

The Education Abroad Program office wants to hear about your experience abroad! Tell us about your experience by filling out the *Return Student Report for Exchanges/Summer Programs*. Your feedback will be used to help improve programs and services for future students and be a valuable resource for future students who are interested in studying abroad.

The Return Student Report consists of two parts:

- Part A: Participant Information
- Part B: Internship Information

Part A will not be made public. Part B will be made public and available online to future students interested in learning more about the education abroad process and program. Education Abroad Program will preserve your anonymity by not revealing your name or any personal details.

Part A

Participant Information

Please provide the following information.

Name:			
Student Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> International	Home Institution:	University of Alberta
Faculty:	Business	Degree Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
Major/Minor:	BUEC Major/ MARKETING Minor		
Current Year of Study	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4th <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		

Part B

Exchange/Summer Program Information

Please provide the following details related to your Education Abroad Program.

Host Institution:	Seoul National University		
City/Town:	Seoul	Country:	South Korea
Exchange/Summer Program Period:	From: 09/02/2013 (mm/dd/yyyy)	To: 12/21/2013 (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Did you participate on an internship during your exchange/summer program?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
What immigration documents (e.g. study visa, residence permits etc.) are required to study at your host institution?	Alien Registration Card (ARC) card is required to sign up for phone/ bank account. Does not require special visa unless for full year exchange.		
What issues (if any) did you encounter while obtaining these immigration documents?	Line ups for ARC card was long and may take a long time (make sure to check which documents are required ie. copies of portrait ID photos, schedule wisely		
What tips would you give to future students regarding their student visa and other required immigration documents?	SNU goes over the required documents pretty well in its orientation program. Line up early in the morning to beat the rush of people coming to get ARC cards for the new semester		

Languages

What was the language(s) of instruction at your host institution? <i>Check all that apply</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> Cantonese <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Mandarin <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Korean
Were there any adequate course offerings taught in English for your field of study?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Prior to your departure, did you take any language courses at your home institution? If yes, what courses (e.g. FREN 111) did you take?	No
How did taking a class in another language (that was not your first language) impact your learning experience? Did you instructor make any accommodations?	

Academia

What arrangements regarding pre-approval of credit transfer were you able to arrange with your faculty before leaving on your program?

Signed copy of the syllabus of the courses I was expected to take at SNU, and signed off at the faculty building with an advisor by meeting with them and going over the flow chart for my major/minor.

Please describe the course registration process at your host institution.

- Were you able to pre-register in Canada?
- Did you receive any assistance from your host institution?
- Did your course registration change upon arrival? If so, why?)

Course registration done online on Sugang site which was similar to beartracks but the classes are a lot more competitive it is a good idea to set your alarm to get in to the classes you want when the site opens for registrations for students. Lots of information provided via email by the coordinator of SNU.

Please describe your academic plan (e.g. number of courses per term, course name etc.).

I took two courses, one being called "Special Topics in Business Admin" and the other called " Legal Aspects of Business" which were both provided in English.

Please describe the credit and grading system at your host institution.

Scaled at 4.3 being at A+, 4.0 = A and so on similarly to U of A

How was your overall academic experience (e.g. teaching style, class structure and sizes, amount of coursework, assessment) in comparison to your home institution?

Professors were not as dedicated and since they were teaching in English , they sometimes could not convey the right ideas and thoughts as they would have done if they had taught in Korean

How did you obtain a transcript for coursework completed at your host institution?

They asked me to fill out a sign out sheet and were to send the required transcripts accordingly from the OIA office

Student Services

Please describe the type of facilities (e.g. library, internet/Wi-Fi access, computer labs, bookstore, health clinic, counseling services) available at your host institution.

Wifi Access is good in some areas and not in some areas. If living in dorm the Ethernet internet is pretty reliable. Textbooks are usually cheaper here than in Canada and the libraries are nicely set up too. Diversified assortments of restaurants,cafeterias and hangout places are available throughout campus

To the best of your knowledge, what support and services are available at your host institution for:

- Students with disabilities or special needs
- Students identifying as LGBTQ
- Students of visible minorities

The campus is built on a moutainous area meaning it might make accesbility a bit diffucult. Not sure of exact services provided,

Please describe where you could find exchange student advising or receive academic counseling at your host institution.

