

Orientation days/week (timing, content)

1st of September, from 9am till 3pm

They introduced the university's practices and we got some useful information about studying and study life in Korea.

start/end dates of studies (academic calendar)

01.09.2017 – 23.12.2017

holiday periods at the host institution

Chuseok wk 40

exam periods

Midterms after Chuseok, weeks 41-43

Final exams, weeks 50-51

My courses

Global E-Business (Master level course) 3 Credits

"E-Business, which is based on the Internet service, is popular business model and has changed business practice drastically. Therefore, it is essential for the business managers to know about e-business. This course aims to teach basic knowledge on e-business. For this purpose, this unit will cover broad topics including technical infra, business model, social network based e-business, mobile commerce, internet marketing, security, etc. In addition, this course aims to provide practical knowledge on e-commerce through practical class."

This course included a mid-term exam and a group work. The professor on this course was good and likeable but he mainly focused on IT issues instead on more broadly to e-business including marketing and other things. Still, the course was easy to pass and somewhat interesting.

Business Data Analysis 3 Credits

We are living in data. Most business activities generate data and it is important to understand data and to derive insights for businesses. This course aims to learn various data analytics techniques, including statistics and data mining. The course covers data analytics methodology, preprocessing, exploratory data analytics and predictive analytics. This course will focus on practical business problem and data set using data analytics tools.

This course included a mid-term exam, a final exam and an individual assignment. This course was the most difficult of all the courses I took. The professor was very IT-oriented and the classes were boring. This course is useful to them who want to learn how to understand data and how to use Rapid Miner –software.

Introduction to Trade Information Technology 3 Credits

Explain to students why information systems are so important today for business and management; ? Evaluate the role of the major types of information systems in a business environment and their relationship to each other; ? Assess the impact of the Internet and Internet technology on business electronic commerce and electronic business; ? Identify the major management challenges to building and using information systems and learn how to find appropriate solutions to those challenges; ? Define an IT infrastructure and describe its components; ? Learn the core activities in the systems development process; ? Cultivate skills and experience in the development and implementation of information systems projects.

In this course I had a really good professor. His classes were always interesting and he could always bring some new perspectives. This course included a mid-term and final exam and some small quizzes. This is a good course if you want to know the basics of trade information technology.

Trade Information Management**3 Credits**

The birth of the Web spawned a rash of business opportunities. However, the subsequent dot-com melt down cast a gloom over e-commerce, at least in the popular press. Despite the failure of many dotcoms, the growth of the Internet, Web, B2C, and B2B commerce have mostly exceeded initial expectations. How do we take advantage of the Web technologies? In this course, we address these issues. We begin with a strategic analysis of what is changing at the industry level. Then we consider digital products, e-tailing, business-to-business commerce and supply chain management. Finally, we complete this course by examining Internet strategies of today and tomorrow. Course goals will be accomplished through lectures, homework, readings, case studies, and group project. We will follow the textbook in order to cover basic concepts. You are expected to become familiar with the INTERNET and use it to find materials to respond to some of the class assignments. Later, during the course, some of this information will be used to introduce and discuss the theory that explains the enormous power of "e-Economy".

This course included a mid-term exam & final exam and some small quizzes. This course was a pretty much same than the introduction to trade information technology but instead of technical aspect this focused more on e-commercial. This course was easy to pass and semi-interesting.

Korean Language Practice 4 Credits

The aim of this course for foreign students is to read and write Korean and to perform the basic language skills needed for daily life. This course is composed of essential vocabulary, grammar and expressions for beginners derived from everyday situations and functions of real life such as greeting, introducing oneself, shopping and ordering at a restaurant. Students can also understand and express personal and familiar topics such as family, friends, weather, transportation, etc.

This course focused on the basics of Hangul. The course included a mid-term exam and a final exam. My language teacher didn't speak English very well but she was very kind and she always tried to make the lessons more interesting. I did learn the basics of Hangul and some more about Korean culture.

Introduction to Korean Culture

3 Credits

This course aims to provide students with an overview of Korean traditional culture. It will provide the essential historical and geographical background for an understanding of Korean culture and then examine the historical development of the Korean language and its phonetic script han'gul. We will then explore the major religio-philosophical traditions of Korea, namely, shamanism/animism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Korean Christianity. This will be followed by an exploration of Korea's literary tradition including its sung tales "p'ansori", its most popular lyric form, sijo, two early Korean novels, and women's literature. We will then examine contemporary Korean cinema through the work of its best known director Im Kwon-taek. The semester will conclude with lectures and classes on the history and development of Korean ceramic production down the ages, and a brief history of Korean painting and sculpture.

This course included a mid-term exam and a final exam. The professor was an old British man who had lived in Korea for a long time. He knew a lot but his classes were really boring and monotonous. However, this course was really easy to pass and sometimes his classes were ok.

Preparations before the exchange

-Study Visa

→ You can do this after you receive the needed documents from your Korean University, usually takes 1- 2 weeks

-Flight tickets

→ Finnair has direct flights to Seoul and if you are under 25 yo Finnair has some special discounts for one-way tickets

-Travel insurance

→ Keimyung University required a document of it before arriving to Korea

Housing:

-Dormitory

Keimyung university has three dormitory options:

General Hall:

- For both gender, a shared room with Koreans
- 971 000 Won with a meal plan, without 507 000 won

Bongsa(Int'l Hall for Male only):

- Own bathroom, 3 roommates
- 1 143 000 won with a meal plan, without 679 000 won

Hyupreok(Int'l Hall for Female only):

- Own bathroom, an international roomie
- 1 542 000 won with a meal plan, without 1 078 000 won

Some students searched their own apartments near the university but apparently if you are staying only one semester it's a bit difficult. I chose Hyupreok without the meal plan and it was ok.

Host university practices and services to the exchange students**Buddy**

-Host university arranges a buddy to everyone, unfortunately many of them don't speak English well. The buddy should help you to adapt to everyday life and help you to find e.g. the nearest supermarket.

Alien registration card, cost 20 000 won

If you want to travel during your exchange you need to have the alien registration card. The university helps you to get it and for it you need to give a passport photo and pay 20 000 won.

!!They take your passport and give it back after 2 or 3 weeks so if you want to travel during Chuseok make sure that they know you need your passport back before it or otherwise you can't leave the country!!

Health inspection

-All the students will be checked during the first weeks

Free time activities

The university has free gyms for students and these are in good condition. Daegu has few mountains where is possible to hike. There is also many bars and clubs in Daegu but unfortunately foreigners can only access to some of them. The most popular bars among foreigner students were the Moonlight and D-hell.

a short city presentation.

Daegu is the fourth biggest city in South Korea and it's located in South East. The distance between Seoul and Daegu is approximately 240 km and using the fastest train the travel time is 1h 50min. From university to Daegu Downtown the subway-ride takes about 20 minutes. There is not much to do or see near university, but the downtown is close. Also, the second biggest city Busan is really close and it takes about 1 hour by train to get there from Daegu. In early autumn temperatures are high in Daegu but in late autumn temperatures are minus degrees so you should have a proper coat with you. Luckily the sun shines all year round.

Else

-You should buy a public transportation card, e.g T-money card (or Cashbee) that cost about 4000 won + the amount you put on the card, T-money card works in every city in South Korea so it's better than Cashbee

-useful links:

- <http://www.letskorail.com/> (train schedules)
- <https://www.kobus.co.kr/main.do> (bus schedules)
- <https://www.twayair.com> (cheap flights)
- <https://en.airbusan.com> (cheap flights)