</b> ) 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	<b>Course List and Registration</b> Each semester’s course lists are finalized in July and January, and updated on the KNU website ( <a href="https://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange01.htm">https://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/exchange01.htm</a> ). 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	<b>Orientation</b> 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	<b>Starting Coursework</b> Attendance is taken very seriously at KNU. Students are advised to attend all classes regularly to avoid absence-related penalties.	Sept. 1 (for Fall) March 2 (for Spring)
All Students	<b>End of Semester</b> 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	<b>Receive your Official Transcript from Kyungpook National University</b> Students can find their official transcripts at: <a href="https://knu.certpia.com/?lang=en">https://knu.certpia.com/?lang=en</a> . KNU does not send the official transcripts to students or home universities.	Late July (for Fall) Late Jan. (for Spring)

