CHONNAM
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2026 CNU International Summer School

Chonnam National University
Gwangju, Korea

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Chonnam National University

Founded in 1952, Chonnam National University[CNU] has remained committed to fostering global leaders and professionals as one of South Korea's most innovative universities, with a reputation for excellence in research, teaching, and community engagement.

Located in the Metropolitan City of Gwangju, CNU comprises 19 colleges and 13 graduate schools. With 2,900 academic staff members, it provides comprehensive education to 31,000 students, including 2,000 international students from 75 different countries.

Gwangju

Gwangju is a city located in the southwest corner of South Korea, with a population of around 1.4 million.

City of Human Rights

Gwangju has played a significant role in the history of Korea's democracy and human rights movements. In particular, the May 18 Democratic Movement, a popular uprising against the military dictatorship in the early 1980s, set an example for the world.

City of Culture and Art

Gwangju is a city known for its rich culture and art, with exhibitions and performances taking place throughout the year. This makes the city vibrant and colorful, and a great place to experience South Korean culture.

Gwangju is designated as an International Safe Community by World Health Organization[WHO].

June 29 – July 24, 2026

CNU International Summer School CNUISS

The CNU International Summer School offers participants an opportunity to experience an intellectual adventure with renowned CNU and international scholars. Participants can earn up to 6 credits over a 4-week period while immersing themselves in unique cultural excursions, creating lasting memories.

Application Process

international.jnu.ac.kr ▸ Inbound Program ▸ International Summer School

Step 1 — Home University Nomination
Student's home university study abroad coordinator should complete an online nomination on CNUISS website (international.jnu.ac.kr) by March 20, 2026.

Step 2 — Student Application
Nominated students are required to complete an online application by March 27, 2026.

Step 3 — Payment
Once accepted to the program, payment information will be provided to accepted students or their coordinator via email.

Step 4 — Admission
Accepted students will receive a letter of acceptance via email.

Academic Calendar

January 19–March 20 Home University Nomination	June 29 2026 CNUISS Orientation
January 26–March 27 Student Application	June 30 First Day of Class
January 26–April 1 Program Fee Payment	July 24 Final Exams & Commencement
June 27–June 28 Dormitory Check-in	July 25–July 26 Dormitory Check-out

Course List

09:00-11:50

Title	Professor	University
Basic Statistics	Kang, So-Hee	U of Toronto Scarborough, Canada
Food Hygiene Laws and Regulations : HACCP	Kang, Iksoon / Pokharel, Siroj	California Polytechnic State U, USA
Introduction to Business Artificial Intelligence	Skoumpopoulou, Dimitra	Northumbria U, UK
Introduction to Korean History	Im, Chong Myong	Chonnam National U, Korea
Korean Language and Culture through K-Contents	Jung, Imsuk	U for Foreigners of Siena, Italy
Meat Science and Lab.	Chin, Koo Bok	Chonnam National U, Korea
Seminar in Communication	Kim, Eunjin	U of Southern California, USA
Socio-Economic History of Asia	Seol, Paehwan	Chonnam National U, Korea
Graduate Positive Psychology and Counseling	Jang, Eissenstat Sunhee	Rutgers, The State U of New Jersey, USA
Graduate Working in Teams	Yi, Soyeon / Oh, Jinuk	International Space U, France

13:30-16:20

Title	Professor	University
American and British Culture	Jeon, Kyongseon	Columbus State U, USA
Everyday Korean 1 (Beginners)	TBA	Chonnam National U, Korea
Everyday Korean 2 (Intermediate)	TBA	Chonnam National U, Korea
History of America : U.S. Civil Rights Movement	Michel, Gregg L.	U of Texas at San Antonio, USA
Humanities of Love & Violence	Hancock, Landon	Kent State U, USA
Investments	Cha, Heungjoo Christopher	U of Redlands, USA
Machine Learning	Han, Donghoon	U of Texas at San Antonio, USA
Protest Music, Jazz, and Human Rights	Seol, Haeng Soo	Berklee College of Music, USA
Graduate Simulation Design : Mixed Reality and AI	Kim, Inki	U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
Graduate Theories of History : AI, Ecology, and Stream-Art	Dovydaitis, Gytis	Vytautas Magnus U, Lithuania

* Classes are subject to change based on the number of students.
* Students who are juniors and above may enroll in graduate-level courses.

