

Summary on the International Credit Mobility Programme

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(1) Write about your general impressions of Hungary (with special focus on the culture)

- I felt comfortable when I arrived to Hungary because I visited this country 3 years ago. However, I didn't know much about it so I had to learn everything. I felt that Hungarian people are very kind and they didn't hesitate to help me in what I needed to do. I also noticed that Hungary has a good food culture. I was worried about the meals in Hungary, but in the end I was fascinated by Hungarian food. Actually Hungarian meals are very similar to Korean food and the meals which are different from the Korean ones were also very tasty. One more difference between the two countries is blowing nose: In Hungary, people blow their running nose in any situation, and it is not impolite manner. I think it is more healthy behavior.

(2) How was your everyday life different from your everyday life in Korea? What was the biggest difference?

- I had to cook my meals everyday by myself. There was cafeteria for students in the university in Korea, and students cannot cook in the dormitory, that is why I was not used to cook every day. Also, I had to travel around the city for taking classes because many classes are in different buildings. Usually, school buildings are close together in Korea, so going far away for classes was strange at first time. And going to an other building for every class is the reason that there is no lunch time. Actually, my university in Korea doesn't have official lunch time either, but students can eat lunch in cafeteria which is close to all school buildings, if they have no class between 11:30-1:00.

(3) What were the things you have found difficult and what were the things that were easy for you?

- The most difficult thing was the language. I don't know Hungarian language so that I should ask in English, but not all people could understand English. Also, one class was very difficult for me, because it was an MA course. In this class, we talked about art, literature, sublime, etc. Many philosophers were introduced, and the topics we discussed were very complicated. I learned new concepts, but it was very difficult. And sometimes I couldn't get the mail or notification about cancelation of class, however, my buddy Anna and Dr. Judit always helped me a lot. Therefore, I

could easily get all needed document to make a Hungarian bank account and so on.

(4) How did you like your semester at KRE?

- Studying at KRE was very interesting and a wonderful experience, to be able to study hard. I had to study in English for every class, and that was my challenge in this semester. In Korea, I had several classes in English, but not all classes are provided in English. Moreover, studying literature and psychology – both are my majors – in English was very useful for me, I could develop my English skills.

(5) What is your opinion of the Erasmus + ICM programme?

- As for participating in the Erasmus + ICM programme I really enjoyed studying and having a chance to live in a new culture. There was no financial problem, and I could have many experiences, eating local food, discussing with students from Europe, traveling around European countries, finding differences from my home country, and studying about literature, language, and psychology in depth. I hope that more universities join in this programme so that more students can get this privilege.

(6) What advice would you give to future students participating in the same programme?

I hope that more students have a chance not only to experience a new culture and make friends in an other country, but also to learn more about their major in an other country and widen their views upon the world. Many students can easily forget that they can study and learn something different from their home country because of traveling and having fun with friends. I also forgot about it and became lazy at the end of the semester. However, I definitely learned what I couldn't learn at my university in Korea, so I want to advise them to be serious on studying and have fun experiences here.