

## **Front-page**

Name of the student:

Student's email address:

Name of the host institution: Hanyang university at Ansan

Name of the host institution's contact person: we had a contact person?

Period of study: spring 2018.

## **Introduction**

A short introduction to the report, where you could describe, e.g. why did you choose to study abroad in the xxxth semester and what were your expectations of your stay abroad.

I wanted to gain more qualities than just what I could get from attending school in Denmark, and so I chose to study abroad, and since I wanted to study in as different an environment as possible, I picked south korea.

## **Experiences at the host university**

Look at point 3 in Basic and all that's written in "academic experience" below.

### **Social and cultural experiences**

The best part of the entire trip was a social aspect, I stayed at the school's dorm so my entire floor was with the exchange students attending that year (excluding the female as Korea for some reason wants to enforce gender separation.)

Half of the exchange students were likeminded, in regards to making friends and mingling. So we quickly made a groupchat of 80 people where a ton of announcements were made, like invitations to go see cultural things, travel, go to karaoke/bars, go hiking and so on.

There is a lot to do in the city and close by, there are bars, karaoke, lots of restaurants, 2 cinemas, a few arcades.

### **Practical experiences**

I traveled by plane to seoul, and then 2 hour train to ansan. Stayed in the dorm. I only ate at restaurants or instant food. As there were no kitchen at the dorm. But food is cheap there, it costs around 5000-9000 won, depending on where and what you eat.

## **Conclusion**

To boil it down.

Their school system and administrative system is worse than anything I've ever experienced.

But the social aspect of studying abroad made it worth it nonetheless.

## **Basic:**

1. Where and when did you study abroad?

I studied in hanyang university in Ansan in South Korea.

2. What KEA program did you attend at the time?

Computer Science.

3. What classes did you take during your semester abroad?

- Korean survival
  - A class where you are taught basic Korean.
- Information retrieval
  - A class where you learn about searching and sorting algorithms and how to implement it in actual programs.
- Creative prototyping.
  - Brainstorming app ideas and making showcases out of those ideas.
- Digital typography.
  - Learning about fonts and making your own to fit a specific case.
- Webdesign.
  - Making homepages and learning html/css/JavaScript.

## **Academic Experience**

1. How helpful was the *receiving school* in the process of choosing classes and settling you in?

It was close to useless.

2. What classes/study experiences did you find the most rewarding? Why?

The most useful class was web-design as it was the only class where the teacher spoke English well enough to be understood without any problems.

3. What classes/study experiences did you find least relevant or least valuable to you? Why?

All the other classes, as their English was close to non-existent, and I would have learned more by watching relevant youtube

videos, which sadly, I was forced to, to gain the necessary knowledge to complete the courses.

And even in the one class where the teacher spoke English, none of the student did, so it was impossible to gain anything from group work. (almost none of the non-exchange students spoke more than a few words of English)

Also for some reason, my teacher in digital typography wanted us all to present each weeks work, that would be alright if you disregarded the fact that our class consisted of more than 40 student, which meant that some weeks we would use 3 out of 3 hours of presentation of something similar.

4. What classes would you advice other KEA students going to the receiving school to choose or not to choose?

I would advise going to another school. They advertise that the lectures are in English... they are often not. I was a sneak peak at the "advanced English" course textbook. And the most advanced they were learning, was how to conjugate "eat", "ate", "eating". And stuff like that. Which will give you a sense of how bad it is.

## **Cultural/Personal Experience**

1. What challenges did you experience culturally while being abroad?

None, except language barrier with some.

a. How helpful was the receiving school in this process

Not helping much, except a quick overview of what not to do, like stealing, gambling, and a few scams that one might encounter.

2. What was the best cultural/personal experience during your studies abroad?

They had a mentor program where each student was assigned a mentor who would in turn receive 2 ects points for their troubles; it is a really good program.

3. What advice would you give other KEA students going to study abroad at the receiving school?

Join the mentor program, go to a bunch of classes and get those where English is enforced by the teacher.

## **Practical Experience**

1. How was the application process?

It was fast and not too painful.

a. What did KEA help you with?

KEA made contact with the school possible, and made exchange easier than some other schools do.

b. What help did you receive from your school abroad.

The only real help was they have an offer to stay at a dorm for a reasonable price, so you don't have to find and rent a place yourself.

2. Did you have any practical difficulties settling down in at your destination?

No.

a. How helpful was the receiving school in this process?

No need for help.

b. Where did you live?

At the dorm of the school, 10-15 min walking distance from classes.

c. Was it difficult to find accommodation?

No.

d. Was it expensive?

No, it was 1.095.000 krw for the entire semester.

4. What kind of expenses did you have in general?

Food.

a. Did you spend more or less money than you budgeted with?

Around what I expected.