

Important information about KNU and life in South Korea

1. How is the evaluation system?

In every class you need to get 60% overall to pass. It also depends on the professor and what he requires. Usually the final grade is a combination of the assignments, mid-terms, final and attendance.

In general, 10% of grade is for attendance, 10%~20% of grade is from assignments, and 80% of grade is from writing exams which is also divided between middle exam and final exam. Usually there is no oral exam. But it depends on the teacher's criteria.

Grading System (Can differ from professor to professor):

A+ 97-100pt	A 94-96pt	A- 90-93pt
B+ 87-89pt	B 84-86pt	B- 80-83pt
C+ 77-79pt	C 74-76pt	C- 70-73pt
D+ 67-69pt	D 64-66pt	D- 60-63pt
F 0-60pt		

2. How do classes work? Do you have laboratory work and lectures? How many hours are for lectures and laboratory work and are both obligatory?

It depends on the class students take. For a class that is worth 5ECTS students have to work around two 1.5h long lectures a week.

The lecture courses and practical courses(lab courses) are separate courses, therefore students also have to register for them separately.

Lectures are twice a week and it takes 75mins in each time. For practical courses, there is 3~4hours per week at a time and there is usually a term project.

KNU course registration is available for three days in early February (for Spring Semester) and early August (for Fall Semester). International students must register for courses on their own. During the Add & Drop period in early March (for Spring semester) and early September (for Fall semester), students will only be able to add or drop registered courses. Courses must have compatible schedules. KNU cannot guarantee enrolment in any course. Enrolment is often subject to change due to class size limitations.

KNU Class Attendance Policy: Classroom participation is mandatory. Student who miss more than 25% of the sessions, they will get "F" for the course.

3. How much would be the living costs for a student in South Korea?

The standard of living is relatively similar to Slovenia. Eating out is somewhat cheaper but buying food and other utilities are somewhat more expensive.

Except for accommodation, students will need at least 300,000KRW (230€) to 600.000KRW (450€).

Bottle of water	1000KRW	0.76€
Movie Ticket	10000KRW	7.46€
Bus/ Subway Ticket	1250KRW	0.94€

4. How are the Student dorms at KNU? What is the cost for student dorm? How many people are in the rooms? How many people share a kitchen?

At KNU there are 3 big dormitories in the main campus. Boys and girls live in separate floors or buildings.

KNU also gives out scholarships every year to some of their exchange students, so they are exempt of paying accommodation. Usually, the dormitory costs 555,000KRW/semester which is about 420€.

There's two people per room and each room has its own bathroom. There is no shared kitchen. However, the dormitory has a cafeteria, a convenience store and a coffee shop, as well as other amenities like fitness, computer room, laundry room, amongst others.

5. How does the public transportation system work? Do you need to get a transportation card or do you walk?

In the city, there are 3 subway lines and many buses and taxis. Allocation interval of most of them is 10~15 mins. The cost of city transportation is around 0.94€ and transfer is possible in 60mins. For the transportation of intercity, there are intercity bus and 4 kinds of trains. The cost of train depends on the speed of the train for the same section.

Students can get a transportation card or a one way ticket. The city is big so it is far to walk to the city center.

Nevertheless, all the facilities and utilities needed in daily life (restaurants, global ATMs, bookstores, convenience stores...) are at the campus or at least or very near it.

6. How can a student get a mobile number?

Exchange students that are staying in Korea have to get an Alien Registration Card (ARC) which can then be used to open a Korean bank account or to get a Korean phone number.

Students can also buy SIM card from several telecoms which are KT, SKT, LGT. Prepaid SIM card would be a good option. One prepaid option is Chingu Mobile (No need for ARC for Chingu, but you need for most other plans that are not prepaid).

7. How are the facilities at the Daegu Campus?

The campus is big and very well kept. All the buildings are clearly marked with numbers in order to easily find them. It has all the facilities needed. There are several ATMs, stores, cafeterias, fitnesses, swimming pool, coffee shops, bookstores, computer rooms, parking, administration office, photo studio, tennis court, amongst others.

In addition, there are 2 main libraries and almost every faculty and every dormitory has their own library, opened 24h everyday.

In Engineering faculty, there is a PC room with sufficient computers for all students studying in our faculty so students don't need to bring their laptop.

8. Where can student eat and what is the price for a meal?

There are many cafeterias around the campus with prices around 3€ for a meal. But there is also the possibility of eating outside the campus, where there are streets full of different types of restaurants. Street food is also an option.

Prices vary from 1€ to 8€. The cost of restaurants near the campus is around 4,000KRW (3€) ~ 12,000KRW (9€). In cafeterias, it would cost around 4,500KRW.

In Korea everything closes up very late, so students can get a meal almost every time of the day.

9. What is the price for a flight ticket to South Korea?

The price of flight can range from 600€ for 2 ways with 2 luggages.

If you are arriving:

- By Plane: If coming from far away, Incheon International Airport would be the best option. On arrival at Daegu Airport, it is recommended to take a regular taxi instead of “모범택시(luxury taxis),” the deluxe cabs are black to Kyungpook National University, which takes 15~20 minutes and costs about 5~7€. Taking a coach from Incheon airport to Daegu (Refer to “By Express Bus”). On arrival in Daegu Airport, it is recommended to take a taxi to Kyungpook National University, which takes 15 minutes and costs about 5€.
- By Train: There are KTX (high-speed) trains that run directly from Incheon International Airport to Dong-Daegu Station, and it takes about 2h30min. The high-speed Seoul-Daegu train runs regularly and takes 1h40min. On arrival in Dong-Daegu Station, it is recommended to take a taxi to Kyungpook National University, which takes 15 minutes and costs about 5€.
- By Express Bus: There are direct coach links from Incheon International Airport to Daegu. Express buses from the airport to Daegu run about 30 times a day and take 4 hours; it will cost approximately 35,000KRW (25€).

10- Visa and Documents required

Visa Requirements: D-2 (Student Visa) – Students should apply to D-2 visa via the Korean Embassy/Consulate in their home countries.

Medical Insurance is mandatory for all international students studying in Korea to have an insurance that covers medical expenses in Korea.

Medical-Exam Certificate (Confirming Absence of Tuberculosis): According to a new legislation by the Korean government, KNU housing office requires all dormitory residents to submit a medical certificate including a doctor's note in English or Korean, confirming the absence of tuberculosis. Therefore, it is mandatory for all students who want to use on-campus housing to submit a medical certificate due to safety reasons. The certificate should be submitted within two (2) months from the time of test results