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Studiengang an der WiSo:	International Economic Studies
Gastuniversität:	Kyungpook National University
Gastland:	Süd Korea
Studiengang an der Gastuniversität:	Business Administration
Aufenthaltszeitraum (Semester und Jahr):	01.09.2025 – 19.12.2025
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1. Vorbereitung (Planung, Organisation und Bewerbung bei der Gasteinrichtung)

To have a higher chance to get into a university that you like in one specific country, it is better to apply both at WiSo Overseas and FAUexchange programmes for the universities in that country. As my case going to South Korea, it is highly competitive. I got into Kyungpook National University (KNU) in Daegu (my second choice) which is a quite big university, but not in the biggest cities like Seoul or Busan. But the expense here is cheaper than bigger cities. After applying for the nomination at our university, on 14/01/2025 I got the announcement that I received a place at KNU. Then FAU will send the nomination letter to KNU on around 10/03/2025 so we just need to prepare the documents to send for the application before deadline (for Fall 2025, it was 15/05/2025). As a student that is not from one of OECD countries (the nationality counts in this case, so the fact that FAU is in Germany doesn't matter, where you are from matters), I had to send an original apostilled or notarized certificate of enrollment from the embassy of Korea, but I called the embassy of Korea, and they said that they don't do it. So I had to do an Apostille through our university, it costs 20€. You can find the information of how to apply for it through this website (<https://www.fau.de/studium/studienorganisation/wege-ins-ausland/planung-eines-auslandsaufenthalts/#beantragung-einer-apostille>). It needs at least 4 weeks to receive it, so keep that in mind. I received it earlier than 4 weeks. If you are from OECD countries, just send our normal certificate of enrollment. On 15/04/2025 my application was approved. I got acceptance letter and certification of admission after 25/06/2025 to apply for a visa. After your application is approved, the host university will always guide you what to do.

2. An- und Einreise (Visum, Flug/Bahn/Bus)

For the visa, you apply for it at KVAC in Berlin. Just prepare the documents and send it by post to apply for the visa. KNU is one of the university in the excellent accredited universities list, so even you are from the developing countries that are written in red in the visa instruction file, you just need to prepare the documents listed in the "CASE 1: If your university is on the Excellent accredited universities list". Because the list is quite confusing to understand whether KNU is excellent accredited or not. I booked the flight to



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n after receiving the visa. Price was 421€. To go to Daegu from Busan it takes only 1 hour with bus.

3. Unterkunft (Wohnheim/Privat)

I live in the dormitory of the university. To be able to checkin you need to have a negative Tuberculosis test result. I couldn't find anywhere to do it in Germany. So the option was to do it in Korea before checking-in the dorm. Its fine to do it like that. The dorm is shared-room with another person, mostly from the same nationality. You can ask beforehand if you want to live with your friend. The room is sometimes moldy, especially the AC. You should clean it before you move in.

4. Fachlicher Aufenthalt an der Gasteinrichtung (Lehrveranstaltungen, Praktikumsinhalte und -aufgaben, Sprachkurse, Stundenplan, Prüfungen, Abschlussarbeit)

The classes were full with assignments, quizzes, excercises everyweek for every module that I chose. But you will never fail any course (at least at the semester I participated) because at KNU you will be graded based on the ranking (but you have to attend the exam + not absent for more than what the limit that the teacher has set). So for example 50% will get A, 25% will get B, and 25% will get C. So you need to compete with your peers. Korean students are separately graded. I also wanted to choose Korean language as our mandatory Foreign Language 2.0 but FAU doesn't accredit Korean. You can also take English but regular English is not enough, you need business or economic English to get it accredited. So you can also take a normal business class or economic class that is taught in English, you will be able to get it accredited by applying for the Learning Agreement with our Language Center at FAU (fan-infotheke@fau.de)

Other than that, I also took 5 other economic + business courses as follows:

1. Business ethics: I took this course from Dr. William Hunsaker, it was a really good course to participate, because the lecturer is really nice, he shares a lot about his personal experience which can help you to imagine how you would solve some ethical problems that you might face in the future at work.



