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### Erfahrungsbericht Auslandsstudium

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Studiengang an der WiSo:	IBS
Gastuniversität:	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
Gastland:	South Korea
Studiengang an der Gastuniversität:	Not defined
Aufenthaltszeitraum (Semester und Jahr):	Winter semester 2023/2024
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## **Themenbereiche:**

1. Bewerbung und Auswahlverfahren an der FAU
  - I wanted to spend my semester abroad in South Korea, but I wasn't accepted into any of FAU's partner universities. During one of the information sessions at FAU, I learned about Asia Exchange, an organization that helps students study in Asia. At that time, they had two university options for South Korea. They even helped me choose the one that would be more suitable for my field of study, which was really helpful. I applied through them as a free mover and successfully got accepted as a visiting student in South Korea.
2. Bewerbung / Anmeldung an der Gastuniversität
  - The application and registration process at the host university in South Korea was handled entirely by Asia Exchange on my behalf. I only needed to send them the required documents, and they took care of the rest, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free experience for me.
3. Vorbereitung auf das Auslandsstudium
  - For my study abroad, I needed private insurance, as the university in Korea required it before arrival, despite receiving national health insurance two months into my stay. I booked my flight in advance according to the dorm check-in dates and also had to get a mandatory tuberculosis test for all international students living in dorms. Additionally, I had to clarify the process for learning agreements with my coordinator, as the Korean system is different and course registration occurs at the beginning of the semester. This meant I had to ensure I could finalize my learning agreements after arriving in Korea, depending on the available subjects.
4. Anreise / Visum
  - For my visa, I first needed to clarify whether I could obtain it in Germany, as I don't have German nationality, or if I had to apply in my home country. After confirming that I could apply in Germany, I did so by post without needing a visa appointment, which was very convenient during exam season. I sent all the required forms and documents for my visiting student visa, and received my passport and visa back by post within a week after they processed my application.



## 5. Unterkunftsmöglichkeiten (Wohnheim, privat)

- For accommodation, I stayed in the university dorms, which included two types: on-campus dorms with a curfew during the week and international houses with no curfew, located about a 5-minute walk from campus. I lived in International House E, a mixed-gender dorm. Asia Exchange handled the dorm application for me; I only had to select my preferred dorm. Compared to other options in Korea, dorms are the most affordable, though I shared a small room with another person. The room included a small kitchen space, a washing machine, and AC, but the bunk bed arrangement was a downside for me.

## 6. Einschreibung an der Gastuniversität

- The enrollment process was quick and seamless, with the agency handling most of it, so I barely had to do anything.

## 7. Fachliche und administrative Betreuung an der Gastuniversität (International Office, Fachstudienberater, Buddy-Programme, studentische Initiativen, etc.)

- The International Office was very responsive and quickly addressed all my issues. Additionally, the buddy program was a great help.

## 8. Lehrveranstaltungen / Stundenplan an der Gastuniversität

- Registering for courses was quite challenging because international students weren't allowed to register during the regular course registration period, as Korean students were given priority. Our registration only began on the fifth day of the semester, leaving me uncertain about my courses until then. By that time, all the international exchange students were competing for spots, especially in business courses, which had only 3-4 available slots each. I barely managed to secure four courses to meet the 20-credit requirement.

## 9. Sprachkurse an der Gastuniversität (kostenlos, kostenpflichtig)

- I didn't take any language courses there, but the university offered both free and paid options. The paid option included an intensive Korean course that was 4 hours every weekday.

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

- The facilities on campus were excellent. The library, which was spacious and had a café, was open 24 hours during the exam period—a big plus. The university cafeteria served good food at very affordable prices. (2 euros for a whole meal with side dishes)

## 11. Freizeitangebote



- The university offers a variety of activities such as guest lectures and culture weeks. Every spring and autumn, they organize a university festival, an experience I won't forget. The community spirit during these festivals was unlike anything I had seen before. Many famous Korean artists, whom I really like, were the main acts of the festival which took place for three days.

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

- The city is huge with something for everyone, making it a lively and exciting place to be. It's great for shopping, with each neighborhood in Seoul known for something unique. Visiting cafes is a cultural staple, with countless cute and themed cafes to explore. For party enthusiasts, there are plenty of options, and the party scene is relatively inexpensive compared to Germany. I also visited many museums, all of which were excellent. Additionally, the municipality organized numerous activities, including free K-pop concerts.

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

- I personally didn't have any problems withdrawing money with my Revolut card (I had the metal plan) and was able to pay everywhere with it, barely using any cash. However, some of my friends with German cards faced a lot of trouble as their cards didn't work there. As for the mobile SIM, I pre-ordered a SIM with a plan online from Chingu Mobile and picked it up at the airport when I arrived.

#### 14. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien)

- Regarding the cost of living, Korea is not the cheapest country to visit, but it's manageable. A meal in a local restaurant can cost around 5 euros, and it's often cheaper to eat out than to buy groceries. Going out to activities and cafes is roughly the same as in Germany. However, if you spend your money mindfully, it doesn't have to be overly expensive.

#### 15. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

#### 16. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

#### 17. Sonstiges

***Vielen Dank für Ihre Unterstützung!***