Grading System

A+	4.5	95-100	B	3.0	80-84	D+	1.5	65-69
A	4.0	90-94	C+	2.5	75-79	D	1.0	60-64
B+	3.5	85-89	C	2.0	70-74	F	0.0	below 59

* **Academic Transcript** Upon successful completion of the program, an online transcript will be directly emailed to your home university study abroad coordinator by late August.

Program Schedule

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1st Week							June 27 Dorm Check-in
2nd Week	28 Dorm Check-in	29 2026 CNUISS Orientation	30 First Day of Class	July 1 **Gwangju Cultural Tour & Baseball Game**	2 Class	3 Class	4 **Yeosu Night View Tour**
3rd Week	5	6 Class	7 Class	8 **May 18 & Glamping**	9 Class	10 Class	11 **Free Time**
4th Week	12	13 Class	14 Class	15 **Wando / Haenam Tour**	16 Class	17 Class	18 **Seoul Tour**
5th Week	19 **Seoul Tour**	20 Class	21 Class	22	23 Class	24 Final Exam & Farewell Party	25-26 Dorm Check-out

* The schedule above is subject to change.
* All the classes are held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Exchange Student
Partner University

Application Fee
KRW 150,000
Non-refundable

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Program Fee
KRW 2,150,000

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Scholarship **KRW 800,000**
~~**KRW 2,300,000**~~

Total Fees
Scholarship Applied
KRW 1,500,000

Buddy Program

The CNU Buddy program helps students feel comfortable in their new surroundings. With the support of their CNU Buddies, students can form lifelong friendships, experience South Korean student life, and safely explore the country.

On-campus Housing

Students will stay in a specially designed student residence hall located within a 10-minute walk of the lecture halls. Each room is shared with a roommate(double occupancy) and furnished with separate beds, closets, and desks.

* **Facilities** Reading Room, Computer Room, Washroom & Shower, Lounge, Ping-pong Room, Ironing Room, Fitness RoomVoices.

Visiting Student
Non-partner University

Application Fee
KRW 150,000
Non-refundable

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Program Fee
KRW 2,150,000

II

Total Fees
KRW 2,300,000

Program Fees

Voices of Participants

#University of Brawijaya, Indonesia

An unforgettable journey of learning, culture, and connection! Attending the 2025 CNUISS was one of the best decisions I've ever made. From engaging classes led by inspiring professors to cultural excursions that brought Korea to life, every moment was meaningful. I made friends from all over the world and gained a deeper understanding of both Korean culture and myself. CNU's warm community and beautiful campus made it feel like a second home. I'll carry the memories and lessons from this summer for a lifetime.

#Linnaeus University, Sweden

My time at Chonnam National University was truly unforgettable. I had so much fun throughout the program while learning a great deal, both academically and personally. The experience pushed me to grow, step outside my comfort zone, and embrace new perspectives. I made so many amazing friends and created memories that I'll carry with me for a lifetime. It was the perfect balance of education and personal development, and I'm incredibly thankful to have been part of it. It was truly a life-changing summer.

#Southern Oregon University, USA

Joining the 2025 CNU International Summer Session was truly a life-changing experience. I came in with the hope of learning about Korea and meeting new people, but I left with so much more. Friendships from around the world, deeper cultural understanding, and a sense of confidence that I didn't expect to gain in such a short time. It really pushed me to grow both intellectually and personally. I would wholeheartedly recommend CNUISS to anyone considering a study abroad experience. It's not just about credits or sightseeing. It's about transformation, and I feel lucky to have been part of it.

#The Romanian- American University, Romania

We have a saying : success only applauds, but failure is the true teacher. However, this time, I cannot be the teacher. That is because I have enjoyed every single moment spent here to the fullest-the beautiful places I have visited, the wonderful people I have met-professors, students, collaborators, and even strangers on the street. The interaction with the students during classes offered me unforgettable experiences, filled with inspiring discussions and genuine curiosity, which I will always treasure. The exceptional organization and all these experiences together have created memories that I will cherish forever!♥