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STUDY DESTINATION

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA

1. ARRIVAL IN SOUTH KOREA

We recommend traveling to South Korea at least a few days before the start of the study program, if possible. This will give you a chance to get to know the surroundings and recover from possible jetlag before the beginning of your semester. However, we don't recommend arriving in South Korea too early, especially with a tourist visa. Please let us know if you for some reason are unable to arrive in South Korea in time.

Once you arrive at Gimhae Airport, go through the Immigration and Customs control. Present your passport and other documents when asked to the immigration officers. Please be polite to all the officials at the airport. After the inspection, go to the luggage pick-up area to collect your luggage. There is also a possibility to purchase a local SIM card from the airport, but you can also do it later after being settled to your destination.



Dong-A University provide pick up service for only two days. Pick-up service will be provided only from Gimhae airport. For other places, such as Busan station and etc, pick-up will not be available, and you will have to go to the dorm yourself.

Dormitory Address:

Dong-A University, Hanlim Dormitory, Seunghak 1-gwan Saha-gu, Nakdong-daero 550beongil 37 (Hadan-dong), 49236
TEL: +8251 200 6025

1.1. Documents you need when arriving

Please have the following document at hand when arriving in Phuket:

- A valid passport and D-2-6 student visa
- Filled out Health Declaration Form and Arrival Card
- Things to have by the airport such as T-money card, sim card, download Naver Map or Kakao Map.

1.2. Registering with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

We recommend that all students register their trip at their home country's embassy or Ministry for Foreign Affairs before the start of the study abroad program. Once you have a local cell phone subscription, you can give the number to your local embassy. Most countries offer citizens the possibility of registering online.

Registration includes giving out your personal data, contact information for the duration of your trip and information about your stay abroad to the ministry in case of emergencies or crises.

All independent travelers are advised to register their trips.

2. HOST UNIVERSITY – DONG-A UNIVERSITY (DAU)

Established in 1946, Dong-A University is a non-profit private higher education institution located in the suburban setting of the metropolis of Busan (population range of 1,000,000-5,000,000 inhabitants).

Officially recognized by the Ministry of Education of Korea, Dong-A University (DAU) is a large coeducational South Korean higher education institution. Dong-A University

(DAU) offers courses and programs leading to officially recognized higher education degrees such as bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, doctorate degrees in several areas of study.



3. WORKING IN SOUTH KOREA

To help with various expenses, you can work part-time in South Korea. International students in Korea with D-2 visa status must complete the following requirements to work part-time:

- school and Immigration Department-approved part-time work.
- part-time work at a registered place
- permit to work

Moreover, Topik scores should also be:

Topik 3 and above for 1st and 2nd-year students with D-2 visas.

Topik 4 and above for 3rd and 4th-year students with D-2 visas.

Specifically:

D-2 visa students: You can start working part-time after one semester (6 months) and have a GPA of at least 2.0.

4. CONTACTS

The international office at DAU provides support for exchange students for academic issues, assistance and information. It is responsible for the documents required for scholarships, the issuing of certificates, the organization of Korean language courses and accommodation. The person that is responsible for the International Office is Mr. Brian Kay.

Mr. Brian Kay

bk1016@dau.ac.kr

5. MONEY

As a guideline, you will need between KRW 10,000,000 and KRW 12,000,000 per year (12 months) to pay for accommodation, food, transport, books, clothing, health services, entertainment, etc. but this can vary according to individual circumstances. A room in a shared house/accommodation, not including food, can cost between KRW 350,000 and KRW 450,000 per month.

5.1. Cash withdrawing money, and credit cards

Paying by credit card is usually only possible in bigger shops and department stores, so you should always have cash in hand as well. There is a bank that operates foreign exchanges on-campus, but you should also exchange some money at home before leaving for Korea to be able to cover the first expenses.

5.1. Bargaining

Although bargaining in Korea is not as prevalent as it used to be and perhaps less common nowadays than in South-East Asia, for example, the habit is not completely gone. Bargaining might not be effective when the price is already low (e.g. 10,000 KRW for a t-shirt), but it's worth going for a lower price when purchasing multiple items or something more expensive. Don't take bargaining too seriously. You will get the best price with a sense of humor and a few words of Korean, as well as by knowing the prices (for example, in thousands: 1000 – 100,000). We recommend you start communicating in Korean as soon as possible. Already a few words show respect towards the locals and their culture.

People will give you better service and lower prices for sure. Bargaining can be a pleasant experience for you and also for the seller.

6. PHONE CALL AND CELL PHONE SUBSCRIPTION

If you want to use a cell phone in Korea, you should plan on spending at least KRW 50,000 for that.

KakaoTalk

KakaoTalk is a useful messaging app for your phone in Korea. Approximately 93% of Koreans use it and instead of asking for your phone number, most of your new Korean friends will ask for your Kakaotalk Id. You can use it to send messages, make group chats, and have video calls.

Internet

If you already own a laptop, you will probably find it convenient to bring it, but if not, you can use one of the computer labs on campus. There are many available on campus and of course, they are free, and all are equipped with high-speed broadband service. As an exchange student, you will get a HUFs ID card which will give you access to all the computer facilities on campus.

