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HISTORY

Korea National Open University

General Status

EXPANSION PERIOD

1981-1992

- **Feb. 1981**
  Converted to a 5-year bachelor’s degree program

- **Feb. 1982**
  Converted to a 4-year bachelor’s degree program

- **Dec. 1991**
  Converted to a 5-year bachelor’s degree program

1993-Present

- **March 1993**
  Elevated to a University status

- **Sept. 2001**
  Establishment of Graduate School

- **March 2005**
  4 colleges system established

BEGINNING PERIOD

1972-1980

- **March 1972**
  Korea Air & Correspondence College, annexed to Seoul National University, was established with 5 departments in 2-year programs.

  - Aug. 1977  Establishment of Institute of Distance Education

- **Dec. 1991**
  Converted to a 4-year bachelor’s degree program

1981-1992

- **Feb. 1981**
  Converted to a 5-year bachelor’s degree program

- **Feb. 1982**
  Separated from Seoul National University

  - July 1982  Establishment of KNOU Press
  - Dec. 1984  Establishment of Institute of Educational Media Development

1993-Present

- **March 1993**
  Elevated to a University status

  - Sept. 1996  Establishment of OUN
  - May 1997  Establishment of Center for Lifelong Education

- **Sept. 2001**
  Establishment of Graduate School

  - Sept. 2001  Establishment of e-learning Center

- **March 2005**
  4 colleges system established

  - Mar. 2007  Establishment of Digital Media Center
  - June 2009  Establishment of Historical Archives Center
  - Oct. 2009  Establishment of Institute of General Education Center
University Headquarters
Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Student Affairs
Office of Planning
Office of General Affairs

Graduate School
Department of Public Administration
Management
Computer Science
Lifelong Education
Home Economics
Early Childhood Education
Nursing
Practical English
e-Learning
(9 Departments)

Colleges
College of Liberal Arts

College of Social Sciences
Dept. of Law, Public Administration, Economics, Management, International Trade, Media Arts & Sciences, Tourism.

College of Natural Sciences

College of Educational Sciences
Dept. of Education, Youth Education, Early Childhood Education, Culture & Liberal Arts.
(22 Departments)

Regional Campuses
Seoul, Busan
Daegu · Gyeongbuk
Gwangju · Jeonnam
Daejeon · Chungnam
Incheon, Ulsan
Gyeonggi, Gangwon
Chungbuk, Jeonbuk
Gyeongnam, Jeju

36 Study centers

(13 Regional campuses)

Affiliated Facilities and Others
Central Library
Information & Computer Center
Digital Media Center
Center for Lifelong Education
Center for Integrated Teacher Training
Institute of Distance Education
Historical Archives Center
Institute of General Education Center
Foundation of Industry-Academic Cooperation
KNOU Foundation
KNOU Press
The KNOU Weekly Newspaper
# General Status

## Faculty Member Status

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<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>President</th>
<th>Professors</th>
<th>Teacher’s Assistants</th>
<th>Researchers</th>
<th>Administrative Staffs</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>142</td>
<td>146</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>529</td>
<td>836</td>
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## Financial Status (2009)

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<th>Source</th>
<th>Government Subsidies</th>
<th>Registration Fee</th>
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<td></td>
<td>38.7 billion won (24%)</td>
<td>119.1 billion won (76%)</td>
<td>157.8 billion won (100%)</td>
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## Tuition (per semester)

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Undergraduate Program</th>
<th>Graduate Program</th>
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<td>Humanities, Social Sciences</td>
<td>350,000 won</td>
<td>1.42 million won</td>
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<td>Natural Sciences</td>
<td>370,000 won</td>
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Current Students and Graduates (As of the end of 2009)

- Undergraduate Program: number of current students – approx. 183,500; number of graduates – approx. 470,000
- Graduate Program: number of current students – approx. 1,150; number of graduates – approx. 1,100

Applying Status of New and Transferred Students

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<th>Year</th>
<th>New Students</th>
<th>Transferred Students</th>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>54,504</td>
<td>51,838</td>
<td>106,342</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>62,689</td>
<td>66,824</td>
<td>129,513</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>52,449</td>
<td>70,217</td>
<td>122,666</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>58,453</td>
<td>59,081</td>
<td>117,534</td>
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<tr>
<td>2009</td>
<td>51,838</td>
<td>64,421</td>
<td>116,259</td>
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- >> 100%
- >> 60%
- >> 40%
**Reason to enter**

- Self-improvement (33%)
- Degree Acquisition (18%)
- Employment, Promotion, Changing career (12%)
- Graduate School, Transfer (12%)
- Others (9%)
- Obtaining expertise (16%)

**By age**

- 30-39 (43%)
- 40-49 (20%)
- 20-29 (31%)
- 10-19 (1%)
- 50+ (5%)
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<th>Educational Methods</th>
<th>Lecturing Format</th>
<th>Communication Medium</th>
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<td>Distance Education (70%)</td>
<td>TV lecture</td>
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<td>Multimedia lecture</td>
<td>Internet</td>
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<td>Web-based lecture</td>
<td>Mobile</td>
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<td>Audio lecture</td>
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<td>Face-to-Face Education (30%)</td>
<td>On-campus lecture</td>
<td>In-class lecture</td>
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<td>Video Conference Lecture</td>
<td>Real-time Interactive Lecture</td>
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Text books and workbooks are provided for all courses.
TV Broadcast