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lobal management: this course was okay in my opinion, we had to read 3 papers and answer some questions in the classroom with your group, and do a presentation about high tech marketing for the mid-term exam. But the lecturer is a bit boring I would say, and if you are a very curious student that have a lot of questions, I do not recommend this course since the lecturer kind of avoids asking questions during class.

3. Consumer behavior: this course is also from the same lecturer of Global management, we had weekly quizzes and I think the exam is designed to ask you more questions about very specific terms, so it is important for you to remember the name of those terms, rather than ask you how you would explain some terms in your own words. So it is a good choice when you are good at learning by heart.
4. International Finance: the lecturer is a bit boring and it was hard to understand the course. We had to do a presentation for the mid-term exam but the there was only 6 groups in the whole class, 2 groups will get A, 2 will get B and 2 will get C. So it is very important to choose your mate for the group.
5. Financial management: the lecturer was really nice, she could explain really good and was always open for questions. But the exam was long and quite difficult in my opinion.
5. Betreuung an der Gasteinrichtung (International Office, Fachbereich, Praktikumsbetreuung)
The International Office at KNU is very helpful, they will help with everything (insurance, ARC, etc.), you just need to check emails and follow the instruction. They also organize a lot of fun activities that I would also recommend you to join to make new friends. There is also another team to give bed sheets, pillows, blankets and other stuff for free called Local Pass (https://www.instagram.com/localpass_official?igsh=ZDY0dmZjd3BpZmp5), so you should check it here first before buying anything. I also do my internship at a company, it was very nice and it didn't take so much time.
6. Ausstattung der Gasteinrichtung (Bibliothek, Computerräume, Laboratorien, Unterrichts- und Arbeitsräume etc.)



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the library they all have computers for you to work with. And the library is big and nice to study. They also have some rooms to study in the dormitory but it is not so nice.

7. Alltag und Freizeit (Sehenswertes, Kulinarisches, Geld abheben, Handy, Jobs)

I didn't go to see much outside of the campus, but you just need to join the activities of the International Office, then it should also be enough, and it is free. Otherwise going to downtown to party is also nice. And do not forget to join the Soju party from the Local pass. It is cool to get to know other students there. - Korean food is good and not so expensive. BUT: Mealplan at the dormitory is not so much with protein, and to use all of the mealplan when you choose 1.5 meal/day is really hard. I cleared it all (i chose 1.5) at the last meal of the whole semester that they served. So it was really hard to use it all. My friends had to leave like 20-40-70 meals at the end. Because its not feasible anymore to clear it all. So I recommend only choose 1 or NOT AT ALL. Because the price difference with meals at other cafeterias or restaurant is not much. The only advantage of it is convenience from the dormitory when it is cold outside. But it is a nice place to also have lunch with a big group of people who are also trapped with the mealplan.

8. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien, finanzielle Unterstützung der Gasteinrichtung)

I applied for both Reisestipendium and PROMOS and got both (900€ each) which could help me a lot. So other than that I spent 1500€ more for leisure and other things (in this case that I clear all my mealplan). I didn't create a Korean bank account because you need ARC card to open it, and it took too long to get the ARC card so I didn't open one. Bring your physical VISA card to withdraw money, it cost 3500 KRW everytime no matter how much you withdraw (can be different based on the bank). Apple Pay is not so popular. Cash is still very convenient.

9. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

I could make a lot of new friends from different countries, exchange the cultures, and the people at my internship company were also very nice. The worst experience was that some clubs in the university don't accept foreigners,



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h I think is a discrimination. We had to download so many apps for different purposes from the university. For the certificate of enrollment we also had to withdraw it from an ATM in the campus. I think this was quite inconvenient.

10. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

International Office at the host university: Ms. Jungmin Lee,
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Vielen Dank für Ihre Unterstützung!