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學生國際交流心得

Inha University, South Korea

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Semester Exchange

When I first entered the university, a freshman lecture introduced the university's activities in the next four years. Among them, I was most interested in the exchange part mentioned by the speaker at that time. After that, I always encouraged myself that I must go abroad for exchange during the four years of university. Live internship is the goal, and during that time, I will continue to pay attention to the announcement of the school's international team, and I will sign up for relevant lectures. I am very interested in international affairs, participating in such activities can not only broaden my horizons, but also increase my language skills.

Inha University is located in Incheon, the third largest city in South Korea. In recent years, Inha University has gradually developed into one of the best private universities in Korea. The establishment of Inha University stemmed from the dream of Korean overseas Chinese living in Hawaii: to make Inha University in Incheon the MIT of the East. It is based on this dream that the school name "Inha", which consists of the initials of Incheon and Hawaii, was born. At the same time, it also symbolizes the gradual integration of Western educational concepts into South Korea. Currently, Inha University is rated as one of the best universities in Korea by the Korean Ministry of Education and Human Resources.

I chose four courses this semester. Unfortunately, I only had one course offline and the others were online during the epidemic, so I hardly got along with professors and classmates. My Korean is not very good, so the classes I choose are taught in English, but the accents of teachers and classmates are difficult to understand, so it takes a while to get used to at the beginning. The overall educational system is similar to Taiwan, but since I seldom go to school to take actual classes, I have no special feelings.



There are not many activities in the school due to the epidemic this semester. I only remember some small games such as the traditional Korean cultural exchange meeting, Gyeongbokgung Palace and Everland. I did not participate because of my personal schedule. In my spare time, I will learn Korean or English by myself, in order to communicate more smoothly with foreign friends; usually, if I have time, I will go to the city to see exhibitions to increase my knowledge and cultivate connotation.

Academic ability: Because the teaching method is completely English, which is different from Taiwan, there must be progress in English listening. Life skills: It is my first time living abroad for a long time. Compared with staying in Taiwan, it is a big departure from my comfort zone. In the beginning, you have to adapt to the difficulties caused by different languages. Later, due to the extension of the stay time, you will be short of money. I have to find a way to solve the difficulties that I will encounter throughout the journey, and I think my independent ability has improved as a result. Communication skills: I think the most valuable thing in this program is meeting foreign friends, and getting along with people from all over the world can increase the international outlook and vision.

In the past few months living in South Korea, I have deeply experienced the cultural customs of this country.



Frostburg State University, United States

Dual Degree Program

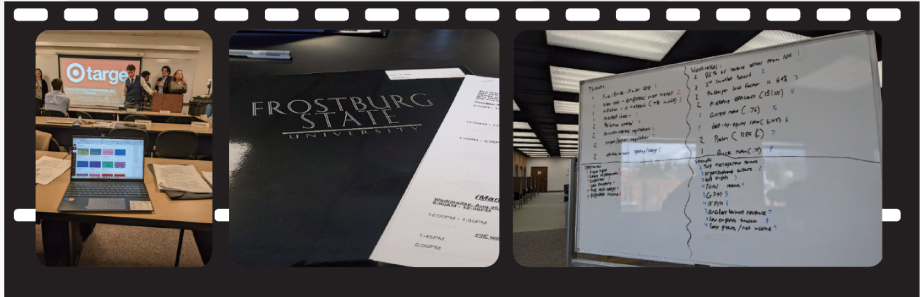
When I failed the high school entrance exam, I wanted to pursue a career in college, and I chose National Union University (NUU) as my future path because of the emphasis on the Dual Degree System, which had been established with Frostburg State University only in the last ten years. Although I learned from the department chair and many teachers that the number of applicants for the Dual Degree program is not so many, and the application information and application process are not that complete and transparent, I always believe that when I complete a difficult task, the achievement and experience I gain will make my life path much smoother, so I have been actively pursuing the Dual Degree program during my two years at NUU. The main reason for choosing the U.S. is that the U.S. is known as a "melting pot of cultures," and there are many students of different races, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds in the U.S. This not only allows me to quickly build up my social circle, but also allows me to quickly grow my English language skills. It is worth mentioning that I have been satisfied with the teaching style in foreign countries since I was a child. Compared to the more serious classroom environment in Taiwan, the United States places a lot of emphasis on student-student and student-teacher interaction. Critical thinking is also said to be a weakness of Asian students, but the teaching and learning practices in the U.S. place a lot of emphasis on critical thinking, and the importance of speaking and interacting in class is clearly stated in the syllabus of each class. The choice of schools is also a big deal, although at that time there were several schools in the National Union University program, including even the world's top-ranked Purdue University. However, after considering the cost, security, and teaching environment, I finally chose Frostburg State University.

