Abschlussbericht für das Auslandssemester
Fachbereich (h_da):
Studiengang (h_da):
Studienniveau: Bachelor X Master
Gastland: South Korea
Gasthochschule: Soongsil
Department Gasthochschule: Global Media
Zeitraum (von/bis): 01.03.2018 – 21.12.2018
Bewertung des Auslandsaufenthaltes insgesamt: X positiv neutral negativ
Bitte ziehen Sie ein kurzes Fazit des Aufenthalts (2-3 Sätze):

1. Vorbereitung des Auslandsaufenthalts

Wann haben Sie mit der Planung des Auslandsaufenthalts begonnen?

<u>I started preparing for exchange semester half a year in advance. However, I wanted</u> to do exchange since I started my bachelor.

Aus welchen Gründen haben Sie sich für die besuchte Gasthochschule entschieden?

I only wanted to go to South Korea and the only university that offered Media studied was the Soongsil University.

Welche Krankenversicherung hatten Sie?

I bought my insurance in Germany for exchange students or for those who go abroad. I visited TK Darmstadt and they offered me insurance for my trip.

Welche Tipps würden Sie anderen Studierenden für die Vorbereitung geben?

I would suggest preparing everything in advance, so there will be enough time to be well prepared. In addition, I would suggest buying insurance in Germany for safety. In addition, I would suggest German students to buy medication in German, because if they do not know Korean medication it will be quite difficult to get one. Also for some medication, they need prescription from local doctor, which is also hard to get without local insurance. In addition, local food is very spicy for Europeans, so I would suggest to be sure that one could eat spicy food. If you go for winter semester, be sure that you have warm cloth, because Korean winter is colder than German. Be aware that 90% of Korean people do not speak English well!

2. Anreise/ Ankunft/ Formalitäten

Was ist bei der Einreise/Visumsbeschaffung zu beachten?

I applied for visa in Germany after I received all the required for visa documents from the Soongsil University. Upon arrival, all the exchange students should apply for Korean Residence permit, which is quite simple procedure if you have all required documents. Soogsil provides everything one needs for this procedure.

Welche Tipps können Sie zum Thema Kontoeröffnung/Kreditkarte/Handy geben?

There are possibility to buy a sim card in Korea. There is a special tariff for foreigners; also, every exchange student gets a person in charge to help the student around. They call themselves "Helpers". Every exchange student gets "buddie" who helps to adapt to local life. They also help to get Korean number and bank account. Mobile shop as well as Bank is near the campus so it is easy to find it. As well as post office.

Wie wurde der Aufenthalt finanziert?

The student has to be able to pay for everything on his or her own.

3. Unterkunft

Wo und wie haben Sie gewohnt? Wie haben Sie sich die Unterkunft besorgt?

I stayed in Dormitory for the first semester and for the second semester; I decided to rent another place on my own. I did not had any problems living in dormitory, but they have time regulations, which might be not convenient.

Mit welchen Kosten ist für die Unterkunft zu rechnen?

The price for dormitory is quite cheap, per month it wound be around 350 euro. There is cafeterias on the campus, which provide food, and it is cheap. One meal cost around 2, 50 - 3, 00 Euro.

4. Studium / Information über die Gasthochschule

Wurde eine Orientierungswoche/-tage angeboten? Bitte machen Sie Angaben zur Dauer und zu den Inhalten.

I the beginning of semester the Soongsil organize "The Orientation Day "where they provide with all information regarding the studies and stay. During the first week of the semester students are offered a list of the classes they would like to attend, it is all based on the preference, there is no obligatory classes to take. Which is very convenient. There are many classes offered in English, and usually students make their own timetable, which you should send to your "buddy" within first week. Then the University lets students to attend all the classes they have chosen and decide if they want to proceed with the class or not. It called registration and drop off week. Where students can give up on the chosen classes if they do not like them.

Wie ist die Infrastruktur der Gasthochschule?

The Soongsil Campus is huge, but they provide with everything students need. There are several cafeterias, which provides breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is a stadium, and many lounge cafes where students can study. There is a big library and bookstore convenient stores. The bus stop and subway is also very close to the campus. Therefore, it is very convenient for student life.

Bitte beschreiben Sie die von Ihnen belegten Kurse und Ihre akademische Bewertung der Kurse

Kurs 1:

<u>English Communication in Business Contexts:</u> (Twice a week). This course was taught by American professor and was really interesting and fun to take. We were studying abut resume and application letter composition to make is successful during the job interview. The professor gave us many useful tips how to make job application correct and successful.

Kurs 2:

<u>Understanding Korean Society:</u> (Twice a week). This course was taught by Korean professor but in English. It is very interesting course and easy to understand, because professor gave us many examples from real life. In addition, we analyzed some movies, which reflected on many events that happened in Korea. It was very interesting course to take.

Kurs 3:

<u>Digital Sound Theory:</u> (Twice a week). In this class we analyzed sound design and sound effects, and had to make many interesting projects in groups and together. For example, one of the project was to make find a good music that fits to small animation movie, or make a sound design for small animation movie on one's own. It