

KOICA-KNU Master's Degree Program in Agricultural Economics

August 20, 2022 – December 27, 2023
Chuncheon & Seongnam, Republic of Korea



Korea International Cooperation Agency



Kangwon National University

Participants are strongly advised to thoroughly read and follow the provided instructions in the Program Information.

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I . PROGRAM OVERVIEW

■ **Program Title:** KOICA-Kangwon National University Master's Degree Program
in Agricultural Economics

■ **Duration**

- **Stay duration:** August 20, 2022 – December 27, 2023 (17 months including 2 weeks of pre-course)

During the 17 months at Kangwon National University, participants are strongly recommended to complete their thesis.

- **Academic duration:** September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023 (24 months)

In accordance with university regulations, the diploma will be issued after February 22, 2024.

■ **Degree:** Master of Science Economics

■ **Objectives**

- 1) To provide young leaders from developing countries in the agricultural sector with graduate education in order to enhance their comprehensive competency in agricultural economics
- 2) To share Korea's experience on agricultural development and help developing countries apply it to their agricultural industry
- 3) To help developing nations achieve socio-economic development through human resources development in the agricultural sector

■ **Training Institute:** Kangwon National University

■ **Number of Participants:** 20 government officials

■ **Qualification:** Preferably those majoring in agricultural resource economics, agricultural science, and economics

■ **Language:** English fluency that requires no translation

■ **Accommodations:** Dormitories at Kangwon National University (double-occupancy)

II. PROGRAM DETAILS

1. ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Semester	Period	Schedule
PREPARATORY PERIOD	08.20.2022	Arrival in Korea KOICA Orientation(Online) <i>*arrival date may be subject to change upon flight schedule due to COVID-19</i> <i>*The Schedule above is tentative due to the spread of COVID-19.</i>
	08. 20 - 08. 30, 2022	10-day Mandatory Quarantine On-line Orientation & preliminary session
	08. (TBC). 2022	Medical Check-up in Korea
Pre-Session	08. 31, 2022	Dormitory Tour & KNU Orientation
	09. 03, 2022	Pre-Session & Entrance Ceremony
Fall Semester (1st semester)	09. 01 – 12. 18, 2022	15 weeks
Winter Session (2nd semester)	12. 21, 2022 – 01. 05, 2023	3 weeks
	01. 06 – 02. 15, 2023	2-3 weeks (Non-credit course and supplementary session)
Winter Break	02. 15 – 03. 01, 2023	2-3 weeks
Spring Semester (3rd semester)	03. 02 – 06. 18, 2023	15 weeks
Summer Session (4th semester)	06. 21 – 07. 16, 2023	3 weeks
	07. 16. – 08. 06, 2023	2 -3 weeks (Non-credit course and supplementary session)
Summer Break	07. 19 – 09. 01, 2023	10 weeks (with supplementary session)
Fall Semester (5th semester)	09. 02 – 12. 24, 2023	15 weeks
Wrap-up Session	11. 28, 2023	Final Oral Defense Presentation
	12. 22, 2023	Graduation Ceremony
	12. 27, 2023	Departure

*The above schedule is subject to change.

*A detailed Program Schedule will be provided upon arrival.

*Even after entry to Korea, **online classes (not in-person) may be held** in accordance with the quarantine guidelines of the Korean government.

2. CURRICULUM

1) Curriculum & Credits

- The major study areas of the degree are comprised of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Development, and Rural Survey and Practices.
- The total number of credits required to complete the Master's program: 30 credits

Type	Type	Course Title
Pre-Course (0)	Required (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Level Korean, Korea History and Culture • Basic Statistics Course
Foundation Courses (19)	Required (7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Economics (3) • Statistics for Policy (3) • Graduate Seminar (1) • Basic Korean 1 (0)
	Electives (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory of Consumer Policy (3) • Farm Management Economics (3) • Econometrics and Practices (3) • Microeconomics (3)
Field Practicum (8.5)	Required (2.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's Thesis (1) • Rural Survey and Practices (1.5) • Korean Conversation 1 (0)
	Electives (6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Agricultural Policy (3) • Agricultural Marketing & Price Policy (3)
Specialty Courses (16)	Required (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Agricultural Development Cooperation (3) • Seminar (1) • Basic Korean 2 (0)
	Electives (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Policy & Agriculture (3) • Environment Economics and Policy (3) • Theory of Livestock Industrial Policy (3) • International Agricultural Trade Policy (3)
Field Practicum (5.5)	Required (2.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's Thesis (1) • Rural Survey and Practices (1.5) • Korean Conversation 2 (0)
	Electives(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Management (3)
Specialty Courses (10)	Required(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar (1) • Intermediate Korean (0)
	Electives(9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory of Rural Development Policy (3) • Understanding ODA Project Plan & Formulation (3) • Theory of Cooperatives Policy (3)

* The above curriculum is subject to change.

