PNU is not only Korea’s first national university but also the country’s top-rated national university.

Pusan National University is one of Asia’s premier comprehensive institutions of higher education and a national leader in research, teaching, and community service. Established in May 1946, PNU provides educational opportunities in almost all areas of study and supports the needs of quality higher education in the southeastern region of the country.

PNU, the university that exemplifies the values of truth, freedom and service, is creating a new value system based on a humanitarian spirit and insights about the most important trends affecting people around the world today. PNU continues to aspire to make a substantial and positive contribution to global society.

Pusan National University is the only university in Korea that was established by the public and donated to the government. Soon after Korea gained independence in 1945 after 36 years of colonial rule, the idea of founding a university to rebuild the devastated country became the dream of Koreans and was accomplished quickly in a miraculous way.
DEMOGRAPHICS (as of 2018)

225,084 Alumni
   - Bachelor: 168,355
   - Master: 48,671
   - Doctorate: 8,058

26,554 Students
   - Bachelor: 19,443
   - Master: 5,723
   - Doctorate: 1,388

1,985 International Students
   - Undergraduate: 665
   - Graduate: 728
   - Other: 592

2,186 Professors
   - Tenure-track faculty: 1,196
   - Non tenure-track faculty: 990

ACADEMIC STANDINGS

No. 1
Among national universities in Korea

No. 12
Among domestic universities

No. 76
Among Asian universities

Ranked in the Top 200
In the 2017 QS World Rankings in the following six fields: 101-150th place - Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace Engineering
151-200th place - Architecture, Civil Engineering, Pharmacy, and Material Science

No. 1
In the number of published papers per professor among national universities in Korea in 2014

No. 4
Among domestic universities in the number of alumni in Korea’s top 10 corporate groups in 2014 (No. 1 in Hyundai Motors and Hyundai Heavy Industries)

Top-ranked
Among domestic universities in university-industry cooperation as evaluated by corporations in 2014, 2015 and 2016!

According to 2018 Chosun Ilbo and QS Asian University Rankings
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE

14 Colleges / Schools
- College of Humanities
- College of Social Sciences
- College of Natural Sciences
- College of Engineering
- College of Education
- College of Economics and International Trade
- College of Business
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Human Ecology
- College of Arts
- College of Nursing
- College of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- College of Natural Resources and Life Sciences
- College of Medicine

1 Independent Division
- Division of Sports Science

103 Departments / Majors

GRADUATE

1 General Graduate School
- 87 Master's Programs
- 82 Doctoral Programs

5 Professional Graduate Schools
- Graduate School of International Studies
- School of Medicine
- School of Dentistry
- School of Korean Medicine
- School of Law

7 Special Graduate Schools
- Graduate School of Management
- Graduate School of Economics and International Trade
- Graduate School of Public Administration
- Graduate School of Education
- Graduate School of Industry
- Graduate School of Environmental Sciences
- Graduate School of Technology Entrepreneurship

* Departments/faculty NOT available to exchange students: Dentistry, Medicine, Korean Medicine, Nursing, Law
The Exchange Student Program is designed for students from partner universities who want to undertake course work for one to two semesters at PNU. Credits can be transferred back to the student’s home university. To be eligible for the exchange program, students need to be nominated by the international office at their home universities. Exchange students can participate in all PNU departments and special programs.

**BENEFITS for EXCHANGE STUDENTS at PNU**

- **Tuition and registration fee waiver**
- **On-campus housing is available**
  University dormitory residence
- **Free Korean language courses**
  Exchange students can take free Korean language courses according to their level of proficiency.
- **Participation in PNU Summer School for minimal cost**
  Every summer PNU runs the Summer School and tuition fees can be waived for participating exchange students. For more information please visit the following webpage (http://international.pusan.ac.kr/summer)
- **Buddy Program**
  Buddy activities include airport pick-up, guidance in campus life and academic management, and other forms of personal assistance.

