Guide for GNU Student Exchange Program, Fall 2023

I. General Information

Introduction	Founded in 1948, GNU, a national flagship university representing Gyeongnam Province, has been making utmost efforts to foster creative, courteous and knowledgeable professionals equipped with an aptitude for learning and a pioneering spirit. GNU has been positioning itself as an internationally recognized institution, consisting of 17 colleges and 11 graduate schools with 970 professors, 647 administration staff and some 24,772 students across five campuses – Gajwa, Chilam, and Naedong in Jinju, Tongyeong, and Changwon campus. GNU is considered to be one of the nation's top-tier national institutions and has a reputation for excellence in education and research – particularly in the fields of Life Sciences, Nano- & Advanced Materials engineering, Aerospace & Mechanical Systems. GNU is located only within a one-hour distance drive from major industrial sites which leads our national economy in the 21st century - Gyeongnam Inno-city (Jinju), aviation industry complex (Jinju, Sacheon), machinery and heavy industry complex (Changwon), nano-convergence materials industry complex (Milyang), shipbuilding & ocean plant industry complex (Tongyeong), and petrochemical industrial complex (Yeosu). Located in a historical city known for education, Jinju has one of the best natural and social environments for International students who want to study in Korea.
Facts and Figures	○ **Founded :** October 20, 1948 ○ **Organization :** 5 campuses, 17 colleges, 11 graduate schools, and 106 departments ○ **No. of Student Enrollment :** 28,200(including about 400 international students) ○ **University Personnel :** About 3,140(faculty 2,490, administration staff 650) ○ **University Ranking in 2022** - 26th in Korea and 819th in the World (2022 CWTS Leiden Rankings) - 26th in Korea and 814th in the World (2022 Center for World University Rankings) ○ **Specialized Fields :** Life Sciences, Nano- & Advanced Materials Engineering, Aerospace & Mechanical Systems ○ **Others** - One of the 10 Korean national flagship universities representing Gyeongnam Province in Korea - 4 GNU scholars were recognized as among the top 1% most influential researchers in the world by Thomson Reuters – the largest number in the nation from a Korean university (2016)
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Homepage	- GNU website : https://www.gnu.ac.kr/main/main.do - International Office : https://www.gnu.ac.kr/international/main.do
Campus	GNU is located in Jinju City, near the southern coast of the Republic of Korea. It takes
Location	about an hour and a half from Busan (Gimhae) International Airport (PUS) by bus and five hours from Incheon International Airport (ICN).
Contact Information	○ **Inbound (from foreign countries to Korea) Student Exchanges** - Ms. Kim Jeong-seon (international program manager) . Responsible for all countries except China . Tel +82-55-772-0273, Fax +82-55-772-0269, E-mail: kk_jjj_@gnu.ac.kr - Ms. Kim Min-ju (international program manager) . Responsible for China . Tel +82-55-772-0275, Fax +82-55-772-0269, E-mail: mjkim8812@gnu.ac.kr

II. Application

Schedule	· Nomination for Fall semester, 2023: **April 14, 2023** · Application for Fall semester, 2023: **April 28, 2023**
Nomination Procedure	If there are any candidates from your university, please send an email with the following information to the international program manager. · Candidate's name in English(same as on passport) · Undergraduate or Graduate · Proposed department at GNU · Proposed exchange period at GNU
Application Procedure	The application will be consulted and processed between designated staff members at the home and host institutions. Graduate students will officially be admitted only after being reviewed and approved by their respective department or laboratory at GNU.
Application Requirements	1) Form A: Application Form (Form Provided) 2) Form B: Dormitory Application Form (Form Provided) 3) Form C: Medical History Form (Form Provided) 4) Form D: Financial Information and Certification of Support (Form Provided) 5) Form E: Permission for the Use of Personal Information (Form Provided) 6) Form F: Study Plan *(In English or Korean)* 7) Form G: Self-Description (Introduction) *(In English or Korean)* 8) Form H: Letter of Recommendation from Head of the Dept. or Dean of the International Office *(In English or Korean)* 9) Official Academic Transcript (issued by the home institution) *(In English or Korean)* ※ Graduate students must also submit the official transcript of their undergraduate academic records. 10) Official Certificate of Enrollment (issued by the home institution) *(In English or Korean)* 11) Copy of Passport 12) 3.5*4.5 centimeter size, 2 photos (Please attach one photo on the application form and submit one more photo to the GNU International Office upon student's arrival.) **All required documents mentioned above should be submitted to international program manager via email as a PDF file by the application deadline.** **-Universities in all countries except China: kk_jjj_@gnu.ac.kr** **-Universities in China: mjkim8812@gnu.ac.kr**

