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COURSES AND COURSE SELECTION

As an exchange student at Dong-A University (DAU), you have a wide range of course options. You can freely select courses from different year levels and subject areas that best suit your interests. Asia Exchange students typically choose courses in Business and Management. Additionally, DAU offers an Intensive Korean Language Course, which is free for international exchange students. This course runs for 10 weeks, with 4 hours of classes per day from Monday to Friday. If you plan to take the Korean language course, it's recommended to limit yourself to no more than two additional courses, as the language course is quite intensive.

Since DAU does not provide a specific exchange program with predetermined courses, students should be prepared for potential course adjustments. It's a good idea to choose a few extra courses during the initial selection in case any of your preferred ones are unavailable. You'll still have the opportunity to modify your course plan at the start of the semester after you arrive.

Students can select their courses two weeks before the semester begins through a buddy program, where a Korean student from Dong-A helps with the registration process, as the registration site is in Korean. If students miss the initial registration period, they can still register by obtaining permission from the professor. In such cases, a form will be provided, which students will need to fill out and submit to Mr. Brian Kay, the coordinator for international students at DAU.



CLASS SCHEDULES

DAU typically follows a standard academic schedule like other universities in Korea, with classes generally taking place Monday through Friday. Specific schedules, such as the exact timings for lectures, can vary based on the department and individual course selection. For precise class schedules, students usually need to refer to the university website or consult with their academic advisors.

ATTENDANCE

Generally, students must attend at least 75% of their classes to receive a passing grade. This means that attendance is a crucial part of the academic evaluation process. Failing to meet this requirement could lead to students being unable to pass the course, regardless of their performance in exams or assignments. If a student has a valid reason for missing classes, such as illness or an emergency, they should notify their professors and provide documentation to avoid penalties.

TIPS FROM ASIA EXCHANGE STUDENTS

1. LEARN HOW TO DO THINGS INDEPENDENTLY AND BE RESPONSIBLE.

Maybe you were used to having everything done for you. Now is the best time to start learning how to do laundry, cooking, or doing the dishes otherwise you will have a rough time learning this once you are away. A lot of things that may come your way while studying abroad, but it is also important to behave responsibly. Try not to get in any situation that might get you in trouble.

2. DON'T MISS A CHANCE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS.

Try not to skip the orientation week as this is the best time to meet other new students and build friendships. Join a few clubs and find the international student network and get to know other students. This will help you socialize and have a good network of friends while studying abroad.

3. LEARN THE LANGUAGE.

Since you will be living and moving to a country where you don't speak the first language, it would be a great opportunity to learn the local language. This will help you interact with local students and make lectures and seminars even easier to understand. Learning a new language is an advantage to be more impressive to your future employers.

4. SAY YES AND TRY SOMETHING NEW.

Studying abroad is a unique opportunity to discover different cultures and experience a new destination. There may be language barriers, differences in teaching styles that might be a challenge to settle in. The trick is to say yes and throw yourself into it! Take part in everything the school has to offer, but also whenever you can experience the new city, field trips, or excursions.

5. DO IT!

Your time abroad is a rewarding experience to familiarize yourself with the city and university. Get organized before leaving and it is important to consider having yourself cover with health insurance, budget planning, accommodation arrangements, weather, and airport pick-up. Immerse yourself in a lot of new experiences by saying yes to many new things as you can, you will take home a different set of skills you have not imagined.



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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

