

**DTU *StudyAbroad***

*Study Abroad in Asia*

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# Brief introduction

- *Who are we?*
- *Laura Hammerschmidt  
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A wide-angle photograph of a tropical beach. The foreground shows a sandy beach with dark, wet rocks scattered across it. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. In the distance, a small, green island is visible under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. A few people can be seen walking on the beach near the water's edge.

# *Agenda*

- Requirements for exchange through DTU
- Destinations in Asia
- Student testimony
- Application Info and Deadline
- Quick Hi from Sino Danish Center - Anne Dorte Harbjerg Wieben

# COVID19-situation

- *COVID-19 could still affect future exchange opportunities*
- *Potentially still some online or blended courses*
- *We hope and expect that global student mobility will be normalized*
- *The application round should not be affected as such*
- *Worst case: Exchanges could still be cancelled*



# Requirements

- *You must have finished approx. 2 years of university studies before departure*
- *You are expected to take 30 ECTS abroad*
- *You must be actively studying during your study abroad*
- *Must be enrolled at DTU at the time you apply*

**An exchange stay must be incorporated in your general study plan!**



# *Destinations in Asia*



# Asia

- The Earth's largest and most populous continent
- Home to several of the world's oldest civilizations
- Many popular exchange destinations
- Travel is usually cheap and easy
- Culturally challenging - and rewarding



# Country Observations 1

## China (and Taiwan):

- Old country – rich history
- Living costs are low and travel cheap
- One of the worlds leading economies
- Diverse and massive nature reserves as well as big city life
- Political situation is tricky – and China still has a zero tolerance COVID-19 policy

## India:

- Growing and important economy and market.
- Living costs are low
- Big country – diversity in climate, nature and cultures
- Famous as destination for spirituality and personal growth
- Safety for women travelling alone could be better





# Country Observations 2

## Hong Kong:

- Large number of courses taught in English
- Culturally diverse
- Great food scene
- Good location for travels around Asia
- Be aware of political situation which might cause some disturbance

## Japan:

- Amazing art and design traditions
- High level of trust and safety
- Both course work and research options are open to all exchange students
- Living cost are high
- Application process is tiresome and admission is not guaranteed



# Country Observations 3

## Singapore:

- All courses taught in English
- Great variety on the food scene
- Challenging academic level
- Living costs are fairly high
- Not good for MSc level students as MSc level courses are very restricted

## South Korea:

- Old country – rich history
- Spring and Autumn are the best seasons to visit - beautiful colours of nature
- Pop-culture center of Asia
- Robot heaven
- Instability in the region might be unsettling for some people



# *Think outside the box*

## **Most popular destinations:**

Singapore: NTU & NUS

South Korea: KAIST & SNU

China: Tsinghua University

## **Why not consider:**

Hong Kong: HKUST, CUHK

Korea: SKKU and POSTECH

India: IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras



## *Student Testimony*

# Study Abroad in Asia

South Korea, Seoul Spring 2022



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# Why go abroad?

## Why I went abroad:

My personal goal was to overcome my exam anxiety. Studying abroad in different environment made me become more independent by throwing myself towards new challenges, not only academical but also cultural.

Wanted to go abroad by myself with no connections other than my Korean friends!



# Destination and University



- Interest in Asian culture, especially Korea due to my Grandfather
- Application through GE3 (only possible University for my Major in Central Seoul)



# Experience and Expectations

## University Life

- **Courses:** Depends on the University how many English Courses are available
- **University:** Many different facilities (good exercise) and sweet professors
- **Campus life:** A lot of events, including global fair day, 3 day festival and buddy program