2) Graduation Requirements

- In order to graduate, students must complete 30 credits, complete the Korean Language Courses, earn a GPA higher than 3.0 (higher than B), and submit a Master's thesis.

3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (TENTATIVE)

1) Field trips



During the program, participants have plenty of opportunities to visit relevant institutes: Korean Rural Economic Institute, Rural Development Administration, National Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives, 6th Industry Village, and relevant Ministries of Korea.

2) Workshops & Conferences



Participants are strongly encouraged to participate in or make a presentation at conferences. Workshop/conference information in the relevant field will be given to participants during the scholarship program.

3) Fellowship Events



Beside academic events, the scholarship program also offers monthly fellowship meetings

with diverse programs including Culture Day, monthly birthday parties, and New Year's party.

4) Korean Culture and Language Study



There are abundant opportunities for participants to learn the Korean language and culture. The Office of International Affairs of KNU also hosts a variety of cultural programs for participants.

5) KNU Mentoring Program



Participants can freely join the Mentoring Program provided by the Scholarship Office so that they can quickly adjust to the university life in Korea.

III. TRAINING INSTITUTE

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1) About Kangwon National University

Kangwon National University (KNU), founded in 1947, has 20 colleges with 133 departments and 9 graduate schools, including the medical school and law school. Currently, there are approximately 21,000 undergraduate participants and 3,000 graduate participants. KNU is one of the 10 major national universities in the Republic of Korea, and is located in Chuncheon, the capital of Gangwon Province (<http://www.kangwon.ac.kr/english>). Chuncheon is a beautiful lakeside city, and known as the most livable city in the Republic of Korea.

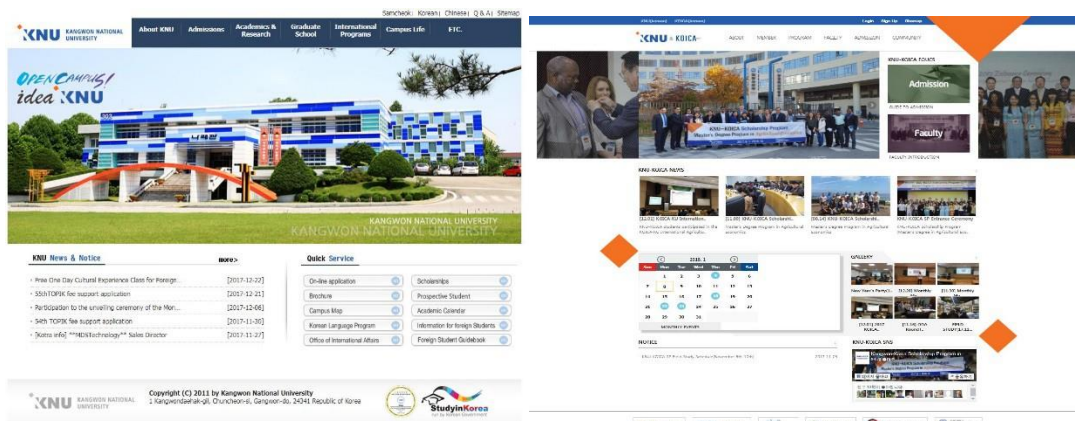


2) Mission Statement of KNU



Our ideal education is the realization of education in the spirit of Sil-Sa-Gu-Si (Inquire Veritatem Ex Praxe), a proverb meaning "seek for the truth from reality, seek for the very truth to enable us to renovate the world as it should be from the world as it is." For the century to come, we will devote ourselves to proliferate knowledge and facts. We will make headway with **Sil-Sa-Gu-Si** to implement true education.

