Guide for GNU Student Exchange Program, Fall 2019

I. General Information	
Introduction	Founded in 1948, GNU, a national flagship university representing South Gyeongsang 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 14 colleges and 10 graduate schools with 811 professors, 501 administration staffs and some 23,252 students across four campuses – Gajwa and Chiram 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 :** 4 campuses, 14 colleges, 10 graduate schools, 80 departments & majors ○ **No. of Student Enrollment :** 23,252 (including 724 international students) ○ **University Personnel :** 1,312 (faculty (811), administration staff (501)) ○ **University Ranking in 2016** - 14th in Korea and 710th in the World (2016 CWTS Leiden Rankings) - 17th in Korea and 537th in the World (2016 Center for World University Rankings) - 20th in Korea, Asia's most innovative Univ. (2016 Reuters and Thomson Reuters) ○ **Specialized Fields :** Life Sciences, Nano- & Advanced Materials Engineering, Aerospace & Mechanical Systems ○ **Others** - One of the 9 Korean national flagship universities representing South Gyeongsang 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) - Renowned for internationalized campus accredited by IEQAS (International Education Quality Assurance System) since February 2013
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Homepage	- http://www.gnu.ac.kr/ - http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/main/ - http://publiceng.gnu.ac.kr/main/
Campus Location	GNU is located in Jinju City, near the southern coast of the Republic of Korea. It takes about an hour and a half from Busan (Gimhae) International Airport (PUS) by bus and five hours from Incheon International Airport (ICN). For more details regarding our location and how to get to our campus, please refer to the website below. **[location of Jinju]**: **[Related Web page]** ·Campus location: http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_08.jsp ·Campus map: http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/01_09_01.jsp ·Way to GNU: http://publiceng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/03_03_03_03.jsp
Contact Information	○ **Inbound (from foreign countries to Korea) Student Exchanges** - Mr. Bin Yong-uk (international program manager) . Responsible for all countries except China and Taiwan . Tel +82-55-772-0274, Fax +82-55-772-0269, E-mail: belle@gnu.ac.kr
II. Application	
Application Deadline	· **Admission for 2nd semester (Fall), 2019: May 24, 2019** · Admission for 1st semester (Spring), 2020: November 22, 2019 * Application deadline is subject to change.
Application Procedure	The application will be consulted and processed between designated staff members at the home and host institutions. Undergraduate and 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*4 size, 2 photos (Please attach one photo on 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 belle@gnu.ac.kr via email as a PDF file by the application deadline, May 24, 2019 (No EMS shipping required).** 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 very 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.

III. Department (Major) and Course Selection and Registration

Department (Major) Selection

We strongly 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 http://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/02_03.jsp.

After choosing a department or a major, please state the selected department (major) in the application form.

[Colleges and Departments of GNU]

Colleges	Departments
Humanities	Language and Literature (Korean, German, Russian, French, English, Chinese), History, Philosophy, Korean Classics in Chinese, Ethnic Dance
Social	Economics, Social Welfare, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Public Admin.

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<tr><td>Natural Science</td><td>Physics, Life Science, Mathematics, Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Information Statistics, Geology, Computer Science, Chemistry</td></tr>
<tr><td>Business</td><td>Management Information System, Business Administration, Intl' Trade, Accounting</td></tr>
<tr><td>Engineering</td><td>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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Agriculture and Life Sciences</td><td>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.)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Law</td><td>Law</td></tr>
<tr><td>Marine Science</td><td>Fisheries Management, Marine Food Science and Biotechnology, Coast Guard Systems, Mechanical Systems Eng., Energy of Mechanical Eng., Information and Communication Technology, Naval Architecture and Marine Eng., Marine Civil Eng., Marine Environmental Eng.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Course Selection</td><td>Students may choose courses during course registration period upon arrival.
· <u>Course Registration Period for 2nd semester (Fall), 2019 September 2~6, 2019</u>
· Course Registration Period for 1st semester (Spring), 2020: March 2~6, 2020

Upon your arrival at GNU, you may visit your department office and register for courses by a consultation of your department assistant.
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. Exchange students should take more than 10 credits at minimum and 17 or 18 credits at maximum per semester depending on each department's registration policy. At GNU, 1 credit consists of 1 hour coursework per week for 15 weeks during the semester. If you are taking 15 credits in total, that means you will study 15 hours per week, 225 hours per semester. (1 semester = 15 weeks)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Restricted Departments and Courses</td><td>Since most of the courses at GNU are being taught in Korean, applicants who do not have any basic knowledge in Korean may not be accepted into their chosen departments or courses. If your admission is denied from the preferred department, our office will help you to be accepted into other similar majors and/or related programs.
Some departments in the College of Education may also restrict exchange students' admissions. Graduate students' admissions, especially, will be decided by the selected departments' professors. Thus, graduate students must contact us by email in advance (belle@gnu.ac.kr) to check possibility of your admission before their application.</td></tr>
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IV. Academic Information

Academic Schedule

○ **2nd Semester (Fall Semester), 2019**
- Period : September 2 ~ December 19, 2019
- Final Examination Week (2 weeks): December 9 ~ 19, 2019
- Winter Vacation : December 20, 2019 ~ February 28, 2020

○ **1st Semester (Spring Semester), 2020**
- Period : March 2 ~ June 19, 2020
- Final Examination Week (2 weeks) : June 8 ~ 19, 2020
- Summer Vacation : June 20 ~ August 31, 2020

Credit Awarding System

1 credit consists of 15 hours for 15 weeks during a semester. (If a course is three-credit one, GNU offers a total of 45 teaching hours for 15 weeks.)

