

Chonnam National University

Information Sheet for Academic Year 2018

For exchange/visiting students

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Important dates

	Spring Semester (March - June)	Fall Semester (September - December)
<i>Nomination Deadline</i>	October 30 th	April 30 th
<i>Application Deadline</i>	November 20 th	May 20 th
	The online application system will be closed right after applicable deadlines. A nomination letter from the student's home institution is required to be submitted via email before applying online.	

Chonnam National University
Office of International Affairs

(University) <http://global.jnu.ac.kr>
(Int'l Affairs) <http://international.jnu.ac.kr>

Nomination and Application

Nomination

The CNU Office of International Affairs sends an email with a nomination form each semester to all of our partner universities, before nominations are due.

The home institutions will select students with appropriate qualities, and send CNU an email with the following information filled out on the designated form.

- ✓ First and Last name, Gender, Major/Intended Area of Study, Birthdate (MM/DD/YY), Email address, CGPA, and intended Term of Study

Application

CNU Office of International Affairs will email all nominated student(s) the URL for starting their online incoming exchange student application.

- ✓ **Online-Application form** (Please click the link below.)
http://international.jnu.ac.kr/user/indexSub.action?codyMenuSeq=14497&siteId=international_eng&menuUIType=sub

Nominated students scan and upload the following documents on their online application:

- ① **SCANNED COPY OF OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** Digital copy of OFFICIAL transcripts from your home institution
- ② **A PHOTO** A head shot on a white background. Both ears must be revealed.
- ③ **COLOR COPY OF PASSPORT** (include identification and signature pages)

Acceptance

CNU Office of International Affairs will email the home institution and mail official acceptance packets containing an Acceptance letter, Certificate of Admission, and the documents necessary to apply for a student visa (D-2).

- ✓ Accepted students are advised to wait to make travel plans and embassy/consulate visits until they have received their official acceptance packet.

Visa requirements

The regulations for obtaining a visa are subject to change. Successful applicants will receive a "Certificate of Admission" from CNU. Students are required to apply for a Student Visa (D-2) at a Korean embassy/consulate located in their home countries. After arriving in Korea, all exchange students are required to visit the Gwangju Immigration Office to apply for an Alien Registration Card. The card will be used as an ID (residence permit) during their stay here in Korea. It takes 3 weeks on average to have it issued.

Health insurance

All international students at CNU are required to be covered by health insurance during their entire course of study. CNU has partnered with a local insurance company to provide an insurance plan for our international students. All international students must either register or provide proof of insurance coverage that meets the following requirements:

- ✓ Medical benefits of at least \$100,000 per accident or illness
- ✓ Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$20,000

The insurance plan costs approximately \$150 per semester. If you are already covered by insurance in your home country, please submit a copy of the proof of health insurance document (in English) at least 4 weeks before the first day of school via email.

- ✓ **Deadline: January 31st for Spring semester / July 31st for Fall semester**

City of Gwangju and Chonnam National University

Gwangju

The City of Light: With a population of 1.5 million, Gwangju Metropolitan City is the fifth largest city in South Korea. Gwangju has consistently played an important role in the history of Korea's democracy and human rights movements. In particular, the May 18 Democratic Movement, in resistance against military rule, had set an example for many Asian countries aspiring for freedom and justice. The Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Summit and the Women's Forum in 2006 and 2007 respectively offered opportunities to raise awareness about the spirit of Gwangju, democracy, human rights, and peace around the world. Gwangju is also a city rich in culture and art, and always has ongoing exhibitions and performances making the city vibrant and colorful.



Gwangju is designated as an "International Safe Community" by World Health Organization (WHO)



Chonnam National University

Founded in 1952, CNU has remained committed to fostering global leaders and professionals. It is one of Korea's most innovative universities with a reputation for its research, teaching and taking an important role in local communities. Located in the Chonnam province, southwestern part of Korea, CNU has 16 colleges and 11 graduate schools. With 2,200 academic staff members, it provides comprehensive services to 35,000 students including 1,200 international students from 75 different countries in its strive to build a "World Class" University, meeting the "Global Standard."