		All application documents and materials should be submitted and managed through the international office of their home university. As we send application forms to your home university's international office, please contact the person in charge at your university to get the necessary forms.
Language Requirements		At GNU, most courses are taught in Korean(around 90%), and some taught in English(around 10%). If you are fluent in Korean, you may take any courses that you want. However, **if you are not fluent in Korean, please bear in mind that your course registration can be limited**. You may not find any relevant courses with your majors and even your course application can be rejected by course lecturers. So, we strongly advise you to take good care of your credits for your graduation at your home university before coming to GNU.
Notification of Acceptance		Notification of Acceptance is sent to the coordinator of each university via email at the **end of May**.

III. Department (Major) and Course Selection and Registration

Department (Major) Selection	We advise you to apply for the same or similar major or department at GNU as with your home university. All the colleges, departments(majors), and course information can be found at https://www.gnu.ac.kr/eng/cm/cntnts/cntntsView.do?mi=8527&cntntsId=4497 After choosing a department or a major, please state the selected department(major) in the application form.

<p align="center">Available Colleges and Departments of GNU [Gajwa Campus]</p>

Colleges	Departments
Humanities	Language and Literature (Korean, German, Russian, French, English, Chinese), History, Philosophy, Korean Classics in Chinese, Ethnic Dance
Social Science	Economics, Social Welfare, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Public Admin.
Natural Science	Physics, Life Science, Mathematics, Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Information Statistics, Geology, Computer Science(Computer Science major), Chemistry
Business	Management Information System, Business Administration, Intl' Trade, Accounting
Engineering	Mechanical, Aerospace and Information Eng. (Mechanical Eng., Aerospace and Software Eng.), Nano- New Materials Eng., Industrial Systems Eng., Architectural Civil Eng., Architecture, Semiconductor Eng., Chemical Eng., Electrical Eng., Electronics Eng., Control and Instrumentation Eng.
Agriculture and Life Sciences	Food and Resources Economics, Forest Environmental Resources, Environmental Materials Science, Agricultural Plant Science, Animal life science, Agrochemical Food Eng., Agrosystems Eng. (Biotechnology Industry Mechanical Eng., Area-based Environmental Eng.)
Law	Law

<p align="center">Available Colleges and Departments [Chilam Campus]</p>

Colleges	Departments
Life Sciences	Anti-aging Advanced Materials Science, Pharmaceutical Engineering, Computer Science(Computer Software major)
Construction& environmental Engineering	Interior Materials Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Textile Design, Environmental Engineering
Integrated Technology Engineering	Mechanical Material Convergence Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Convergence Electronic Engineering, Energy Engineering
Humanities and Social Science	Social Welfare, Children and Family Studies, English
Business	Smart Logistics and Commerce

Course Selection	Course Registration for 2023 Fall is **from 7th to 10th of August.** Or students may choose courses during additional course registration period in early September. While we recommend exchange students to take courses among their own departments' curriculum, **they are also allowed to take any other preferred courses in other departments.** At GNU, 1 credit consists of 50 minutes coursework per week for 15 weeks during the semester. To see the course lists taught in foreign language for fall semester, please visit https://www.gnu.ac.kr/main/cm/cntnts/cntntsView.do?mi=1149&cntntsId=1145. **The course lists taught in foreign language for Fall semester would be updated in August.** **Apart from the list, there is a basic Korean course for beginners and for intermediates.**

IV. Academic Information

Academic Schedule	○ **Fall Semester 2023** - Period : September 1st ~ Mid December, 2023 ○ **Spring Semester 2024** - Period : March 1st ~ Mid June, 2024
Credit System	1 credit consists of 50 minutes class work for 15 weeks during a semester.