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

V. Arrival Information

Arrival and Departure Dates

○ **Arrival**
- **Fall Semester : August 29 ~ August 30, 2019**
- Spring Semester : February 27 ~ February 28, 2020

○ **Departure**
- Fall Semester : from mid December
- Spring Semester : from mid June

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.

Airport Pick-up and How to get to GNU

GNU provides free airport pickup for new-coming students who arrive at Busan (Gimhae) International Airport (PUS). So, once you book your flight, you need to inform your flight no. arrival date and time at belle@gnu.ac.kr. However, if you arrive at Incheon International Airport, you will have to come to GNU on your own.

[How to get to GNU from Incheon International Airport]

The easiest way to get to GNU from Incheon International Airport is to take an airport limousine bus to Jinju. The bus runs 10 times per day starting from 07:30 a.m. to 21:30 p.m at Incheon airport terminal 1 and 2. For timetable and location of bus station, please see below or visit at https://www.airport.kr/ap/ko/tpt/busRouteList.do.

[Bus timetables & intervals]

Interval	10 times per day	**Transit time**	5 hours
Type	Cross-country	**Fare**	34,800 KWR
Timetable	Departure time from Terminal 1 · 07:50 08:30 09:50 10:50 13:30 15:00 17:00 18:40 20:20 21:50 Departure time from Terminal 2 · 07:30 08:10 09:30 10:30 13:10 14:40 16:40 18:20 20:00 21:30		
Location of Bus Terminal	**[Terminal 1. (Station No 11, 1st floor)]** **[Terminal 2. (Station No 4, 1st floor)]** 		

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 $50 ~ US $70
Textbooks & Supplies	US $100 ~ US $150
Personal Expenses	US $300 ~ US $500
Total	**US $1,150 ~ US $1,970**

Dormitory & Meal Plans

GNU's dormitories can accommodate around 5,000 students in 12 different buildings. Staying in the dormitory is also a safer and cheaper option than living in an off-campus accommodation. **It is mandatory for all international students to live in GNU dormitory for their first semester.** In the second semester, students may decide whether they will stay in the dormitory or stay outside of campus. For more information about our dormitories and to see pictures of the rooms, please visit GNU dormitory website at http://dorm.gnu.ac.kr/eng/main/. GNU dormitory opens from March 1 until mid-June for the 1st semester and September 1 until the end of December for the 2nd Semester. The dormitory cafeteria serves meals three times a day and you can choose your own meal plan depending on your needs. Room charges and meal fees for one semester are as follows. You may select your 1st and 2nd choice and mark them on the application form provided and may choose your meal plan upon your arrival. While GNU's dormitory office will consider your choice and will try to allocate you into your preferred rooms, however, please keep in it mind that you may not get your preferred room when there are no vacancies. In that case, GNU's dormitory office will allocate you into other available rooms.

[Dormitory Fees per Semester]

(Currency: KRW)

Classification		Building No.	Bed Type	Room Charges
Old Dormitory Building	Male	Building 1	Triple	488,320
		Building 3	Twin	459,200
		Building 2	Twin	545,440
		Pioneer Building	Twin	545,440
	Female	Building 4	Twin	488,320
		Building 5	Twin	532,000
New Dormitory BTL#1, #2	Male	Building 8	Single	903,840
			Twin	557,760
		Building 10	Single	954,240
			Twin	616,000
	Female	Building 9	Single	903,840
			Twin	557,760
		Building 11	Single	954,240
			Twin	616,000
	Family Room	Building 10	Twin	1,152,480
English Only Zone (APT type)	Male	Building 6	Twin	545,440
	Female	Building 7	Twin	545,440

* The fees are subject to change.

[Meal Plan]

(Currency: KRW)

Classification	300 Meals	230 Meals	190 Meals	150 Meals	120 Meals	Single Meal Ticket
Average Daily	2.8	2.15	1.78	1.4	1.12	3
Unit Cost	2,100	2,100	2,400	2,600	3,000	3,400
Total	630,000	483,000	456,000	390,000	360,000	

- Students can select any one of the five options among the list. However, please note that meal plan options cannot be changed or refunded after paying dormitory fee.
- Meal plans for spring semester normally covers from dinner on March 1st to breakfast on June 16th and fall semester covers from August 30th's dinner to December 16th's breakfast.
- If you don't use all meals before final date, there is no refund for the remaining meals.
- After deciding your meal plan, you need to pay your dormitory fees and meal fees together. [Ex. 545,440 won(Maintenance Fee, #6)+ 360,000 won [120 meals] =905,440won]

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 community, friendship, continuing cultural and academic learning, and interaction through shared experiences. - GNU Buddy website: http://www.facebook.com/groups/GNUBUDDY/
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, field trips, etc. - ISA Face book website: http://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 good an 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. Exchange student should go to the Korean Embassy or Consulate in your home country along with the required documents to register for their visa.
Health Insurance	The Korean Ministry of Education requires all international students to purchase health and medical insurance during their study in Korea. Without insurance, medical treatment can be extraordinarily expensive in some cases, so it is an obligation for all exchange and dual degree students to obtain an adequate health and accident insurance at GNU. We will assist you to buy an insurance upon your arrival and it will cost approximately US$ 70 for one semester and US$ 140 for one academic year.

Campus Map	