7. TRANSPORTATION IN SOUTH KOREA

Buses

Navigating the bus system in Busan may feel daunting, but it's quite user-friendly. Each bus stop features a screen showing the bus numbers and the estimated arrival times, with information available in both English and Korean.

You can pay for bus fares with cash or a transportation card. If you opt for the card, remember to tap it when you board and again when you get off. Bus stops are announced in both Korean and English, so when you hear your stop, press the red button on the wall or handrail to signal the driver to stop.

Taxis

Taxis are readily available at most street corners. While they are convenient and generally affordable, they can sometimes take longer due to traffic and the city's size. Some taxi drivers may speak English, but it's a good idea to have your destination typed in Korean on your smartphone. If your destination isn't a well-known tourist spot, the driver might need to enter the address into their GPS.

7.1. Making your way to the airport

Bus

Place - Gate 3

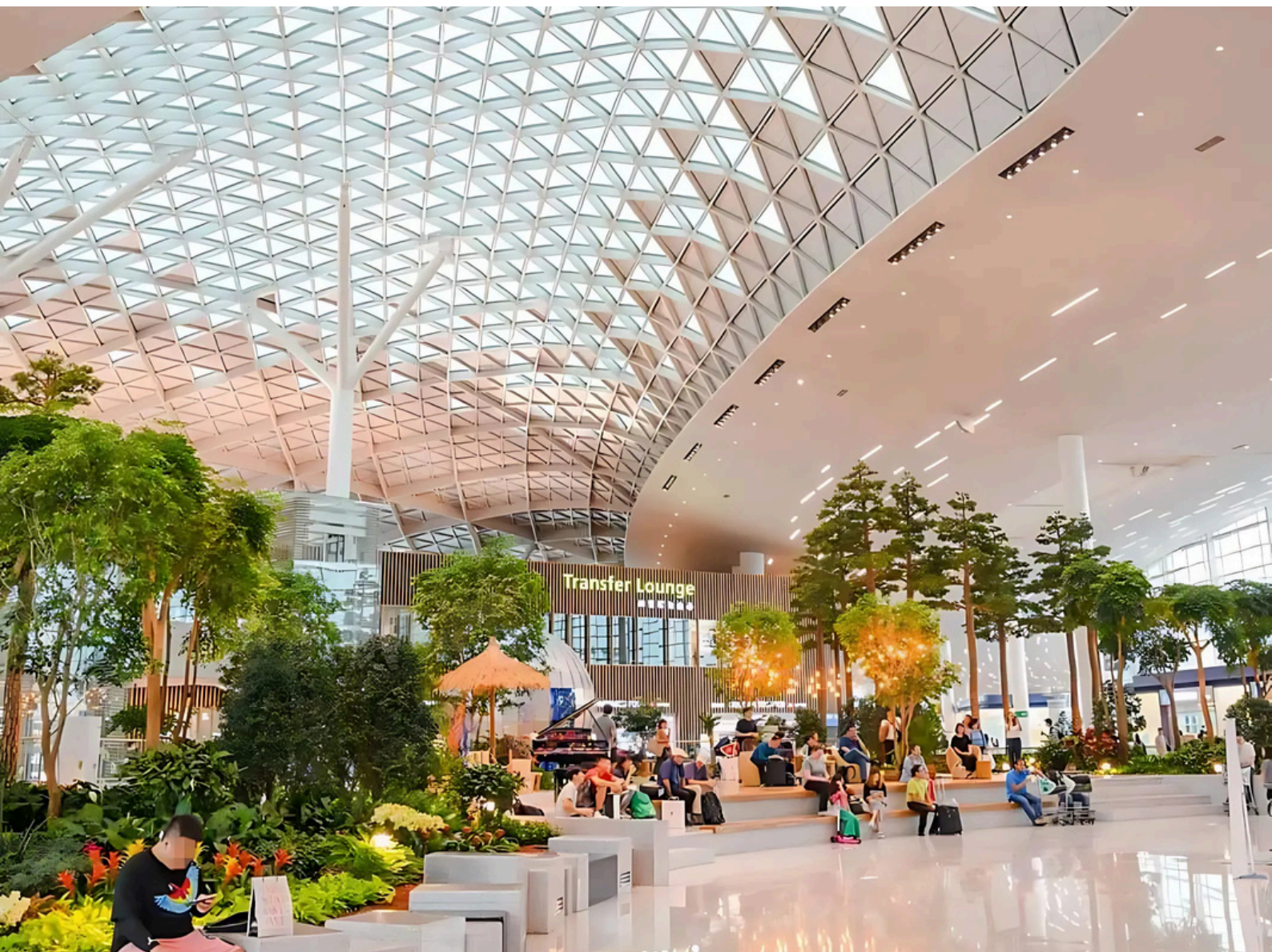
Take No.13 Bus (Airport-Hadan Subway Station)

It takes approx. 40 minutes. (KRW 1,300)

Take School Bus to Campus (Dormitory) at Hadan Subway Gate 6. (KRW 1,300)

Taxi

It takes 20~30 minute. The fare is KRW 12,000~15,000.



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The world has an interesting way of giving great experiences
to the ones who are passionate about their dreams.

Miia Muukkonen, Asia Exchange student