Letter marks	Numeral equivalent	Percentile
A+	4.10~4.50	95-100
A0	3.60~4.00	90-94
B+	3.10~3.50	85-89
B0	2.60~3.00	80-84
C+	2.10~2.50	75-79
C0	1.60~2.00	70-74
D+	1.10~1.50	65-69
D0	1.00~1.08	60-64
F	Below 1.00	below 59

V. Arrival Information

Arrival and Departure Dates	○ **Arrival** - **Fall Semester :** A further notice will be provided. ○ **Departure**

	- Spring Semester : from mid June
	- Fall Semester : from mid December
	Students who finish final exam and satisfy all required coursework may leave any time.
Orientation	Orientation will be held for the incoming international students at the end of Feb. or early Mar. for Spring semester and end of Aug. or early Sept. in the fall semester. Dates and detailed information regarding orientation will be provided later along with other information by email.

VI. Living Expenses

Expenses (per semester)

Contents	Approximate Amount (US$)
Application and Tuition Fees	Exempt
Accommodation	US $400 ~ US $600 (variable depending on room types)
Meal Plan	US $300 ~ US $650 (variable depending on meal options)
Health Insurance	US $160
Textbooks & Supplies	US $100 ~ US $150
Personal Expenses	US $300 ~ US $500
Total	**US 1,260~2,060**

Dormitory & Meal Plans

Dormitory assignment for each student will be decided by GNU depending on the state of acceptance of exchange students each semester. For this reason, **please bear in mind that you may not be assigned as you wish** even though your dormitory preferences on application.

Dormitory Fee per semester [Gajwa Campus]

Currency: KRW

Classification	Building No.	Room type Capacity	Room type Gender	Rate
Old	5	2	Female	555,750
	6	2	Male	569,790
	7	2	Female	
	Gaecheok	2	Male	
1BTL	8	2	Male	582,660
	9	2	Female	582,660
2BTL	10	2	Male	643,500
	11	2	Female	643,500
3BTL	1	2	Male	685,620
	2	2	Male	685,620
	3	2	Male	685,620
	4	2	Female	685,620

* The fees are subject to change

Meal Plan [Gajwa Campus]

Classification	300 Meals	230 Meals	190 Meals	150 Meals	120 Meals	Single Meal Ticket
Average Daily	2.63	2.02	1.67	1.32	1.05	
Unit Cost	2,200	2,300	2,700	3,000	3,400	3,600
Total	660,000	529,000	513,000	450,000	408,000	

Dormitory Fee per semester [Chilam Campus]

Currency: KRW

Classification		Room type Capacity	Room type Gender	Rate Maintenance fees	Rate Utility rates
#1 (JakkakHall)		2	Male	671,770	Included
#2 (Tam guHall)		2	Female	780,670	Included
#3 (SilcheonHall)	Mulgusul Building	2	Male	932,070	201,250
	Cheoljjuk building	2	Female	932,070	201,250
#4 (Chang-euiHall)	Mulgusul building	2 * 3Rooms	Male	1,031,720	Included
	Cheoljjuk building	2 * 3Rooms	Female	1,031,720	Included

* The fees are subject to change.

Meal Plan [Chilam Campus]

Classification	3 Meals in a day for a month	Single Meal Ticket	
Unit Cost	2,500	4,500	※ Total cost change depending on the number of days
Total	180,000~ 250,000		

VII. Exchange Student Support Program

GNU Buddy Program	The GNU Buddy program encourages interaction between international and Korean students on a one-to-one basis. This program aims to promote friendship, cultural learning, and interaction through shared experiences.
ISA (International Students Association)	The ISA was established in June 30, 2010, as an autonomous student organization for the promotion of fellowship and cooperation among GNU international students. ISA organizes various special events for international students such as international students' day, sports days etc. - ISA Face book website: https://www.facebook.com/groups/gnu.isa
Cultural Excursions and Special Events	GNU organizes various cultural experience programs and special events for international students throughout the year. All of these excursions and events will be provided free of charge. It is a good opportunity not only to experience Korean culture, but also to have meaningful memories while studying in Korea.

VIII. Other Information

Visa Requirement	GNU will send a Letter of Admission and Certificate of Eligibility for your visa application in early June. Exchange students should go to the Korean Embassy in their home country along with the required documents for their visa.
Health Insurance	**All the foreigners staying Korea must join the National Health Insurance which will cost about $40 a month.**