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## Request for Clarification on Korean Language Requirement and First-Year Study Plan

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Tue, Dec 2, 2025 at 4:59 PM

To: underia@jnu.ac.kr

Dear Admissions Office,

I hope you are doing well. My name is Abdul Majid, and I am preparing to apply for the 2026 Fall undergraduate admission at Chonnam National University. I am very interested in majoring in Computer Science or a related engineering field.

While reviewing the *2026 Undergraduate Admissions Guide*, I came across the following statement:

**“Successful applicants who fail to submit TOPIK Level 4 or CNU Language Center Korean language course certificate Level 4 before the deadline will be placed in a mandatory Korean language lecture program in Yeosu Campus. This program consists of 36 credits, and these credits will be counted toward graduation.”**

I would be grateful if you could kindly confirm the following points:

**1. TOPIK Requirement at Admission**

- Does CNU require TOPIK Level 4 *before* applying for a Korean-track undergraduate program?
- Or can applicants apply **without TOPIK**, and then complete the mandatory 36-credit Korean language program if they do not submit TOPIK Level 4 before the first semester begins?

**2. Visa Category**

- For students who enter the mandatory Korean language program (36 credits in Yeosu), is the visa issued as a **D-2 (degree student)** from the beginning?

**3. Degree Progression**

- After completing the 36-credit Korean language program in Yeosu, do students then move to the main campus (e.g., Gwangju) to begin their major courses?

I am asking these questions to ensure that I fully understand CNU's academic pathway and to plan my application correctly.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance.  
I truly appreciate your support.

Warm regards,  
**Abdul Majid**

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외국인학생직원3 <underia@jnu.ac.kr>  
To: Abdul Majid <mk7039535@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 3, 2025 at 5:24 AM

Dear Abdul Majid,

First of all, thank you for your interest in applying to our university.

Regarding your question,

1.

Does CNU require TOPIK Level 4 *before* applying for a Korean-track undergraduate program?

Yes, to be exact TOPIK Level 3 is sufficient. However, successful applicants who submitted TOPIK Level 3 will be placed to the mandatory Korean language program at Yeosu Campus. In another words, successful applicants who submitted TOPIK Level 4 and above will start their major studies upon the admission.

2.

Or can applicants apply **without TOPIK**, and then complete the mandatory 36-credit Korean language program if they do not submit TOPIK Level 4 before the first semester begins?

That is possible too as applicants are required to submit either TOPIK or any one of the English Proficiency Certificate. Note that only successful applicants will be placed to the mandatory Korean Language program.

3.

For students who enter the mandatory Korean language program (36 credits in Yeosu), is the visa issued as a **D-2 (degree student)** from the beginning?

Yes.

4.

After completing the 36-credit Korean language program in Yeosu, do students then move to the main campus (e.g., Gwangju) to begin their major courses?

Yes, it depends on where the major is located, and this information can be found on the Guidelines as there are two separate lists for major: Gwangju and Yeosu campus. For example, Business Administration majored students will move to Gwangju campus after completing their mandatory Korean language program.

If you have any further inquiries, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Best regards,

CNU OIA.

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Wed, Dec 3, 2025 at 1:35 PM

Dear CNU OIA,

Thank you very much for your prompt and detailed clarification regarding the Korean language requirements, visa

category, and academic progression. Your guidance has been extremely helpful in understanding the process more clearly.

I have one additional question regarding the financial capacity requirement outlined in the admission guidelines, specifically the Bank Balance Certificate of KRW 16,000,000.

I would be grateful if you could clarify the following:

1. **Is the Bank Balance Certificate required at the time of submitting the application?**
2. **Or can this document be submitted after receiving the admission results, provided that it is submitted before the visa application process begins?**

If submission after admission is possible, could you kindly inform me of the expected timeline, such as whether the certificate must be submitted immediately after acceptance, before enrollment, or strictly before visa issuance?

Understanding this timeline will help me prepare the required financial documents accurately and without delays.

Thank you once again for your continued support and guidance.

Warm regards,  
**Abdul Majid**

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외국인학생직원3 <underia@jnu.ac.kr>  
To: Abdul Majid <mk7039535@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 5, 2025 at 5:16 AM

Dear Abdul Majid,

Regarding your question,

1.  
Is the Bank Balance Certificate required at the time of submitting the application?  
Yes, the Bank Balance Certificate is listed under the Required Documents, and therefore applicants must submit it along with the other documents. If Bank Balance Certificate is not submitted, the applicant's documents will regard as incomplete.
2.  
Or can this document be submitted after receiving the admission results, provided that it is submitted before the visa application process begins?  
That is not possible. All documents need to be submitted and received by us within the designated Document Submission deadline.

Best regards,  
CNU OIA.

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Abdul Majid <mk7039535@gmail.com>  
To: 외국인학생직원3 <underia@jnu.ac.kr>

Fri, Dec 5, 2025 at 7:54 PM

Dear CNU Office of International Affairs,

Thank you very much for your clear explanation regarding the Bank Balance Certificate requirement.

I understand that the Bank Balance Certificate must be submitted **at the time of application**, and that failure to include it will result in an incomplete submission. I will ensure that the certificate (showing KRW 16,000,000 or equivalent) and all other required documents are submitted within the designated deadline.

