

Student Exchange Evaluation

Every student loves to hear of other's exchange experiences. These forms are very useful when selecting your exchange destination.

Please include as much information as possible. Feel free to use additional pages, enclose photos, links to blogs/ videos etc.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Name of Exchange University: Sungkyunkwan University
Country: South Korea
Year of exchange: 2019 Language of instruction: English

List courses taken abroad:

- Debates in Contemporary International Relations
- Political and Economic Development in Korea
- Basic Korean Program

2. EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

How would you rate your overall exchange experience on a scale of 1 to 10?

Poor

Excellent

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Comments:

3. FINANCES

Total cost: \$15,000 Room: \$3,800
Airfare to host institution: \$900 Holidays/travel expenses: \$2000
Other: \$8,000

Did you spend more than you expected? What was more/ less expensive than you expected?

I spent more than expected but it was cheaper than I thought

What was the best way of accessing money during your exchange programme?

visa card

Do you have any advice about finances, budgeting or the cheapest way of living/travelling?

Always have a budget but then have extra money available for when you go over budget

4. ARRIVAL

Was there an airport pickup/ buddy service available?

N/A

5. ORIENTATION

What was Orientation like? Was it useful? Were there social activities?

It was alright, ~~ma~~ pretty useful in terms of figuring out paper work and meeting other students.

6. ACADEMICS

What differences did you find between the UWA system and the system at your host university?

Contact hours: same as in home uni

Homework: much less

Course (lectures, tests, etc.): lectures then mid sem and final exam

Workload (heavier/ lighter) and assessment (harder or easier):

lighter workload and easier assessments

7. FACILITIES

What were the library/ Wi-Fi/ email facilities like at your host institution?

Perfectly functional

8. SOCIAL

What kinds of social events were there? Was it easy to meet people?

a welcome party, Folk village tour,
Halloween party and Goodbye party
Sub par.

9. ACCOMMODATION

Was on campus housing available? What were the rooms like? Were you on a meal plan or did you cook your own food? Are the residences close to the university?

Please add any additional information that you think be of interest with regard to housing.

On campus housing was available but
I chose to ~~to~~ rent my own apartment.

10. PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

What was the most difficult aspect of planning your exchange?

getting my units approved

What advice do you have for future exchange students?

get everything done as soon as you
can because there will usually
be some delay or miscommunication.

What are the 5 most important things to take with you when you go to your host university?

1. power adapter

2. local currency in case your card doesn't work
3. less clothes than you think (you will buy heaps there)
4. deodorant (they don't sell much there)
- 5.

11. General impressions

What were the most rewarding aspects of biggest disappointments of your exchange experience? How has your perspective changed as a result of your exchange experience?

Remember that students are interested in reading about both good and bad experiences.

- living in a separate apartment was isolating at times, would recommend staying in a dorm or sharehouse.
- Don't be afraid to talk to ~~people~~ everyone
- learn some of the language before you go especially conversational as English is not widely spoken.

Thank you for your time.