·Accredited by AACSB: College of Business Administration (2012-Present)

AACSB: Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

· Accredited by ABEEK: College of Engineering (2013-Present)

ABEEK: Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea

· Received IEQAS Accreditation from Ministry of Education in Korea (2012-Present)

IEQAS: International Education Quality Assurance System



University Museum



Aerial Shot of the campus

Areas of Study

Undergraduate Programs

Agriculture and Life Sciences

- Plant Biotechnology
- Forest Resources
- Applied Bioscience and Biotechnology
- Animal Science
- Landscape Architecture
- Agricultural Economics
- Rural and Bio-systems Engineering
- Bioenergy Science and Technology

Arts

- Fine Arts
- Music
- Korean Traditional Music

Business Administration

- Business Administration
- Economics

Education

- Education
- Early Childhood Education
- History Education
- Geography Education
- Ethics Education
- Korean Education
- English Education
- Mathematics Education
- Physics Education
- Chemistry Education
- Biology Education
- Earth Science Education
- Home Economics Education
- Music Education
- Physical Education

Engineering

- Architecture
- Mechanical Systems Engineering
- Material Science and Engineering
- Electronics and Computer Engineering
- Applied Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Energy and Resources Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Polymer and Fiber System Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Electrical Engineering

Human Ecology

- Family Environment and Welfare
- Division of Food and Nutrition
- Clothing and Textile

Humanities

- Korean Language and Literature
- English language and Literature
- German language and Literature
- French language and Literature
- Chinese language and Literature
- Japanese language and Literature
- History
- Philosophy

Natural Sciences

- Biological Sciences and Technology
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Earth System and Environmental Sciences

Nursing

- Nursing

Pharmacy

- Pharmacy

Social Sciences

- Political Science and International Relations
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Library and Information Science
- Communication
- Geography
- Anthropology
- Public Administration

Veterinary Medicine

- Pre-veterinary Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine

Medicine

- Pre-medicine
- Medicine

Interdisciplinary Studies

- Self-designed Interdisciplinary Studies

Graduate Programs

Art

- Fine Arts
- Music
- Traditional Korean Music

Engineering

- Advanced Chemicals & Engineering
- Architectural Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronics & Computer Engineering
- Energy & Resources Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Polymer Engineering

Humanities & Social Sciences

- Accounting
- Agricultural Economics
- Anthropology
- Business Administration
- Chinese Lang & Literature
- Communication
- Economics
- Education
- English Lang & Literature
- English Lang Education
- French Lang & Literature
- Geography
- German Lang & Literature
- History
- International Trade
- Japanese Lang & Literature
- Korean Lang & Literature
- Korean Lang Education
- Law
- Library & Info Science
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Regional Development
- Social Studies Education
- Sociology

Interdisciplinary Programs

- Archival Studies
- Bioenergy and Biomaterial
- Biomedical Engineering
- Brain Science
- Cultural Properties
- Electric Commerce
- Global Diaspora Studies
- Molecular Medical Science
- Nano-Science & Technology
- NGO Studies
- Teaching Korean as a Foreign Language

Medical Science

- Dental Science
- Medical Science
- Veterinary Medicine

Natural Sciences

- Agriculture Chemistry
- Animal Science & Bioindustry
- Animal Science & Biotech
- Applied Biology
- Applied Plant Science
- Bioenergy Science & Tech
- Biological Science & Biotech
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Clothing and Textiles
- Earth Systems & Environmental Science
- Family Environment & Welfare
- Food and Nutrition
- Food Science & Technology
- Forest Products Tech
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Landscape Architecture
- Mathematics/Statistics
- Oceanography
- Pharmacy
- Physics
- Rural & Bio-systems Engineering
- Wood Science & Landscape Architecture

Restricted Departments

International exchange students may enroll for courses in almost any academic discipline at CNU. Please note, however, course placement in certain programs including; **College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Veterinary Medicine, and Department of English Education** is not possible.

Academic Information

Academic Calendar

	Spring semester 2018	Fall semester 2018
Airport Pick-up	March 1	TBD
<i>First day of semester</i>	March 5	September 3
<i>Course Add/Drop Period</i>	March 5-9	September 3-7
<i>Mid-term Examination</i>	April 16-20	October 15-19
<i>Last day of semester</i>	June 15	December 14
<i>Final Examination</i>	June 18-22	December 17-21
<i>Dormitory move-out</i>	June 22	December 21

***These dates are tentative and subject to change.**

Course Registration

CNU Office of International Affairs will send the list of courses offered in English and course registration form to the applicants directly via email on the following dates:

- ✓ Spring semester: Third week of January
- ✓ Fall semester: Third week of July

Academic Notes

Students need to fill out the form and send it to the CNU coordinator before the due date via email. The CNU coordinator will register the courses on behalf of the students but their choices cannot be guaranteed. Every first week of the semester, there is a "course add and drop" period, so student can add, or drop courses after their arrival at CNU. Course registration will be finalized after this period.