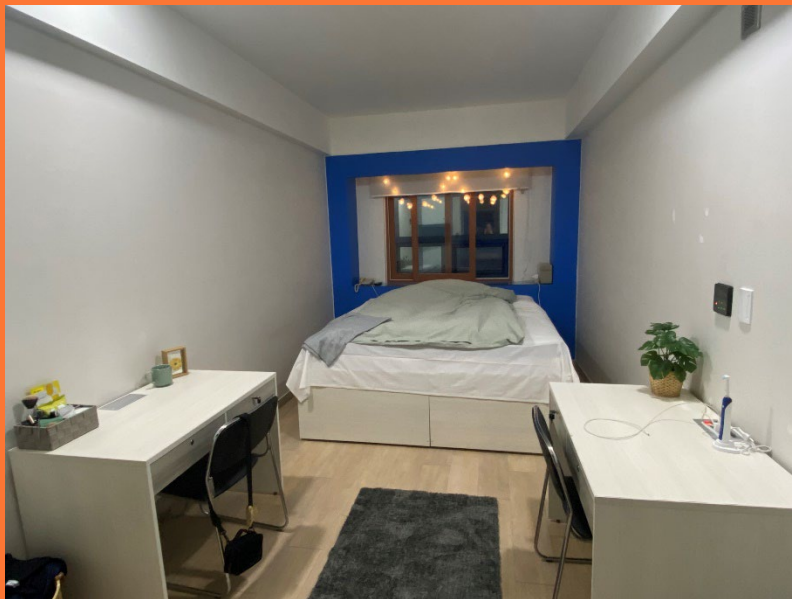




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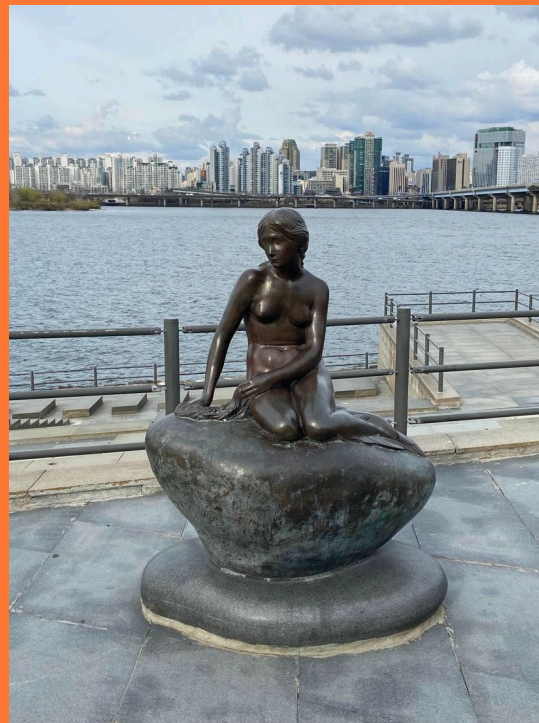
- **Housing:** A lot of opportunities for a good price – however ask previous students or look at the recommendations from the University
- **Friends:** Koreans are pretty quiet and shy towards strangers, so you need to speak first!

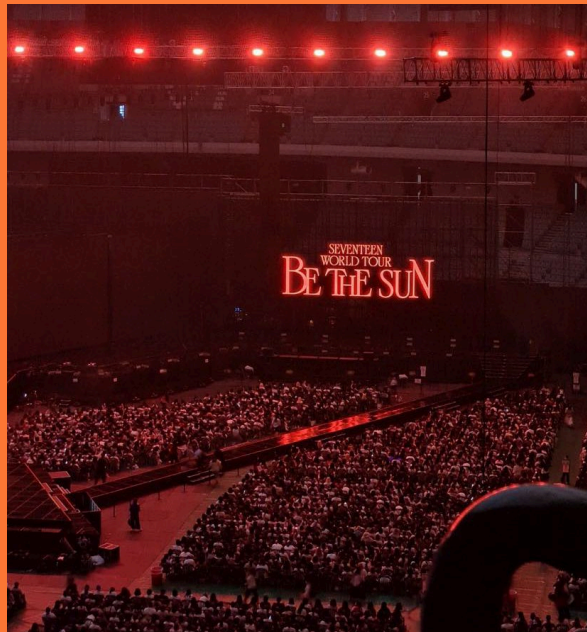
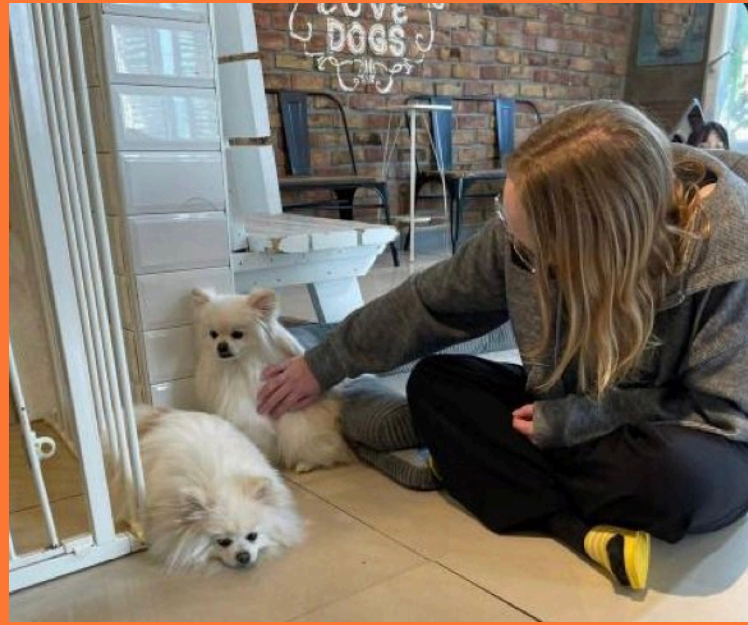


