



BERICHT

(Bitte spätestens 2 Monate nach Beendigung Ihres Auslandsaufenthalts vollständig übermitteln)

1. Gastuniversität (Land/Stadt/Uni) Südkorea / Seoul / Seoul National University

2. Studienjahr Wintersemester 2016/17 Sommersemester 20

Aufenthaltsdauer (Tag, Monat, Jahr) von 18.08.2016 bis 15.01.2017

3. Studienrichtung(en) BA Koreanologie Matrikel. Nr A-[REDACTED]

Bachelorstudium Diplomstudium Lehramtsstudium Masterstudium

E-Mail-Adresse (optional) _____

4. Stipendium bewilligt für 6 Monate Stipendium Uni Wien gesamt 2.000 + 1000 €
weitere Stipendien 4.000 € Bezugsquelle ASEM DUO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
Gesamtsumme Stipendien 5.000 €

5. Wohnmöglichkeit (zutr. bitte ankreuzen): Studierendenheim Privat

6. Kosten Unterkunft gesamt 1.700 €
Lebenshaltungskosten gesamt 2.000 €
Studienkosten gesamt 200 €
Reisekosten gesamt 700 + 300 € (An- und Abreise, öffentl. Verkehrsmittel)
Visakosten 50 €
Versicherungskosten gesamt 200 €
Gesamtkosten Auslandsaufenthalt 5.150 €
Flugkosten ↓
~ 6.000

Verfassen eines persönlichen Erfahrungsberichtes über Ihren Studienaufenthalt
Anhaltspunkte: Gastuniversität, Kurse, Prüfungen, Mitstudierende, Unterkunft etc.
(Bitte verwenden Sie ein extra Beiblatt: mind. 1 Seite; Überschrift des Berichtes: Ihre Matrikelnummer, Name der Gastuniversität und des Gastlandes, Ihre Studienrichtung sowie der Zeitraum des Aufenthaltes.)

Abgabe des Leistungsnachweises der ausländischen Institution (Transcript) sowie des Anrechnungsbescheides (Formular: Antrag-Anerkennung-Studienerfolgsnachweis)

JA, ich bin damit einverstanden, dass dieses Formular zusammen mit meinem Bericht für Mitstudierende auf der Webseite zur Ansicht zur Verfügung steht. Bitte bedenken Sie, dass Sie diesen Bericht auch anonymisiert ohne Name abgeben können.

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South Korea and its people are unique and they are doing their utmost to develop their country in every field. I saw how devoted they are to fight for more democracy by battling corruption and to struggle for fair elections. As the other countries criticize the hard education system there, South Korean activists are still the hardest working ones to establish a more human education system. Little less we know about the components of Korean education system and how closely intertwined it is with the Korean way to live. To change the system, you have to change the society.

South Korea changed me a lot. It shaped my understanding of people and their way to live. It has a big impact on my attitude towards strangers and foreign countries. I learned to observe instead of criticizing. I learned to understand and see connections. And more than this I learned to accept and see the benefits of every system, instead of comparing it constantly with other countries. For that reason I am thankful for all the inputs of my friends, my study colleagues, my professors and the brief encounters with various people. The discussions and the interactions we had, have been from great value.

My curriculum at the Seoul National University was based on “lifelong learning”, a concept of alternative learning. The subjects we studied had been about the introduction of that concept into a society. We discussed about how a lifelong learning society looks like; what are the aims and goals of the lifelong learning concept; how can we approach it and what’s the very basic idea of a learning society. I need to mention that the courses I chose are not related to the current major I study but my previous study, which had been psychology. I need to mention that I studied at the Seoul National University the last semester. The reason why it is from importance, is because of the different expectations of the students and professors in this university and my previous university. The expectations of the students and the professors are far more high than I was used in my originating university. The classes I took have been classes, where usually only Korean students attend. To be the only exchange student the professors ever had in their class was a new circumstances for both sides. I had the same assignments as regular students, which made it a little bit more difficult for me to adapt than I assume other exchange student had, who took classes designed for exchange students. But nevertheless the expectations at the Seoul National University compared to other universities have been high enough for me to get the impressions that the students and the professors do not have time for extracurricular activities. My daily life in South Korea had been very simple for that. I went to school, stayed there for classes or studied at the library. With other friends and comrades we ate together lunch or dinner close to the university or within the campus. The only activities me and my friends did, had been within our free days or on holidays. The first weeks I started to go to the language courses as well, but it took too much of my time and I couldn’t concentrate to my other classes. I could choose instead of my two classes the Korean language course but my subjects already have been in Korean, so I thought it wouldn’t be a bad idea to just skip the language courses but train my language skills within the regular classes. More over within the regular classes I had obviously more Korean friends. For the next generation of outgoing students. To choose regular classes in Korean with only 2 years Korean before might be not that easy. It is hard and it will take you a lot of your time. You will still have some time to participate in

any activities you want beside the university but most of your time you'll need to stay at the university and study till the next break came. I would recommend you to take regular classes to improve your Korean but if you cannot handle the stress and the pressure than you should rather choose language courses and the usual courses for exchange students. Some of the professors are nice and they are really interested in your well-being but do not expect too much kindness. Participating within the class discussions will assure that you'll find Korean friends but to have some contacts with other exchange students is often crucial for surviving. As you will need cheap places to exchange money or when you needed to repair your phone and you don't know where to go. Or you have problems with your house keeper etc. There could arise many moments where you don't know what to do. In that case there are always people, who went through the same and might have some tips for you. Though I said you might not have time for extracurricular activities there had been some activities I joined within the university and outside of the university, like the SNU Buddy Programm, the Language Programm of the Education Department and a hiking group. I do believe that South Korea had a positive impact on me. The friends I made and the things I learned are worth all the unpleasant things you might go as a foreign student. You will find that the living circumstances are different there than in your home country but I am glad to experience many things.

South Korea is full of diverse activities and diverse people. For that reason there is for everyone something to love and enjoy. No way you'll ever be bored there.