Packing and Traveling

1. Specifically, what kind of linens did you need to bring?
   - None.

2. What are you glad you packed from home?
   - Deodorant, Girl Shoes (sizes are limited).

3. What do you wish you had left at home?
   - Too many clothes; (little things like scarves etc. there’s many cheap options there).

4. Do you have any travel tips to pass on (planning advice, safety considerations, guidebooks, train vs. bus, etc.)?
   - Use the subway app on Android/IOS. Buy a T-Money card for bus/subway instantly. Bring cash and exchange at the airport. If you want to visit Gangnam easily from the school, take Line 9 to Sinnonhyeon Station.

5. What places would you advise future students to see and why?
   - Jeju Island, Everland Amusement Park.
1. How did you meet other students?
   - Don’t strike up random conversations. It’s best to meet through mutual friends, classes, etc. One great opportunity is E-Lounge.

2. How did you like to spend your free time and why? Is there anything you regret not doing more of in your free time?
   - Explore places in Seoul based on internet research or guidebooks. Food tourism. I regret not visiting the other provinces around Korea, country side, etc.

3. What opportunities for social, recreational, and cultural events that the host university or program offered did you like best? Why?
   - They offered about one trip a month; a large baseball game, the DMZ, a cultural village and a palace.

4. What piece of advice would you give future students regarding their non-academic life while abroad?
   - Have fun, don’t worry too much about school but plan appropriately.
1. How did your academic experience abroad differ from your U.S. experiences concerning:
   Relations with professors/classroom instruction?
   - There typically wasn’t too much of a relationship between student and professor unless you tried to create it.

Grading?
- It is a bit easier. The English taught classes are graded easier for not only foreigners but also the Korean students taking them.

Study habits?
- There is a big emphasis on exams (they make up a large percentage of the overall grade), so the studying leading up to them was intense.

Library?
- 24 hours, very quiet.

Computer access?
- Same.

2. What enabled/hindered your successful academic experience?
- Setting out specific days to get my work done.
1. How much money in U.S. currency would you recommend students have at their disposal for their whole time abroad?
   - If you want to comfortably visit attractions, shop, eat good food and spend time with your friends at bars, clubs, etc. I would recommend about $500-$700 a month on top of the E-Lounge pay ($400-$500/month).

2. How much money did you have in foreign currency when you left for your program? Was it enough?
   - None, I exchanged in Korea.

3. How did you manage your money (credit cards, traveler’s checks, bank accounts etc.)? How and where did you access your money?
   - ATM on campus allows for international withdrawals (used my Wells Fargo Debit Card).

4. How much money did you spend on:
   - Books? $30-$40
   - School Supplies? Very Little.
   - Food? $5-$10 for outside meals typically (not counting fancy meals). Cafeteria is $1.50 per meal.
   - Local transportation? Bus and subway are $1 in any direction, unless going outside of the metropolitan area.
   - Travel? Jeju Island was a $200 roundtrip flight
   - Personal items (toiletries)? $15
   - Entertainment? Movies cost about the same. Everland has a foreigner discount ($20).
   - Postage? None.
   - Airfare? $1,200.
   - Laundry? $2 per week
5. How did you communicate with the U.S.? What would you recommend to future students (e.g. calling card, set up e-mail account and where, etc.)?

- Skype, Facebook, Phone.

Other Comments/Tips:

- I would recommend going to clubs even if you think you’re not into that kind of thing. Seoul has some of the best clubs in the world. I would personally recommend Ellui or Octagon. Go out partying with Korean and other International students often, you don’t need to worry about school too much.

- Don’t invest in the $35 per month meal plan. Sometimes the food is okay but only sometimes. There’s no kitchen in the dorm but some of the microwave food is surprisingly good.