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## Free time

- Exploring other cities and Islands and their Attractions
- A lot of things to do: Karaoke, Escape Room, Animal Cafés, Boat trips, Museums and so on.





# Asia Full of Surprises

- Level of English not as good as expected; my advice learn basics (how to order, find your way and show respect).
- Seoul and Korea in general running 24/7
- A majority of things to do for a relatively cheap price (at least compared to Denmark)



# Asia Full of Surprises

- Last (but definitely not least) fantastic food and Alcohol(and CHEAP)



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# Advices for Exchange in Asia



Why I recommend YOU going abroad:

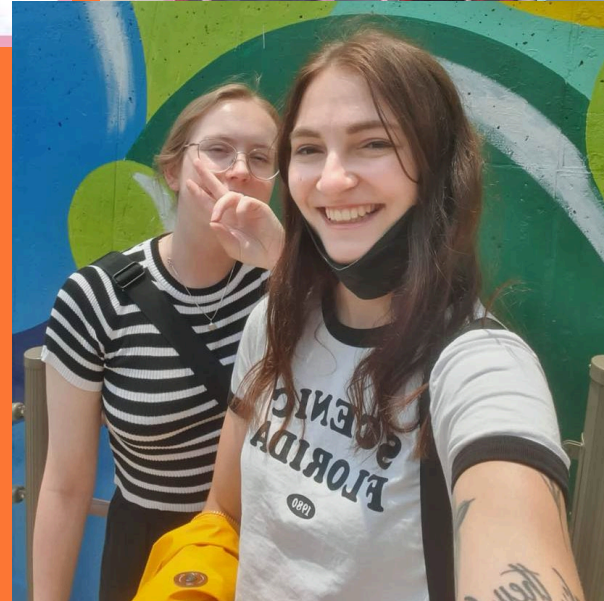
A total new Experience and Cultural Shock!

It is a 'Once in a Life Time' Experience

I recommend if going to South Korean learn the basics and mentioned before or/and take Korean lessons at university!

바리 바리 Culture

# I promise you will NOT regret it



감사합니다! ^^



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## *Application and Deadline*



# *Prepare your application*

## ***Inspiration:***

- Check out the DTU Study Abroad website and DTU Beyond Borders
- Read travel reports
- Talk to the International Student Guidance Advisors
- Talk to international students in your classes



# Completing your application

## The application opens on November 1<sup>st</sup>

- Log in to DTU Beyond Borders, click “login and apply”
- Pick the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, and fill in the relevant information
- Remember to upload all documentation and to research your priorities well
- Submit your application before the deadline on December 1<sup>st</sup>
- You will hear from us before the Christmas holidays
- After selection, there will be a mandatory DTU Learn course “Get ready for exchange”



Questions?

*Thank you for your attention!*

*Questions?*

*General questions:*

*Email: [international@adm.dtu.dk](mailto:international@adm.dtu.dk)*

*Asia specific questions:*

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## Semester studies through SDC – Sino Danish Center.

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of Science (UCAS)



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