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Erfahrungsbericht Auslandsstudium

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Angaben zum Auslandsaufenthalt	
Studiengang an der WiSo:	Int. Business Studies
Gastuniversität:	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
Gastland:	Südkorea
Studiengang an der Gastuniversität:	Business
Aufenthaltszeitraum (Semester und Jahr):	1 semester in 2023
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Themenbereiche:

1. **Bewerbung und Auswahlverfahren an der FAU**
The application process at FAU for an exchange semester begins with an internal application that includes submitting a letter of motivation, academic transcripts, and proof of language proficiency. The selection committee evaluates candidates based on academic performance and motivation. Successful candidates are nominated to the host universities. However, in my case I did not get accepted through the university and, I chose to go through an external agency, Asia Exchange, which facilitated the entire process with HUFSS on my behalf.
2. **Bewerbung / Anmeldung an der Gastuniversität**
Asia Exchange handled all the communication with HUFSS, simplifying the registration process significantly. They provided detailed instructions on filling out the necessary forms and submitting required documents such as motivation letter, transcripts and language proficiency. This streamlined approach ensured that all paperwork was completed accurately and on time. And if anything is missing or needs more detailed attention the agency lets you know, for example my motivation letter lacked some aspects on the university and after the agency read it they suggested me to edit it and add more details about the university itself.
3. **Vorbereitung auf das Auslandsstudium**
Preparation involved researching Korean culture, customs, and daily life. Asia Exchange provided comprehensive guides and resources to help understand what to expect. Attending pre-departure orientation sessions offered by Asia Exchange was extremely helpful, covering topics like health insurance, banking, and packing tips.
4. **Anreise / Visum**
Asia Exchange guided me through the visa application process. This included obtaining a student visa, which required an acceptance letter from HUFSS, proof of sufficient funds, and health insurance. The process took a few weeks, so starting early was crucial. The university wants a specific type of student visa which they also let you know as soon as you get accepted.



5. **Unterkunftsmöglichkeiten (Wohnheim, privat)**
HUFS offers dormitory accommodation, which is typically shared with other international students. Asia Exchange guaranteed dormitory spots for its participants, ensuring that housing was affordable and conveniently located on or near campus. The dorms were cost-effective, providing a great opportunity to connect with fellow students from diverse backgrounds. I really recommend to stay at the dormitories provided as most of my friendships started there and they do activities altogether for bonding and getting to know each other.
6. **Einschreibung an der Gastuniversität**
Enrollment at HUFS was straightforward, thanks to the support from Asia Exchange. They provided clear instructions on submitting necessary documents, attending orientation sessions, and registering for courses.
7. **Fachliche und administrative Betreuung an der Gastuniversität (International Office, Fachstudienberater, Buddy-Programme, studentische Initiativen, etc.)**
While the HUFS International Office is generally supportive and offers comprehensive assistance, I encountered significant issues regarding course registration. When I applied for my courses, the information provided stated that international students could participate. I attended the first lecture of one such course, only to be later informed that it was restricted to Korean students only. Despite this miscommunication being an error on their part, the International Office did not assign me to another course, citing that the registration period had ended. This situation has created a significant problem for me, as I might not have enough credits to transfer back to my home university. I emphasized that the issue stemmed from their misinformation, but unfortunately, no resolution was provided.
8. **Lehrveranstaltungen / Stundenplan an der Gastuniversität**
The course schedule at HUFS is different from what I was accustomed to at FAU. Unlike at FAU, where exercises and lectures are scheduled separately on different days and times, HUFS combines them into single sessions. Typically, one lecture lasts 2-3 hours, incorporating both theoretical and practical components. The timetable is designed with breaks in between sessions, which helps to manage the long lecture hours. Additionally, the university schedule is quite compact, with classes usually spread over just three days a week for a few hours each day. This structure allows for significant free time, which can be used for studying, leisure activities, or exploring the city.
9. **Sprachkurse an der Gastuniversität (kostenlos, kostenpflichtig)**



10. Ausstattung der Gastuniversität (Bibliothek, Computerräume, etc.)

HUFS boasts a large cafeteria with a wide variety of food options catering to different tastes and dietary needs. Whether you prefer traditional Korean cuisine or international dishes, the cafeteria has something for everyone. The prices are reasonable, making it a convenient and affordable dining option for students. There is also a market located on campus, which is extremely convenient for everyday necessities. It offers a range of products from snacks and beverages to stationery and personal care items, ensuring that students have easy access to everything they might need. The HUFS library is a standout facility, offering an extensive collection of academic resources, including books, journals, and digital materials. The library is equipped with numerous study spaces and computer rooms. Additionally, the library's design includes large windows providing a beautiful view of the university campus, making it an inspiring place to study and work on assignments.

11. Freizeitangebote

Exploring the surrounding districts of Seoul offered numerous opportunities for leisure and entertainment. Shopping in areas like Myeongdong and Gangnam was always exciting, with a variety of stores ranging from high-end boutiques to quirky local shops. Eating out was another highlight, as Seoul is known for its diverse and delicious food scene, from street food stalls to trendy cafes and traditional Korean BBQ restaurants. Clubbing was a significant part of the nightlife experience in Korea. The nightlife in Seoul is known for being safe and fun, providing a great way to meet people from all over the world. Interestingly, most of the friends we made were from clubs, and many of them were also from Germany, which added an unexpected yet pleasant familiarity to the experience.

12. Stadt (Sehenswürdigkeiten, Feste, Museen, etc.)

13. Alltag (Geld-Abheben, Handy, Jobben)

Withdrawing money in Seoul was easy, with ATMs widely available. It's important to be aware of potential charges for international transactions. Getting a local SIM card was cost-effective for communication. Prepaid plans offering data, calls, and texts at reasonable rates were readily available from several providers. Chingu mobile is one of the most common one where you pre-order the sim before arrival and pick it up at the airport and they set it up for you there

14. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien)

The cost of living in Seoul varied, but budgeting for accommodation, food, transportation, and leisure activities was manageable. Researching average costs and planning accordingly helped in maintaining financial stability. The only really expensive thing about Korea was the grocery shopping, which most times I did not do anyway as eating out was cheaper than groceries.



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Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

16. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

The best experience was the opportunity to immerse myself in Korean culture and meet people from around the world. The friendships and memories made during this time were invaluable and will last a lifetime. I really made memories that I won't experience anywhere and met people and developed friendships that I would never forget.

17. Sonstiges

Vielen Dank für Ihre Unterstützung!