3) Homepage



Kangwon National University: <http://www.kangwon.ac.kr/english/main/main.php>

KNU-KOICA Scholarship Program in Agricultural Economics: <http://gaem.kangwon.ac.kr>

2. ACCOMMODATION

Dormitories at KNU

Participants at the Graduate School of the Department of Agricultural Resource Economics at KNU live in the dormitories at KNU.

- Living Conditions: one of the three dormitories (assigned based on vacancies)

- All dormitories have **double occupancy** rooms that are equipped with a **cooling and heating system**. Each room has a bed, a desk, and a personal closet per person, as well as a bathroom, an air conditioner and a balcony. A security guard stays in the dormitories 24 hours a day.

- Communal facilities: resting area with a TV, a vending machine (drinks, noodles, or snacks), a water purifier (hot & cold), a laundry room, a fitness center and a parking lot

- 1) **BTL Dormitory**: single sex building with a cafeteria, a convenient store, a PC room, a fitness center, a café and a study room
- 2) **Global Dormitory 1**: has cooking facility including a refrigerator
- 3) **Global Dormitory 2**: does not have cooking facility



Global Dormitory

BTL Dormitory

PC Room (BTL)

		
Room (Global Dorm)	Cafeteria (BTL)	Fitness Center

3. OTHER INFORMATION

1) Lecture Rooms: for KNU-KOICA Scholarship Program only



2) KNU Sports Center: Swimming Pool, Fitness Center and Exercise Prescription Center



3) KNU Library: for Free Screening and Seasonal Cultural Events



4) KNU Art Center: for Concerts and Cultural Performances



5) Amenities: Cafeteria, Hairdressers, Cafeteria, Café, Post Office, Bank, Copy Store, etc.



6) International Dormitory: Multicultural Events, Buddy Program



7) Other Facilities: Kangwon National University Hospital, Museum, Pond, Sports Stadium



8) University Health Clinic

○ KNU Health Clinic

Many activities are taking place for the health management of participants and faculty, such as medical consultations, prescription drugs administration, tuberculosis examinations, and provision of first-aid medicine for official events.

- Location : 1st floor, Na-Rae-Kwan
- Business hours are Monday through Friday, from 9:00 to 18:00
- Tel : 033-250-8091

* Psychological Counseling: Every Thursday from 14:00 to 16:00 (Reservations: 033-250-8091)

9) Medical Facilities in the City

Type	Medical Facility	Location	Business Hours	Phone Number
General	Kangwon National University Hospital	Baengnyeong-ro 156, Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24289	Mon- Fri 8:30 – 17:00 ER 24h	+82-33-258-2000
	Insung General Hospital	Geumgang-ro 39 Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24272	Mon- Fri 8:30 – 18:00 Sat 08:30 - 14:30 ER 24h	+82-33-253-3030
Orthopedics	Kimhyunmin orthopedics	Amakgol-gil 333 Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24323	Mon- Fri 9:00 – 18:30 Sat 9:30 - 13:00	+82-33-261-6217
Internal Medicine	Meongseokjin Internal Medicine	Huseok-ro 186 14 Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24320	Mon- Fri 09:00 - 19:00 Sat 09:00 - 14:00	+82-33-263-0938
	Leebonghui Internal Medicine	Geumgang-ro 72 Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24353	Mon, Tue, Tur, Fri 09:00 - 18:00 Wed 08:30 - 16:00 Sat 08:30 - 12:30	+82-33-243-4020
Otolaryngology	Yeonsei Gang Otolaryngology	Geumgang-ro 72 Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24353	Mon- Fri 09:30-18:30 Sat 09:30 - 14:00	+82-33-243-0815
	Bak Otolaryngology	Geumgang-ro 62 Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24353	Mon- Fri 09:00 - 18:00 Sat 09:00 - 17:00 Sun 09:00 – 13:00	+82-33-253-4503
Dental	Seoul Mirae Dental	Huseok-ro 186 16 Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24320	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 10:00 - 18:00 Wed, Sat 10:00 - 12:00	+82-33-262-6369
Dermatology	Point Dermatology	Geumgang-ro 69 Medical building Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24352	Mon- Fri 09:00-18:30 Sat 09:00 - 14:00	+82-33-252-9700
Ophthalmology	Seoungsim Ophthalmology	Geumgang-ro 69 Medical building Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24352	Mon- Fri 09:00-18:00 Sat 09:00 - 13:30	+82-33-256-7585
Pediatrics	Dana Yeonsei Hospital	Jungang-ro 593 rd Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do 24353	Mon- Fri 9:00 - 18:00 Sat 9:00 – 13:00	+82-33-253-6701

IV. ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

1. Attendance and Absenteeism

Participants are expected to attend all of the classes he / she has registered for each semester. Any participants who, without a good reason, has failed to attend class for at least one-thirds of the total class hours shall be prohibited from sitting for the exam.

