

GMU Joint Summer Korean Language Program (GMU Korea) Summer 2026

Overview

The George Mason University (GMU) Summer Korean Language Program is an intensive Korean language and cultural studies program providing the opportunity for students to study the Korean language.

Students from multiple U.S. universities participate in the program together. GMU Korea is operated on site by George Mason University, in collaboration with program partners at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the State University of New York, and the University of Utah.

Most of the program will take place at George Mason University Korea – Incheon Global Campus, in Songdo, outside Seoul. The address for the Incheon Global Campus is below:

119-4 Songdomunhwa-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, South Korea

The last portion of the program will take place at Jeju National University, on Jeju Island. You will travel to Jeju National University together as a group. The flight and transportation to Jeju are included in your program fee.

IAP Program Leader

You will be accompanied on your program by UW Professor Byung-Jin (BJ) Lim, who will serve as your Program Leader. Professor Lim will lead your group and support you during your time in South Korea.

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Visa

A visa is not required for U.S. citizens for this program. South Korea has recently implemented the [Korean Electronic Travel Authorization \(K-ETA\)](#) system. Generally, U.S. citizens need to apply for K-ETA online prior to departure to South Korea. However, an exemption for U.S. passport holders was [extended through December 31, 2026](#). Students traveling on U.S. passports do not need to apply for K-ETA for this program for Summer 2026. If you are traveling using a different passport, you should check the K-ETA website for details and check with your home country's Department/Ministry of State as to whether you need K-ETA or a visa for the program. If you need to apply for K-ETA, do it well in advance of your departure to South Korea.

Program Dates, Arrival and Itinerary

The 2026 itinerary for the program is below. The main travel dates are set and confirmed, but please be aware that some dates, like tours and excursions, are subject to change.

You are responsible for purchasing flights to/from South Korea for the program and arriving on time. There is no group flight for the program, as students will be departing from different locations, but we encourage you to arrange to fly with other students on the program if you would like to. Do not move forward with purchasing flights until IAP gives you the OK to do so.

Date	Schedule
Day 1: July 1	Arrival in Songdo check-in
Day 2: July 2	Orientation and Songdo tour
Days 3-4: July 3-4	Class activities
Day 5: July 5	Seoul Tour
Days 6-10: July 6-10	Class activities
Day 11: July 11	DMZ tour
Days 12-18: July 12-18	Class activities
Day 19: July 19	Departure for Jeju
Days 20-29: July 20-29	Class activities Jeju tours
Day 30: July 30	Return to Incheon
Day 31: July 31	Check out and return to the USA

Daily Schedule

Your general schedule each day will be the same, from Monday to Friday:

Korean Language: 9:00~12:00 (3 hrs)

Korean History and Culture: 1:30~3:30 (2 hrs)

Cultural Activities or Field Trips, if occurring that day: 4:00-6:00 (2 hours)

Some group field trips will be held on the weekend, so don't make weekend plans until you have the full schedule confirmed on site.

Meals and Food

Lunches at the on-campus dining facilities, on weekdays, are included in your program fee. Several excursions (Seoul tour, DMZ tour) will also provide a lunch for you. All other meals are your responsibility. In addition to the on-campus dining facilities, your dormitory is equipped

with a kitchen with microwaves, and the campus has a convenience store that sells pre-made meals as well.

Housing

The program will arrange dormitory housing for you in Songdo and Jeju. These will be single or double occupancy rooms and are included in your program fee. Bed linens and pillows are provided. Bath towels are not provided. The dormitories are equipped with card/coin-operated laundry machines.

Transportation

All transportation for site visits, program activities, tours, and excursions are included in the program fee. All other transportation (like side trips and personal exploration) is your own responsibility. You will receive a T-Money card (transportation pass) with enough funds to cover the official program excursion costs. This can also be used for personal travel as long as you keep it topped up.

More information about transportation from Incheon International Airport on your arrival day will be provided during the online pre-departure orientation held one month before the program begins.