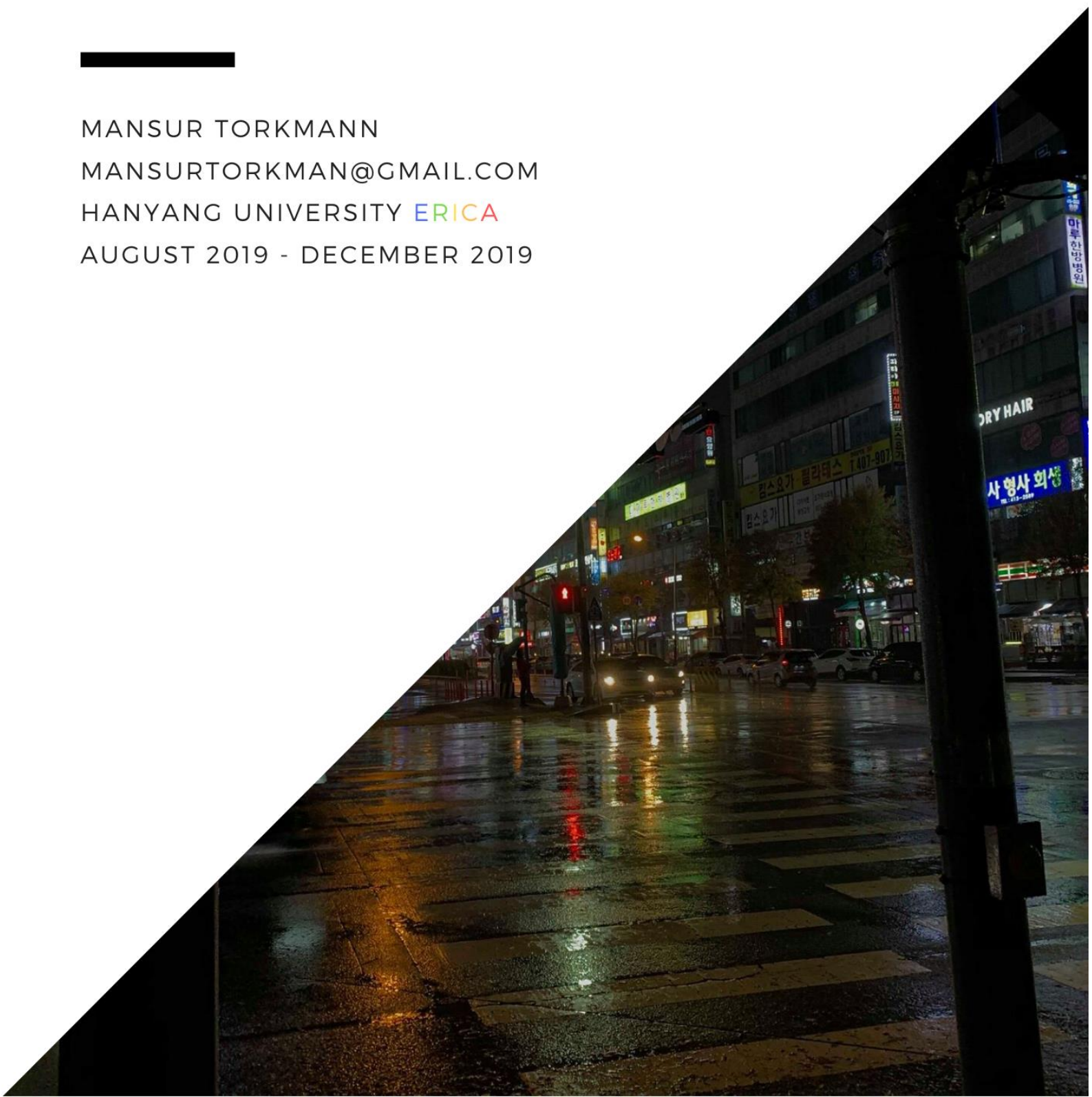


# EXCHANGE REPORT

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## 1.0 Introduction

During my 5<sup>th</sup> semester, I got the opportunity to study abroad and experience life as an exchange student in a completely different country. Prior to the exchange semester, life in Denmark has become a bit stale and boring, therefore I wanted to experience something new. So, I began researching on where I could go. Personally, I was not interested in European countries, as they seemed a bit boring and too close to Denmark. Furthermore, I have always been fascinated by Asian culture, therefore South Korea was the perfect choice.

## 2.0 Experiences at the host university

### 2.1 Subjects

Before I go further into the subjects, if you end up choosing the same subjects, just send me an email and I would happily provide you the books for these courses.

#### **Consumer Behavior**

Pretty easy, most subjects are covered in the BEIT study, the professor is nice and speaks fluently English.