※ Matters not specified in this document shall be governed by school regulations. (Including dormitory regulations)

(1) In the event a participant is absent for any of the reasons below, the participant must notify the appropriate department, faculty, and dean and get approval in advance:

- Death of an immediate family member (grandparents, parents, siblings) or equivalent circumstance
- Academic planning, field-trips, on-location training, etc.
- Participation in seminars or conferences (including international ones) as approved by the Graduate School Dean
- Other events as approved by the Graduate School Dean

(2) In the event of participant illness or emergency situations, participants who will be absent for less than seven days (including holidays and weekend days) need to submit written notification of such absence to the Graduate School Dean. For absences longer than seven days, participants must submit a written diagnosis by a physician.

2. Must reside in dormitory

- Participants must reside in dormitory that assigned by Dean of the KNU Scholarship Program.
- All rooms are double occupancy.

3. Must abide by residency regulations

- KNU has very strict residency regulations and all students must abide by them.
- A student who violates residency regulations will be evicted from the KNU Dormitory, and he/she must return to his/ her country immediately.
- A participant who violates residency regulations will be evicted from the dormitory and he / she would not get any housing grant or any support from KOICA nor University.

4. Examinations and Grade Evaluations

- Minimum Grade Point Average Requirements

- Participants must maintain at a minimum **B0 (3.0/4.5) grade point average.**

- Regular Exams and Make-up Exams

- Regular Exams: Mid-term (7th to 8th week of semester), Final (last two weeks of semester)

- Make-up Exams: In the event a participant cannot sit for an exam due to military service, illness, or any other emergency, the participant must notify the faculty before the test date, and obtain the Graduate School Dean's approval to sit for the exam at another time.

- Qualifications to Sit for an Exam

- **Any participant who, without good reason, has failed to attend class for at least one-thirds of the total classes shall be prohibited from sitting for the exam.** In the event of illness or emergency situations, participants need to provide a written explanation of their absence.

-Scholastic Performance Evaluation Method

- Scholastic performance will be based on a 100-point scale for each course registered. Grades will be based on classroom performance (presentations, attendance) and test performance (mid-term and final exams).
- Grades will be calculated on a curve as follows: A+, A0, B+, B0, C+, C0, D+, D0, F

Grades	Score (%)	Grade Point	Grades	Score (%)	Grade Point
A+	95 – 100	4.5	P		Pass
A0	90 – 94	4.0	I		Incomplete
B+	85 – 89	3.5			
B0	80 – 84	3.0			
F	79 – 0	0			

5. Graduation Requirements

- In order to graduate, participants must complete **30 credits**, earn a GPA higher than 3.0 (higher than B).
- Participants must submit a thesis and it must be approved by the thesis committee.
- To submit a thesis, participant must pass the thesis qualification exam and complete a Korean Language Class (attendance should be higher than 80%).

V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- All documents should be sent to the KOICA Overseas Office or the relevant government office.

1) Kangwon National University Form 1: Document Check List

2) KOICA Application Form

3) RECOMMENDATION LETTER FROM APPLICANT'S GOVERNMENTS

4) Kangwon National University Form 2: KNU Application Form (Type in English and Print out, Hand writing is not acceptable)

5) Kangwon National University Form 3: Study Plan (Type in English and print out, hand writing is not acceptable)

6) Kangwon National University Form 4: Two Recommendation Letters
(signed by recommenders)

7) A Curricular Vitae

8) A Copy of the Applicant's Passport (please check the expired date; it must be after the end of the scholarship program)

9) An Official Diploma (Bachelor's Degree) (in English)

- ♦ Title of degree, department name and undergraduate institution name must be specified.
- ♦ **Successful applicants must submit notarized documents to Kangwon National University.** (By Apostille or S. Korean Consulate only)

A. Students from the country that participates in the Hague Apostille Convention

- Document : "Apostille" as to the graduation certificate
- Issuing Organization : The organization that the relevant government designated