**HOW to APPLY** *Language Requirements: Fluent in Korean or English (no certificate required)*

In order to apply, students first need to be nominated by the international office at their home universities. Once nominated, students will receive an email with information on how to complete their online application. As part of the application, you will need to upload the following supporting documents:

1. **STUDY PLAN**
2. **ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS & UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMA**
   (graduate students only)
3. **ID PAGE of PASSPORT**
4. **OFFICIAL BANK STATEMENT**
   (one semester: at least US$4,000)
   (two semesters: at least US$8,000)

**APPLICATION PROCESS and TIMELINE**

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The **Visiting Student Program** is designed for undergraduate students from universities that do not have a formal exchange agreement with PNU or that have the agreement but with a limited number of exchange openings. Visiting students can undertake coursework for one or two semesters at PNU but need to check with their home universities regarding credit transfer. They can participate in all PNU departments and special programs. Tuition fees are applicable.

**TUITION FEES**

$1,600 to $2,600 (US)

Visiting students should pay all educational expenses. Tuition fees at PNU range from US$1,600 to US$2,600 depending on the department. The amount of PNU’s tuition fees is relatively low compared to those of private universities in Korea. Living expenses in Busan are considerably lower than those in Seoul.

**HOW to APPLY**

The application guidelines are posted on PNU International’s website at the beginning of March and September every year. Applicants should submit an online application by the deadline indicated in the guidelines. The required documents for your online application are:

1. STUDY PLAN
2. ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS & CERTIFICATE of ENROLLMENT
3. ID PAGE of PASSPORT
4. RECOMMENDATION LETTER
5. OFFICIAL BANK STATEMENT
   (one semester: at least US$7,000)
   (two semesters: at least US$14,000 or more)

**APPLICATION PROCESS and TIMELINE**

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PNU SUMMER SCHOOL provides foreign students with an enriching cultural and educational experience for from two to four weeks. The Summer School consists of academic courses covering a wide range of subjects and various activities, including field trips. It is divided into two non-overlapping sessions: Session A and Session B. Students can choose one or both sessions according to their schedule, preferences, and purposes for attending. Please visit (http://international.pusan.ac.kr/summer) for more information.

KOREAN and EAST ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM (KEASP) is a unique Korean and regional studies program offered by PNU’s Department of Global Studies (DGS). Established in 2014, KEASP is an undergraduate program that provides international students with a diverse education in the cultural, social, political, economic, trade, business and security issues shaping this increasingly important region.

EXCURSIONS and EVENTS include trips to famous landmarks and a talent show called ‘We are One Festival’ that is put on by students during the fall semester. These festivities are arranged and offered by PNU International to provide students with cultural experiences and networking opportunities with fellow students.

SERVICES

PNU International’s International Student Center (ISC) offers hands-on support services to help international students make the most of their time at PNU. These services include providing immigration information, arranging housing, assisting with course registration, and giving orientations about life both on and outside of campus. In addition, our team coordinates cultural programs and events throughout the year to help international students feel at home during their stay in Korea.

VISA

PNU International sends an original copy of the Certificate of Admission to the international office of each student’s home university (for exchange students) or to the student directly (for visiting students) by post. All students are responsible for applying to the Korean consulate in their home country for a student visa (D-2) using the Certificate of Admission.

Overseas Traveler’s Insurance

• All exchange students must purchase overseas traveler’s insurance before arriving in Korea. Exchange students are ineligible to purchase PNU’s group medical insurance.
• Students must have minimum insurance coverage of US$100,000 to cover any medical expenses incurred while outside their home country.
ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

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<th>SPRING SEMESTER (1st semester)</th>
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COURSES in ENGLISH

PNU offers a variety of courses in English across all disciplines. In the 2016 academic year, there were roughly 700 courses taught in English at the undergraduate and graduate levels. You can check the list of courses available at [http://onestop.pusan.ac.kr/english](http://onestop.pusan.ac.kr/english) in February for spring semester and in August for fall semester. To see the courses offered in English, please click the menu:

Courses → Courses in Foreign Languages → Select English

The Department of Global Studies (DGS) is especially dedicated to international education at PNU, and to that end its curriculum is conducted entirely in English. In spring 2014, DGS started the Korean and East Asian Studies Program (KEASP) with 100 percent of its courses taught in English. (DGS website: [http://dgs.pusan.ac.kr/](http://dgs.pusan.ac.kr/))