Students' home institutions have set the policy regarding the awarded credits for coursework completed at CNU. Students are responsible for knowing their home institutions' policies and procedures regarding this matter.

Important Academic information: CNU subscribes to the system of Korean CREDIT. CNU requires exchange students to take at least 6 Korean credits (about 9 ECTS) per semester. A single course at CNU usually grants 3 credits. (Workloads /Course = 3 hours a week, total of 45 hours per semester)

• **Minimum** credits to maintain CNU student status: 6 credits per semester

• **Maximum** credits for exchange students are allowed to take: 18 credits per semester

- ✓ **Language of instruction:** Korean/English
- ✓ **Grading system:**

Grade	Score	GPA	
A+	95 ~ 100	4.5	"excellent"
A	90 ~ 94	4	"very good"
B+	85 ~ 89	3.5	"good"
B	80 ~ 84	3	"highly satisfactory"
C+	75 ~ 79	2.5	"satisfactory"
C	70 ~ 74	2	"fare" / "sufficient" (minimum passing grade)
D+	65 ~ 69	1.5	"insufficient"
D	60 ~ 64	1	
F	0 ~ 59	0	

Transcript

CNU Office of International Affairs will order one official copy of the incoming exchange student's Chonnam National University transcript to be sent directly to the home institution, upon completion of the student's studies.

Additional transcripts can be ordered upon by request via email for a fee.

CNU Student Card

All new students will be issued a CNU student card. This card serves as a student ID, library card, and allows access to a variety of on-campus service. It is also can be used as a public transit card in Gwangju.

Scholarship "Global Korea Scholarship"

Global Korean Scholarship (GKS) is available for incoming exchange students.

- ✓ Eligibility: CNU exchange student with at least CGPA 85 out of 100
- ✓ Number of Students: 7-8 students every semester
- ✓ Benefits:
 - Round-trip Flight Ticket
 - Settlement Support allowance: 200,000KRW
 - Monthly allowance: 500,000KRW per month
 - Health Insurance
- ✓ Criteria:
 - CGPA
 - [Extra credits] Korean language proficiency(TOPIK)
 - [Extra credits] Official foreign language proficiency score
e.g. DELE, DELF, ZD, TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, etc. (University test is not applicable)
- ✓ Application Procedure
 1. CNU Office of International Affairs will select up to 10 students among the incoming exchange program applicants by their CGPA descending order
 2. CNU Office of International Affairs will select 5-6 students based on the CGPA, TOPIK score, official foreign language score, and study plan among the 10 students.
 3. CNU will send the list of selected students to the Ministry of Education and the accepted students will be informed via email.



Programs for Incoming Exchange Students

Free Korean Language Courses

Evening Korean language courses are offered by the CNU Language Education Center during the academic year *free of charge*.

- ✓ Length of program: **10 weeks**
- ✓ Class: Every Tuesdays and Thursdays 7PM-9PM (subject to change)
- ✓ Level of instruction offered: **all levels**

Buddy Program

Adjusting to a new cultural environment can be exciting but challenging at the same time. New international students at Chonnam National University often have a lot of questions and concerns during their first weeks on campus. The International Buddy Program was created to ease this transition, by pairing up new incoming exchange students with current CNU students to help them.



Internship

Incoming exchange students have a credit-earning internship opportunity while studying at CNU. Students are required to take one course (3 credits) at CNU to maintain their student visa.

- ✓ Credits: 12 credits for a 4 month internship
- ✓ Eligibility: CNU exchange student with a high level of written and oral skills either in English or Korean
- ✓ Benefits: monthly stipend of 250,000KRW
- ✓ Application procedure:
 1. After receiving the official CNU exchange acceptance letter, send an email to Ms. Shinye Kang at shannon@jnu.ac.kr with your name, nationality, home institution, and preferred employer
 2. Fill out the application form
 3. Skype interview with potential employer
 4. Final selection will be made by CNU and the employer by June 30th for the Fall semester and December 30th for the Spring semester.