B. Students from the country that does not participate in the Apostille Convention [Annex 1]

- Document : A certificate for academic background verified by the consulate
- Issuing Organization The Consular Offices of South Korean Embassies in each country

10) Academic Transcript from Undergraduate Institution (in English)

- ♦ Title of degree, department name, subjects, total credits and GPA must be specified.
- ♦ **Successful applicants must submit notarized documents to Kangwon National University.** (By Apostille or S. Korean Consulate only)

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B. For Students from the country that does not participate in the Apostille Convention [Annex 1]

- Document : A certificate for academic background verified by the consulate
- Issuing Organization : The Consular Offices of South Korean Embassies in each country

11) A certificate of employment from organization (in English)

[Annex 1] List of the Countries outside The Hague Apostille Convention

The following countries are not members of the Apostille Convention, and any document from these countries need authorization by South Korean Consulate of Embassy Offices in each country. **Documents that are not authorized by South Korean Consular will be regarded invalid in the admission process.**

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burma
Myanmar, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Congo Republic, Congo Democratic, Ivory
Coast, Cuba, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, K
uwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar
Burma, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra
Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Taiwan, Tanzania, Togo, Thailand, Turkmenistan, UAE (United
Arab Emirates), Uganda, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

♦ The countries listed above are subject to change at the time of your application. Please check with the relevant authorities in your country once again before applying.

VI. PRECAUTIONS

- **Possibility of Online Program** : according to arising circumstances due to the spread of COVID 19 and public health regulations thereof, the academic program within this PI may be moved online; in accordance with academic regulations of each training institute, blended learning (or hybrid learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning) may be implemented, pre-sessions included
 - In principle, even when the academic program is conducted online, participants must be physically present in Korea to participate (cannot participate in the program online from home country or outside Korea)
- **Early Departure** : due to various circumstances such as no operating flights or border closures, participants shall be required to depart Korea before the program end date
 - In such cases, part of the academic curriculum, thesis defense, or closing ceremony may be conducted online
- **Living Costs** : in principle, costs of living are provided per diem; that is, participants receive living costs per diem based on the actual date of departure
 - In case of early departure, living costs are received per diem based on the date of early departure, and NOT the anticipated departure date or program end date
- **COVID-19 Test Fees** : costs of COVID-19 testing required by quarantine regulations during the departure and arrival process are first incurred by the participant and later reimbursed via the settlement Allowance and Scholarship Completion Grants
- **Adherence to Entry/Departure Guidelines** : any additional costs occurring due to the participant's failure to adhere to the entry/departure guidelines are the participant's own responsibility
 - Example) If the participant fails to provide a COVID-19 PCR test certificate on the date of arrival, or is delayed in arriving at the airport and fails to board the flight, any additional costs occurring thereof (flight change fees, etc.) is to be paid by the participant
- **Vaccination requirements** : participants are to individually check with the training institute on whether vaccination is required and prepare accordingly; any disadvantages following are the participant's own responsibility
 - Example) If the participant fails to provide proof of a WHO-certified vaccination and cannot check into the university dormitory, the participant will be responsible to find accommodation for him/herself (accommodation fees are supported in the amount corresponding to the dormitory fees)
- **Check-in to Dormitory** : in principle, dormitory check-in is required of program participants
- **Religious meals & personal food preferences** : religious meals and personal food preferences are not provided during the scholarship program nor the self-quarantine period following entry to Korea. For further information, check the university guidelines (if necessary, personal fees may be incurred)

VII. CONTACTS

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

1) Graduate School of Kangwon National University (direct inquiries regarding documents required by the university)

· Program Coordinator : Ms. Yoon Hee LEE

- KNU Scholarship Program Office
- Address: 1 Kangwondaehak-gil, Chuncheon-si, Gangwon-do, 24341, Republic of Korea
- Tel: +82-33-250-8836~7
- E-mail: yhlee0709@kangwon.ac.kr
- Homepage: <http://gaem.kangwon.ac.kr>

2) General inquiries regarding the application process

- E-mail : koica.sp@koworks.org
- Homepage : <http://www.koica.go.kr/sites/ciat/index.do>

*The schedule in this PI (Program Information) is subject to any changes made to KOICA and Kangwon National University's schedule.