

About GIST

Name	Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology
Location	123 Cheomdangwagi-ro, Buk-gu, Jeonnam-Gwangju, 61005, South Korea
The section of International Relations	· Director: Mrs. KyungSook Min (ksmin@gist.ac.kr) · Student Exchange: Ms. Jeongsoon Kim (mobility@gist.ac.kr)
Website	· https://www.gist.ac.kr/en/ · https://ipa.gist.ac.kr
Language	Korean/English

Inbound Exchange Entry Requirements

Requirements	· Minimum 1 year of full-time study at home university · GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 or better (on a 4.5 Point scale) or equivalent GPA · English Language Proficiency level in accordance with GIST requirement when English is not the first language (TOEFL IBT 80 or TOEIC 750 or other equivalent English language proficiency test score) * It would be waived for the students from English medium institutions. * If the student does not have the score of English language proficiency level, the certificate issued by home university's language center is possible. The Certificate or letter should be submitted during the application process · The student will study at GIST for a semester and pay tuition fees to their home university. * If GIST agrees, the student can study for up to two semesters.
--------------	--

Nomination

Nomination by Email	· Please send a nomination to mobility@gist.ac.kr before informing your students to proceed with the online registration. (attached excel file); · BEFORE nominating student, please refer to the requirements and check the students' qualifications above. · The student should first contact the Exchange Coordinator at your home university. GIST will only process applications that have been nominated by the home institution.
Deadline	· 2027 Spring Semester: by 18th Sep 2026 (Undetermined)

Application

Application	(GIST) Nomination accepted ➡ (Home University) Inform students of "registration link" and "CODE" * ➡ (Students) Online registration		
	· Complete the online application form and Upload following documents: (1) Original (Official) Transcripts; All in English, Full transcript for academic years. (2) English Language Proficiency Test Result (3) Copy of Valid Passport. (Front page, not cover / check the expiration) (4) Official Photo(3cm x 4cm)		

Application

Nomination Code	* All applicants have to receive GIST's online registration link and a nomination code in order to sign up on our webpage. The code will be provided to the student and exchange coordinator of the home university.
Deadline	• 2027 Spring Semester: Sep 28th - Oct 20th 2026 (Undetermined) * After a screening procedure, the student can get a notification of acceptance by email in last week of Oct 2026 (for 2027 Spring semester)

Academic Information

Course information	• (Undergraduate) Students are required to take a minimum of 9 credits (3~4 courses in general) and a maximum of 21 credits per semester. • (Graduate) Students are required to take a minimum of 9 credits (3~4 courses in general) and a maximum of 12 credits per semester. • The course list for the 2027 Spring semester for exchange students will be open before the semester. Students can refer to the course list for the 2025 and 2026 Spring semesters. In the meantime, students can get a rough look at what classes we have in our school here: https://zeus.gist.ac.kr/sys/lecture/lecture_open_eng.do • Course registration procedures will be informed after the application process. * The academic transcripts will be delivered to a coordinator at your home institution. It will take 1-2 months after the semester has ended.
Graduate student	• The GIST Exchange Program primarily focuses on academic credit exchange, which involves taking courses to earn credits. Therefore, please note that participation in research activities is not guaranteed. • However, considering your field of major, we can assign an academic advisor for you.
Academic Calendar	• 2027 Spring Semester: March 2nd – June 18th (To be determined) * Schedule of 2027 has not updated yet on the website * For more details, visit: https://www.gist.ac.kr/en/html/sub05/0501.html

Accommodation

Dormitory	• Dormitories are free for all exchange students. (Bedding rental is 20,000 KRW per month/ optional) (Cleaning fee is 50,000 KRW per student/ mandatory) • The room is for 2 people, furnished with beds, closets, desks, and chairs. (blankets and pillows are not included) Shared facilities include restrooms, showers, study rooms, washing machines, clothes dryer, and a lobby. • All types of heaters and cooking equipment are not allowed.
-----------	---

VISA, Health Insurance, etc.

VISA	· All applicants who are not Korean need a visa to study in Korea. In order to get a visa, you must apply for one with the original certificate of admission issued by GIST at the embassy or consulate of the Republic of Korea in your home country. * The certificate of admission will be sent to the student in early Feb 2027.(via mail)
Health Insurance	· All exchange students must complete Alien Registration upon arrival (processing takes up to 2 months). Once registered, enrollment in Korean National Health Insurance (NHI) is mandatory and automatic. Students may therefore be charged NHI premiums for up to 2 months before departing at the end of the semester (varies by nationality/age, up to approx. KRW 180,000 total). Exchange students are not eligible for refunds and must pay this amount directly. · All incoming exchange students must acquire health insurance that covers them during the full duration of their stay overseas either private or KNHI. Details will be announced to the applicants. · As of August 2024, measles vaccinations are required for all students entering the dormitory. Students must complete their measles vaccination before entering the GIST dormitory.
Alien Registration	· As an international student, it is essential to issue an Alien Registration Card(ARC) to stay in Korea for more than 90 days.
Arrival Dates / Orientation	· The Student should arrive before one week prior to the beginning of the semester. · GIST offers Korean Language courses.
Bank	· To create a bank account, it is needed to issue an Alien Registration Card(ARC). Usually, it takes 2 months after your arrival in Korea.

About Korea

Study in Korea	Students can learn about Korea at the site here: • http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/main.do
----------------	---