Accepted students are required to arrive in Korea a month earlier than the first day of school for participating in an internship orientation and a mandatory Korean language & culture course. This one-month orientation is a non-credit program.

[Internship Places]

- Gwangju International Center <http://eng.gic.or.kr/>
- Gwangju Design Center <http://www.gdc.or.kr/eng>
- Gwangju Convention and Visitors Bureau <http://www.gwangjuvcb.or.kr/main/eindex.html>
- Gwangju Techno Park <http://www.gitp.or.kr/eng/>

Cultural Tours

Every semester a one-day tour will be arranged by the Office of International Affairs for incoming exchange students. This tour will allow exchange students to indulge in Korean cuisine, interact with the locals, and experience different aspects of Korean culture.

- ✓ Destinations: Suburban areas of Gwangju
(e.g. Suncheon, Jeonju, Wando)



Life at CNU

Housing/ Meal plan

Dormitory Building 9 (BTL)

Term	Short-Term	Period: One semester, 4 months Cost: 600,000KRW
	Long-term	Period: One Semester + Summer/Winter break, 6 months Cost: 850,000KRW
Room type	6 people Suite	- Twin Beds in a single room / Shared-bathroom - Wired Internet access available * IP will be given to each room. Students need to purchase a LAN cable to get access to the Internet.
	2 people suite	- Air conditioner, Refrigerator, Desk, and Chair - 6-people-suite is an apartment style dorm with 3 rooms, and two people share one room.
Meal plan		Option Cost
		7 Days a week ① 3meals/day 750,000won ② 2meals/day 600,000won ③ 1meal/day 350,000won 5 Days a week ④ 3meals/day 600,000won ⑤ 2meals/day 450,000won ⑥ 1meal/day 250,000won
Amenities	Laundry facilities, Vending machines, Study Room, Student Lounge(Microwave), Fitness center, Cafeteria, Convenience stores, Restaurants, Stationery Shop, etc.	

* Exchange/Visiting students need to pay the accommodation fee in cash within 7 days after moving in to the CNU dormitory.

* The fees mentioned above are subject to change.



Dormitory Building 9 (BTL)

Costs

Estimated personal expenses *per month in US dollars*

Food	2-10 USD at local restaurants around campus
Alien Registration Card	Issuance of Alien card: 30,000 KRW
Health insurance	150 USD per semester
Local Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus fare: 1 USD • Taxi fare: 3 – 15 USD in Gwangju e.g. Gwangju Bus Terminal to CNU: 5 USD Gwangju Airport/Train station to CNU: 13 USD
Academic (books, etc.)	200-300 USD per semester
Personal (entertainment, etc.)	150 - 300 USD
USD/KRW exchange rate	Varies from 1,050 - 1,150 KRW for 1USD.

*See current exchange rate here: <http://fx-rate.net/KRW/>

Pick-up Services

After landing and arriving at Exit D, CNU pick-up team will guide new incoming exchange students to limousine buses to take to Gwangju. When students arrive at CNU, CNU buddies will help international students move in to the CNU dormitories.

- ✓ Airport: Incheon-Seoul International Airport (ICN)
- ✓ Pick-up date: Designated date (Students will be informed via email.)
- ✓ Cost: 50,000 KRW or 50 USD including direct transportation to CNU
- ✓ Payment: Pay in Cash upon arrival at the airport
- ✓ Duration: 4 hours (ICN – CNU)



Please look for the **Exit D** to meet.

More Info

For further information concerning Gwangju and South Korea, please look at some of the following links below:

- **South Korea Tourism** <http://www.visitkorea.or.kr/intro.html>
- **Talk to me in Korean** <http://www.talktomeinkorean.com/>
- **Gwangju website** <http://eng.gwangju.go.kr/index.do?S=S02>
- **Gwangju International Center (GIC)** <http://eng.gic.or.kr/>
- **Trains (Express Rail)** <http://www.korail.com/>
- **Buses** <http://www.kobus.co.kr/web/eng/index.jsp>
<http://www.hticket.co.kr>
- **South Korea Weather Forecast** <http://web.kma.go.kr/eng/index.jsp>
- **South Korea at Wikipedia** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Korea
- **Gwangju at Wikipedia** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwangju>
- **Embassies/Consulates of South Korea** <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/south-korea>