OIA office or School of Business Faculty Building

Housing Information

To the best of your knowledge, what housing options are available to students?	Dormitory, Hostels off campus,
What type of housing did you stay in?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-campus residences <input type="checkbox"/> Off-campus housing <input type="checkbox"/> With a host family <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
How satisfied were you with your housing choice?	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 = Not at all satisfied </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 = Very satisfied </div> </div>
What should future students be aware of when choosing on-campus residences? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Application process for housing</i> • <i>Utilities and furniture</i> • <i>Meal plans, cooking facilities</i> • <i>Housing rules (e.g. curfew, how early can you move in, closure during major holidays etc.)</i> • <i>Assistance from host institution staff (e.g. airport pick-up, orientation)</i> 	Again, the application for dorm is competitive so it is a good idea to do it as soon as the site opens for registration. Furniture available are a closet, desk, bed. The number of people in your rooms depend on the dorm registered. Meals are usually done at the cafeteria near the dorms and are cheap at around 3000 won or 3 dollars. No major rules other than not to be disruptive at night and not to bring guests after a certain hour (10PM). The host insitution was helpful via email in informing about orientation and events that are happening around the campus throughout the semester and they are easy to sign up or opt out of.
What should future students be aware of when choosing off-campus housing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lease agreements, deposits, tenant rights</i> • <i>Utilities and furniture</i> • <i>Location and neighbourhoods</i> • <i>Safety and security</i> • <i>Type of resources available to look for housing (eg: Craigslist)</i> 	

Student Life

What would you recommend to future students who are looking to meet other students at your host institution? (e.g. extra-curricular activities such as student groups, intramurals, residence events and activities, volunteering opportunities, etc.)

There are a few intramurals such as football and tennis which are both famous sports in Korea. You can also sign up for many things when they had clubs/circle days on campus including choirs, table tennis, residence intramurals etc.

What work or internship opportunities are available for students on and/or off campus?

Health and Safety

Are there any specific health/safety issues that future students should be made aware of? What precautions can you recommend to mitigate or eliminate these issues?

High amounts of dust in public and in dorms may be a good idea to wear face mask if you are sensitive. Be careful of the food since travellers sickness may occur when you have a sudden change in food styles.

Did your host institution require a mandatory travel/health insurance plan for exchange students? How did you arrange this?

Yes. they sent me an email requiring me to send the information of the policy to them once I had received insurance for the duration fo the exchange. RBC Insurance was my choice to arrange this.

Cultural Adaptation

What cultural differences (if any) did you find particularly challenging?

No, most people are very friendly and are willign to help and a lot of signs are in English so it was easy to navigate around the city without much trouble

What parts of your host country's culture did you most appreciate?

The food restaruant culture is something to be appreciated in Korea--it's a lot more diverse and the ambiance is a lot more funner and entertaining than in Canada.

Costs and Budgeting

Please describe your basic costs in Canadian dollars. This will help future exchange/summer program students plan their own budgets.

Airfare to host country	\$ 1500	Brief Description	Depends on time of year
Visa fees	\$ 60	Brief Description	Have to pay fees at the foreign service office to get ARC
Books/term	\$ 50	Brief Description	Only took two courses and only one required one.
Accommodation/month	\$ 200	Brief Description	Paid 600 for the total semester and transferred fees before leaving Canada
Meals/month	\$ 500	Brief Description	
Health insurance/month	\$ 100	Brief Description	
Local transportation/month	\$ 250	Brief Description	Bus train= cheap Cab= expensive
Personal spending/month	\$ 100	Brief Description	
Communications/month (e.g. phone)	\$ 50	Brief Description	
Other travel	\$	Brief Description	
What unexpected costs did you encounter?	Cost of buying stuff for dorm such as paper towels water, bedding etc		

Funding your International Experience

Please indicate how you financed your program. This will help future students plan their own budgets. <i>Check all that apply.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships from UAlberta <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships from Host Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family contributions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal savings <input type="checkbox"/> Employment while in host country <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Final Thoughts

What were some highlights of your experience abroad?

Going to Han River with the SNU students to have fried chicken and going to late night bars in HongDae and just have a good time

Would you recommend your internship program to other students? Why or why not?

Yes, the students are very friendly and easy to get along with. You will also learn a lot from other students from different countries like Germany and France and participate in activities with them as well as native Koreans in a cooperative manner.

Please provide any final information/tips for students interested in studying abroad that you would like to share.

Do your research on what to do and where to go and you will have an easy and fun time doing something new every day in South Korea prior to leaving home country.