The biggest difference in teaching style is the interactivity of the class. If the subject does not require a lot of calculations, such as accounting, economics, and management accounting, most of the teachers are very active in interacting with the students. Whether it was open-ended questions, answering questions by name, or group and class discussions, the overall content of the class was more lively.

At Frostburg State University, every student is required to go through a final semester Capstone course, which represents a significant portion of your senior thesis and presentation. In my own case, during my final semester of Capstone, we had to collaborate with



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the rest of the group to explore the current and future state of Delta Airlines. Because of this course, my group and I spent almost 30 hours a week in the library during the final semester discussing and writing papers, and we had to give two 30-minute presentations during the semester and two at the end of the semester to present your ideas and practical experiences. In the last week, our total number of pages went up to over 800!

In terms of learning styles and exams, American schools tend to publish Study Guides one week before the exam to tell students what are the key points that they need to prepare for and what are the bonus questions that they will definitely be tested on, so for students, familiarizing themselves with these Study Guides is the first key to getting good grades. In addition, most computing courses allow students to bring three sheets of A4 paper as their Cheat Notes, so that students can use these notes to avoid reciting some of the more difficult formulas or question types, which I think is a more humane point than in Taiwan, but this also creates a lot of students to read the Study Guide in a short-term memory way only one to two days before the exam.

After a 20-hour flight, the Center for International Student Department at Frostburg State University took us back to our corresponding dormitories and held a seven-day orientation and orientation session the next day. During these seven days, not only did the school allow international students to get to know each other better, but they also introduced the functions and opening hours of various departments, such as the basic library, CIE, the registrar's center, the health office, and even the more personal CAPS Trauma Center and the Counseling Center. I think this will quickly help us understand how to protect ourselves and get to know the campus.

For the campus activities, CIE organizes many off-campus exhibitions and local festivals, and each office of the school also organizes various activities for students to get to know each other. For example, in mid-October, I participated in the International Exhibition Festival organized by CIE. Although it took me about three hours to reach my destination, it was worth the trip to enjoy the activities and customs of different cultures!

In addition, I think the most important thing to overcome is loneliness. It is very likely that you will not be able to visit other cities because of the Capstone course or the distance, plus the epidemic is not taken seriously abroad and the mask policy is being lifted one by one. How to face and effectively deal with loneliness must be the first psychological construction that international students need to do!

University of Nebraska at Kearney, United States 學期交換

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Semester Exchange

Hello everyone, my name is Hou Yan-Jiun, and I'm in the second year of my master's degree at NUU. My major is business management. It was my pleasure to be an exchange student at University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) in the United States. I had an awesome life at UNK. Before I went to UNK, I didn't know anything about UNK and Kearney, even Nebraska. I searched where Nebraska is and where Kearney is and what is in there on google, but I still didn't have any ideas. After I arrived at UNK, I just began to understand this place more and more. It's safe, quiet, and the local people are friendly. It's a great place for international students to study. I like the location and environment of UNK so much. All of the teachers, staff, and students at UNK are so nice. No matter what problems we have, they are very friendly and willing to help us. In fact, they gave us a lot of guidance at the beginning of the semester on how to live at UNK or in the U.S., which made it easier for us to integrate into the local life and we hardly encountered any difficult problems or situations. I was so happy at UNK every day.