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## Confirmation of Application Track

Based on our previous correspondence, I would like to reconfirm the application route I intend to follow:

1. I will apply **using my English Proficiency Certificate (IELTS 7.5)** without a TOPIK score.
  2. I fully understand that, if admitted, I will be placed in the **mandatory 36-credit Korean Language Program at the Yeosu Campus** for the first year before beginning major studies.
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## Inquiry About Tuition Fees for the Mandatory Korean Language Program

Regarding the mandatory Korean language year at Yeosu Campus, I would be grateful if you could kindly clarify the following:

1. **Does this mandatory program require an additional fee separate from regular undergraduate tuition?**
2. Or **are the 36 credits included within the standard semester tuition** for undergraduate degree students?

This information will help me plan my financial preparations accurately.

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## Request for Guidance on Eligibility (Study Gap & Academic Profile)

I would also like to seek your general advice regarding my eligibility before I prepare my full application.

### Academic Background

- **SSC (Grade 9–10):** Completed in 2018 with **92%**
- **HSSC (Grade 11–12):** Completed in 2020 with **60%**  
(*My HSSC year was during the COVID-19 pandemic, which presented academic and personal challenges.*)
- **English Proficiency:** IELTS **7.5** overall (Listening 8.0, Reading 8.0, Speaking 7.5, Writing 7.0)

### Study Gap (2020 – Present)

After completing my HSSC, I took a break from further studies to support my family financially. During this period, I worked with several companies and completed freelance projects. Now that my family's situation has stabilized, I am fully committed to resuming my academic journey.

I would be grateful if you could advise on the following points:

1. **Does a study gap of approximately 5–6 years pose a significant concern for undergraduate admission at CNU?**
2. Since I will be applying through the English-track admission option (which may lead to the Yeosu Korean program), **will my strong IELTS score and high SSC score be considered alongside my HSSC results?**

I understand that the final decision will be made during the official evaluation, but any preliminary guidance you can provide on whether my profile is suitable for application would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you very much for your time, patience, and continuous support.  
I truly appreciate your assistance throughout this process.

Warm regards,  
**Abdul Majid**

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외국인학생직원3 <underia@jnu.ac.kr>  
To: Abdul Majid <mk7039535@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 8, 2025 at 5:39 AM

Dear Abdul Majid,

Regarding your questions,

1. Does this mandatory (Korean Language) program require an additional fee separate from regular undergraduate tuition?  
There will be no additional fee. Students who are placed to the program will only pay regular tuition fee per semester.
2. Does a study gap of approximately 5–6 years pose a significant concern for undergraduate admission at CNU?  
It is based on the applied department judgement, and our office cannot give any statement on their behalf. On the document screening stage, however, as long as you fulfill the Academic Background Eligibility (see Guideline page 8), you are qualified to apply.
3. Since I will be applying through the English-track admission option (which may lead to the Yeosu Korean program), will my strong IELTS score and high SSC score be considered alongside my HSSC results?  
Before answering, we want to clarify that our university do not have any 100% English Track. However, we do have a list of courses from various major taught in English. Please refer to this link: <https://international.jnu.ac.kr/Program/CouseInEnglish.aspx> for more information in Courses in English.  
Back to the question, having a high score in Proficiency Test and High School Transcript definitely will benefit the applicants. However, note that this judgement will be fully on the applied department office, where selection is being made, and not on our office as we focus on the document screening procedure.

Best regards,  
CNU OIA.

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Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 7:21 PM

Dear CNU OIA,

Thank you very much for your detailed and thoughtful response regarding tuition fees and the medium of instruction. Your guidance has been extremely helpful, and I sincerely appreciate the clarity you have provided as I prepare my application.

I have one follow-up inquiry regarding *Form 3* and how to correctly present my academic circumstances.

#### **Inquiry Regarding “Form 3” and the Absence of a Personal Statement**

After reviewing the 2026 Undergraduate Admissions Guide (Pages 9–11), I noticed that no Personal Statement or

Study Plan is required. Because of this, I want to ensure that I am using the correct method to explain my academic background.

Could you please confirm whether *Form 3 (Statement of Unusual Academic Circumstances)* is the appropriate place to describe the situations below?

**1. Explanation of Grades (COVID-19 Impact)**

My SSC (10th grade) score was 92%, while my HSSC (12th grade) score was 60%. My 12th-grade year occurred during the peak of COVID-19, and the sudden shift to online learning affected my academic performance.

- **Question:** Should I check “Cyber Learning/Online Classes” on Form 3 and briefly explain this?

**2. Post-Graduation Gap (Employment)**

I graduated in 2020 and am applying for 2026 admission, resulting in a 5–6 year gap during which I worked to support my family.

- **Question:** Since this gap occurred after graduation (not during my school years), should this also be included on Form 3 under “Others”?

**If Form 3 is not intended for these explanations, please kindly confirm that as well.**

I simply want to ensure that I complete the form correctly and in accordance with CNU’s guidelines.

Thank you once again for your kindness, patience, and continued support. I truly appreciate your assistance throughout this process.

Warm regards,  
Abdul Majid

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