COURSE LOAD

**UNDERGRADUATE**

| 12~19 credits per semester or 21 credits |

**GRADUATE**

| 3~10 credits per semester |

per semester(maximum credits vary depending on your department at PNU)

- Most individual courses at PNU are valued at 3 credits.
- Class hours of a 3-credit course: 3 hours per week, 45 hours per semester.
- Graduate students can take up to two undergraduate courses; in which case, the maximum number of credits they can take is 12 credits.
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING (Dormitory)

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* Exchange rates applied: US$1 = KRW1,100  
* No kitchen facilities

LIVING COST in BUSAN  
* Approximate Cost in Korean Won (KRW)

School
- Tuition - 1,810,000 ~ 2,870,000 (Exempted for exchange students)
- Room and Board - 1,440,000 (2017 Spring semester dormitory fee, 3 meals a day)
- Books and Supplies - 200,000 (Depending on the department)

Transportation
- Subway - 1,400 ~ 1,600
- Bus - 1,300 ~ 2,200
- Taxi - 2,800 (Basic fare: 2 km)  
  * PNU to Haeundae Beach: 14,000 (16 km) / Gimhae International Airport to PNU: 17,600 (21 km)

Food
- Campus Cafeteria - 3,000 (Included in the Dorm fee if you live in a dormitory)
- Restaurants - 5,000
  * Pasta: 10,000~13,000  / Pizza: 10,000~25,000  / Chinese fried pork: 12,000~17,000  
   / Indian Tandoori chicken: 10,000~20,000  / Japanese noodles: 7,000~10,000  
   / Fried rice with seafood: 7,000~8,000  / Coffee to go: 1,000~3,000

Communication
- Wi-Fi - Free on Campus
- Smartphone Service -  
  * Post office & small company service providers phone : 10,000 / (fare, 1GB data, call 30 mins)  
   Major communication company service : 76,000 / (5GB data, call limitless)
- High-speed Internet - 33,000

* Exchange rates applied: US$1 = KRW1,100
Korea is a mountainous, peninsular country with nearly 5,000 years of history and one of the most important international transportation hubs of Asia. Nicknamed the "Land of the Morning Calm," Korea is located at a major crossroads of Northeast Asia. It is one of the largest, most technologically-advanced economies in the world as a result of the "Miracle of the Han River" post-Korean War era of rapid economic development. Since the 1960s, when the country’s five-year economic development plans were first implemented, the Korean economy has relentlessly and exponentially grown. From 1962 to 2015, the country’s GDP surged from US$2.3 billion to a staggering US$1.33 trillion. Years of rapid economic development have propelled the country into becoming the world’s 12th largest economy.
WHY BUSAN?

With a population of 3.6 million, Busan is the second-largest city in Korea and a center of marine logistics in Northeast Asia. The city hosts one of the world’s five “SUPER HUB PORTS” and serves as a gateway to the Eurasian continent.

Busan (also known as ‘Pusan’) is famous for its natural environment of mountains, rivers and sea, with superb oceanfront vistas such as Haeundae and Gwangali Beaches, scenic cliffs, and some of Asia’s most famous hot springs! The city is also a tourism hub featuring such outstanding must-see attractions as the Busan Cinema Center—home of the annual Busan International Film Festival, or BIFF, the largest film festival in Asia—the Busan Aquarium, Nurimaru APEC House, Beomeo Temple, Jagalchi (Seafood) Market, Gamcheon Culture Village, the world’s largest department store, Shinsegae in Centum City, and many others. Busan is a city of natural beauty, vibrancy, tradition, energy and vitality. That’s why we call it ‘Dynamic Busan!’

*For more information on Busan go to [http://english.busan.go.kr](http://english.busan.go.kr)*

BUSAN FROM SEOUL

- **by PLANE**
  - 55 mins

- **by KTX (express train)**
  - 2:40 hrs
  - 55 mins

- **by BUS**
  - 4:20 hrs
  - 20 mins
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