UNK has a wide variety of programs for students to choose from, and students can choose courses based on their interests. It does not matter if it is not related to my major, especially as an exchange student I can choose courses that are not available at my home university or that I didn't have time to take in the past. Although I felt a lot of autonomy in my classes at the university of US, it was not easy. There were assignments or reports in almost every class, and some of them were quite large. Many of them were not easy to complete. Some of the teachers checked the attendance in class. There were also discussions and interactions necessarily in class, and everyone had to speak. All in all, although the classes were not easy, I didn't feel that they were very difficult. Looking back on this semester, it was a very rewarding and great experience.

Living abroad can really teach us a lot of different things. Maybe it's just one little thing, but every little thing is a learning experience. And when we put them all together, they give us a different perspective. This exchange opportunity allowed me to learn more about the United States, and taking classes at UNK allowed me to learn and try different ways of learning. There are many things that are difficult to experience in Taiwan, and staying in an all-English environment to strengthen my English skills was something I have always wanted to do before. Living in Kearney is comfortable and the people are very kind, so international students can easily interact with them.



3+2 program 境外生蒞校修讀 機械工程學系碩士學位生 (Indonesian)

Moh Erlangga Aditya Rifandi [李凡迪]

Studying at NUU

To have an opportunity to be able to finish a Master's Degree early is a huge privilege that is worth trying. Moreover there is a scholarship that covers all the tuition fee plus living fee so I don't have to worry about my life here. Hi, my name is Moh Erlangga Aditya Rifandi [李凡迪]. I am from Indonesia. I am a student of the 3+2 program conducted by the National United University, Taiwan and Universitas Diponegoro, Indonesia. I was a student of Mechanical Engineering in Universitas Diponegoro before and now I am studying for my Master Degree in Mechanical Engineering National United University, Taiwan.

I came to Taiwan in mid of September, 2022. I was quarantined for one week before I was allowed to come to the National United University campus. For the quarantine, every expense is covered, even the taxi fee is all covered so I don't have to worry about it. After I arrived on campus, I was welcomed by other Indonesian students here that are so nice and helpful. To be honest, I don't feel struggling at first because everyone is so helpful, even though we have the World Youth Volunteers that come to help us. Everything is organized and I don't have to worry about living here even though I can't speak Mandarin. They help me to make a bank account, get my student card, basically everything!

As for the studying, I am very impressed by how many facilities that they have to support our study. I have been introduced to the lab, which is full of everything that we need as a Mechanical Engineering student. I believe I can maximize my interest here because they have all the facilities to support my study. The professor is very kind and welcoming, they let us choose supervisor until my graduation. They are very thoughtful that I don't have to worry about my study here. Even they provide us with a free Mandarin Class so that we can learn Mandarin to support our daily life here.

I have 2 more years to spend in Taiwan, I hope everything goes very well and is getting better day by day. I am looking forward to seeing what will happen to me in the next 2 years. Thank you so much for the opportunity. This is a once in a lifetime memory that will never fade through time and will always have a special place in my heart. For once again, thank you.



Overseas Internship in Holzhausen, Germany

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Since I was a child, I have liked to travel around and get to know different things. In addition, my mother often shared her experience of studying in Australia during her university days. I am even more looking forward to the future of countries with different cultural backgrounds. As soon as I learned that there was a study abroad program, I had the idea of going abroad as an exchange student or an intern. After that, I collected all kinds of related materials and participated in the overseas exchange student or intern organized by the school. The briefing session and sharing speeches, through the sharing of the seniors and sisters, also fully strengthened my decision to go abroad. At that time, it happened to be a place where I proposed a plan to study overseas and build a dream. It was a difficult opportunity, and I was able to go abroad without any test certificate. I am very grateful to the professors and classmates who are willing to give me the opportunity. Therefore, before going abroad, I tried my best to learn German and practice English to strengthen my language skills. I also made a lot of preparations in advance and went abroad in a state that was enough to live a basic life without worrying about it.

