

## 1. Personal information

Your personal information will not be used for anything other than letting other students contact you, if you so desire. You will be asked if you want this in a later question.

Name:

AAU-mail:

AAU-study and the semester you went abroad:

## 2. Place of study and period of study

At which University did you study abroad (and which country)?

The start and end date of your semester(s) (including exams):

Did you find the length of the study:

- Too short
- A little too short
- Appropriate
- A little too long
- Too long

Please elaborate:

What was your motivation for studying abroad?

- Natural part of study
- Greater academical insight
- Greater cultural insight
- Friends in the country
- Improving career opportunities
- New surroundings
- International experience
- Other (please describe what in the next box)

Please elaborate:

Please provide a list of the courses/study activities that you completed (and the name of the course) and provide an academic evaluation of the courses:

- 1:
- 2:
- 3:

- 4: IEC4016 History and Philosophy of Economics 3/5 Interesting topics, well laid out lectures and slides, some class engagement, no depth, rote learning.
- 5: IEC4008 Understanding Asian Culture 1/5 Wide range of topics lightly touched on, no depth, large class, no engagement, rote learning.
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### 3. Information and support

Who was your contact person at the foreign University?

Lee, Jimin

How did you receive information about the study programs at the University and how was this information?

- From AAU
- From the host institution
- On the internet
- From other students
- Other (what?)

Please elaborate:

Very poor. The IT system used by the University only work on Internet Explorer and is very tedious and confusing to understand. Many classes are not updated and some were no longer available. Only a very small selection are offered in English. Many course initially stated they were available in English but then suddenly changed to being Korean only.

How were you received as a foreign student?

Very well. Korean's are very polite and accepting, although the interactions were never frequent.

When you arrived, had they arranged:

- A welcome event
- An information event
- An orientation course
- Nothing
- Other (what?):

Please elaborate:

Were there any other special events for foreign students during your stay at the University?

- Yes
- No

What were the events about and did you gain anything from these events?

How was the integration with the local students at the host University?

### 4. Accommodation and practical issues

How did you handle the practical issues like accommodation?

I had a network of friends living in Seoul who were able to help me out finding a place to stay...no issues at all.

Were you satisfied with the kind of accommodation that you ended up living in?

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

Do you have any recommendations for other students going to the same University in regards to looking for accommodation?

Avoid the university dormitories as they typically have a curfew and strict rules. Look for rooms among the large expat community of English teachers. Plenty of rooms available on Craigslist for example, at much better rates. Difficult to find Koreans to share with as it is not typical to share apartments.

## 5. Language preparations and gains

What language(s) was/were used for teaching at the University?

English (one lecture was mostly in Korean)

Did you take extra language courses before or during your study abroad?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, how many weeks did the language course last and how many hours a week?

Please assess the impact of your study abroad on your language skills:

Korean was not needed, although I did learn the basics for ordering food and the usual pleasantries. Is an interesting language to learn.

## 6. Economy

How did you finance your study abroad?

- State-financed support  
 Family  
 Savings  
 Loans  
 Scholarships, grants

Other (please elaborate):

Thought some part-time classes of English which paid very well. The student visa allows for students to teach up to 20 hours (I think).

Break-down of your economy (DKK):

Travel (to and from Denmark):	<u>1000Euro</u>
Rent (pr. month):	<u>200Euro</u>
Transport (while you were abroad, pr. month):	<u>70Euro</u>
General costs (food, laundry, etc., pr. month):	<u>750Euro</u>
Insurance:	<u>275Euro</u>
Materials for studying (books, etc.):	<u>0</u>
Total (what has the entire stay, with all expenses, cost):	<u>Approx. 6000Euro</u>

Other costs not mentioned above:

How much extra did you use during your stay abroad as opposed to how much you spend at home? (DKK pr. month):

Similar. Food is cheap and convenient, although groceries are expensive. Rent is cheap. Socialising can add up. Travel adds extra costs.

Are there certain scholarships or grants that you recommend applying for?

## 7. Personal gain and evaluation of study abroad

Please provide a general evaluation of your study abroad, taking into account your academic, social and and personal gains:

I would recommend living in Seoul, but I would not recommend studying here. I was shocked with the standard of teaching.

Did you encounter any serious issues during your stay abroad? And if yes, how did you solve them, or was helped in solving them?

No issues at all. A very safe place to live.

Do you believe the exchange could be done in a better way? If yes, how?

Better choice of university.

Do you want to become a contact person for the students that are interested in going to the same University as you?

Yes

No

## 8. The role of Aalborg University's International Office

Are there areas where you think International Office could improve? And if yes, how?

No, I don't think so. I was very happy with the service and support provided.

On behalf of the International Office at AAU, we wish to thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. It is greatly appreciated.

You can end the survey by pressing the button "Finish" below or "Previous" if you wish to review your answers.