KNOU TV (Public channel for lifelong education): Nationally televised on cable TV, satellite TV and IPTV
All lectures (TV, audio, multimedia, web-based, etc.) are available through the internet.
Real-time interactive distance education system connects headquarters and 18 regional campuses. (allowing Q&A)
Mobile

Students can check university announcements, view lectures and access to academic information via cell phones.
* Digital devices such as PMP and MP3 can be used.
Tutor is an academic assistant who helps students understand course and course materials.

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<th>Regional Tutors</th>
<th>Department Tutors</th>
<th>Cyber Tutors</th>
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<tr>
<td>276</td>
<td>508</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>833</td>
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Mentor is a senior student with experience in distance education and helps new students.

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<th>2009.1st semester</th>
<th>2009.2nd semester</th>
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<td>Mentor</td>
<td>Mentee</td>
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<td>2,373</td>
<td>7,554</td>
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## Production of Lecture Contents

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<th>Number of Subjects</th>
<th>Number of Lecturers</th>
<th>KNOU Members</th>
<th>Non-KNOU Members</th>
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<td>767 / year</td>
<td>1,150 / year</td>
<td>695 (60%)</td>
<td>455 (40%)</td>
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## Writing Textbooks

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<th># of Textbooks Produced</th>
<th>Total # of Writers</th>
<th>KNOU Members</th>
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<td>615 / year</td>
<td>1,581 / year</td>
<td>639 (40%)</td>
<td>942 (60%)</td>
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## In-class Lectures

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<th>Number of Classrooms</th>
<th>Total # of Lecturers</th>
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<td>10,941 classrooms</td>
<td>11,093</td>
<td>1,293 (12%)</td>
<td>9,800 (88%)</td>
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CONTRIBUTION TO UNIVERSALIZATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND LIFELONG EDUCATION

Contributions to Universalization of Higher Education

- 470,000 graduates in 37 years under a strict academic management (graduation rate is 27%)
- Inexpensive tuition allows students to study with jobs. Students have opportunities for self-improvement and enhance vocational competence.

Contributions to Lifelong Education

- Adult participation rate in higher education is 23%. Contribution rate of KNOU is 7% (approx. 31% of the total rate)

Activities and Contributions of Graduates in Society

- 24 Members in the 18th National Assembly are KNOU graduates
- 8,716 KNOU graduates are registered in the National Outstanding People Database; ranking 4th out of all universities (July 2009)
- 71 high ranking public officials in the Ministry of Central Administration are KNOU graduates; ranking 5th out of all universities (Sept. 2009)
FRONT-RUNNER OF INTERNATIONALIZATION OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

**Academic Achievements**

- **Executive Board Member of AAOU (Asian Association of Open Universities) since the establishment of AAOU**

**Secured Grounds as an e-Learning HUB University of Global Standards**

**Operation of Various Personal Exchange**

- **KNOU Fellowship Program**
- **AAOU Staff Exchange Program**
- **Korean-Chinese-Japanese Open University International Academic Seminar**

**The Only Mega University in Korea**
LEADING IN DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MEDIUM AND SYSTEM

**Academic Achievements**

- Designed the LOD (Learning On Demand) System
- Initialized academic assistance programs including tutoring, mentoring, workbooks, etc.
- Developed the management system for Information Technology Architecture and the Integrated Information system
- Operating call-center for information and academic advising
- Operating online submission of assignments and plagiarism-checking programs
- Leading in system & digitalization of Digital Media Center equipments
- Mobile-learning(U-KNOU Service) programs
FUTURE PROJECTS

Korea National Open University

- Foster a ubiquitous academic environment
- Opening of KNOU’s educational contents to all Korean
  OER : Open Educational Resources
- Establishing department of Korean language & Korean studies
  Open doors to overseas Koreans and foreigners
- Preparing preparatory educational courses for the new era of unification of Korea
KNOU 2022 (50th Anniversary) Goals

- The world leading open university
- Provision of a standard model for open university educational system
- U-City’s HUB university

KNOU for All

Knowledge for all
Obligee oblige for all
Open to all
Ubiquitous for all
## Expansion of the Headquarters

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<td><strong>Location</strong></td>
<td>• 161-1, Dongsung-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul</td>
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<td><strong>Building Size</strong></td>
<td>• West &amp; East wings (3 underground and 7 ground floors respectively), additional facilities, etc.</td>
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<td>• Site area 25,334㎡ (7,663 pyeong)</td>
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<td>• Total area 61,000㎡ (18,452 pyeong)</td>
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<td><strong>Construction Period</strong></td>
<td>• May 2009 ~ June 2014 (5 years 2 months)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Project Cost</strong></td>
<td>• 98.4 billion won</td>
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AERIAL VIEW OF NEW HEADQUARTERS

Korea National Open University
Thank you