#### **Organizational Behavior**

By far the best class I have had this semester, a lot of the theories are covered in the BEIT study, so you are well prepared for this class. Also, the professor is very good, but talks a lot of Korean due to many Korean students not understanding him. It was a very big class with about 50 students.

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## **Advanced Business Communication**

Pretty easy if you are good at English and this subject covers a lot of the same theories as the consumer/organizational behavior class.

## **Financial Management**

This class was very hard, especially because I'm bad at math, also the professor is not good. Would not recommend this class.

## **Survival Korean**

Would absolutely not recommend this class, unless you know some Korean language beforehand. The teacher teaches Korean in Korean, so it's pretty hard to follow her.

## 2.2 Teaching methods

- Attendance counts towards your final grade
- You need to memorize everything
- A lot of quizzes
- Lectures

## 2.3 Dormitory life

This semester, we didn't have the option to choose a single room, so I ended up sharing a room with an exchange student from China. The building consists of 18 floors and has the following.

- Two restaurants (Chicken shop and a Korean food)
- A CU (Almost like 7/11)
- Canteen (A meal costs 20kr)
- Coffee shop
- Study rooms
- Coin wash (costs 6kr to wash your clothes, and 6kr to dry them)

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The dormitory room itself is quite small, but you have your own toilet/ shower but no kitchen. I would strongly recommend finding a student from KEA or someone you know to share the dormitory room with. If you don't there is a high chance of you getting a Chinese exchange student. I don't have anything against Chinese people, but the cultural differences are too high to live peacefully with each other. Furthermore, it is very hard to communicate with them, they are good at reading and writing English, but are not as good when it comes to speaking and pronunciation.

When you arrive, I would also recommend renting a mini fridge, it costs 30000 WON which is about 170 Danish kr for the whole semester.

Overall the dormitory experience has been good. It's fairly cheap (6200 kr for the whole semester). Furthermore, it's very convenient as all of your friends live on the same floor, so it's easy to go to class, eat and chill together. But if you don't want to live in the dorms, you can rent an apartment close to the university, the prices should also be fairly reasonable.



### 3.0 Social and cultural experiences

### 3.1 My experience

Loved it

### 3.2 What to do in the city

Do some research on what you want to see.

### 3.3 How to find friends and how to network

A good way to find friends is signing up for the Hanmille program, here you will meet other exchange and Korean students. They also arrange some events that you can attend. You will also get a Korean mentor who can help you out with some problems you may face. My mentor was not good at English and pretty shy, but he was great anyways.

## 4.0 Practical experiences

### 4.1 Visa and plane ticket

First of all, you need a D-2 Study abroad Visa. The application process is two weeks and is pretty easy, you can find all of the information and required documents here:

[http://overseas.mofa.go.kr/dk-en/wpge/m\\_7042/contents.do](http://overseas.mofa.go.kr/dk-en/wpge/m_7042/contents.do)

The Visa costs 420 kr. And you need to pay it in cash! Fill out the Visa application with a pen, they won't accept the blanket if it is filled out with a pencil.

After I received my visa, I booked my plane ticket, sadly there are no direct flights to Korea. Therefore, I had a connecting flight in Moscow. The return trip ticket cost me 5400 kr.

## 4.2 Alien registration card (ARC)

After setting in the university, you need to apply for the ARC. It's pretty easy and if you have any problems, just ask your assigned mentor or the international office in the welfare building on campus for help. The cost of the ARC is 30000 won which is 170 kr.

## 4.3 Credit Card

Would highly recommend getting an international credit card. I have a Mastercard from Danske Bank, which didn't work most places. Therefore, I had to withdraw money all the time, the fee was 30kr which is not a lot, but it runs up.

I would recommend looking at credit cards like these:

Revolut:

[https://www.revolut.com/dk/aff/269814\\_admitad%20GmbH\\_135a0896a4b7ee8e16ea717eef9bcaf2?irgwc=1&p=i&ext=269814\\_135a0896a4b7ee8e16ea717eef9bcaf2](https://www.revolut.com/dk/aff/269814_admitad%20GmbH_135a0896a4b7ee8e16ea717eef9bcaf2?irgwc=1&p=i&ext=269814_135a0896a4b7ee8e16ea717eef9bcaf2)

N26:

<https://n26.com/en-eu>

You can also open a Korean bank account at campus, the cost is 30000 won.

## 4.4 Travel insurance

Its required by the university to have insurance on your trip. I bought my insurance from safeaway.dk for 1200 kr. But you can also buy insurance from the university which is much cheaper.

## 4.5 Phone subscription and bedding for dorm.

Before going to Korea, a company called TownUS will send you an email with some deals.

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I bought my phone subscription and my bedding for the dorms from them.

- My data plan 15GB cost about 800 kr for the whole semester
- Bedding costs like 150 or 200 kr
- Needs to be paid in cash

## 5.0 Conclusion

Very good trip ☺