Holzhausen is located in North Rhine-Westphalia with an area of about 10 square kilometers and a population of about 2,311 people. It has many old 47 half-timbered houses. The training is mainly for workers who intend to become "chamber dreamers". The employees and technologies it trains are highly competitive, providing 600 employment opportunities and 60 training places. Not only that, local companies also provide service resources such as day care centers, medical services, and public transportation for employees, so that employees can fully work with peace of mind. The guiding principle of the community is to "adopt an open approach to new residents and new ways of life, and make this hometown for everyone." There are three nature reserves in the countryside, emphasizing living in the village and protecting the surrounding environment, and attaching importance to the sustainability of natural resources. To enhance the concept of natural environment protection, the urban planning goal is to reduce development and activate the existing open space as the concept to develop the future.

The content of our internship also includes assisting with trivial matters requested by the villagers, such as helping with the harvesting of crops or going to the farm to help. The more profound one was that a farmer's uncle asked us to help take care of his sheep and help clean the stables. It was the first time I experienced being so close to animals, and I was even lucky enough to see the birth process of the baby lamb. I think I will never forget it in my life. Besides, the music festivals held by the community are even more exciting. It is a good opportunity for residents to get in touch with the outside world, because the geographical location is so remote that it is not common for villagers to go out of the village. Through the activities and measures organized by the community, the residents can experience a diverse life.

Before leaving, I was very worried that my English was not good enough to communicate but, in fact, most Germans are not very fluent in English. Probably because I was in the countryside, and most of the residents did not understand English well. Later I found that even if both sides are not fluent enough in English, it is possible to communicate. I have come to the conclusion that communication between people can be achieved not only through languages, but also through facial expressions, intonation and body movements. In terms of daily conversations, this is actually enough.

I am very happy to have this opportunity to go to my dream European country-Germany. The grant from the Ministry of Education allows me to realize my dream of doing an internship abroad. Without this program, I may not have the ability or funds to have this experience.



Overseas Internship in Brussels, Belgium

I have been very interested in going to Europe for exchange and internship since high school. In my freshman year, the professor of tourism mentioned the Ministry of Education's study and dream program in class, and I took the initiative to contact the professor to express my willingness to participate in this program. I was also lucky to be selected. During this period, the outbreak of the new crown epidemic delayed the plan. Fortunately, it was successfully implemented after two years. This overseas internship can be successfully completed and broaden knowledge. The hotel I practiced at this time was Le Châtelain Hotel in Brussels, Belgium, which is one of the last five-star hotels in Brussels, Belgium owned and managed by the Belgian family.

The hotel's address is located in the city center. There are many shopping malls and major boutiques nearby, as well as restaurants and entertainment venues. It is only a few minutes away from the center of commercial activities and government agencies. This excellent location plus The rich and complete services of five-star hotels make Le Châtelain Hotel a well-known and popular hotel in the region.

A total of seven members of our group participated in this overseas internship. The work content was divided into the housekeeping group and the counter group, and I was assigned to the counter group for the internship. The work of the housekeeping group is mainly to assist in the supply of goods inside the room, environmental cleaning, etc., while the counter group is to receive customers, answer calls and other services.

Before the internship, I thought the counter team was only responsible for dealing with customers, but in fact it was not the only way. Being responsible for receiving guests at the counter is the basic and most important job. The supervisor often reminds us that we are the first to contact the customer, which represents the customer's first impression of our hotel service, which is the facade of the hotel. Therefore, we must pay attention to it at all times. The manners and words of speech should not relax their vigilance because there are no customers for the time being.

In addition to receiving customers at the counter, we are also responsible for answering customer's room calls. Because most customers do not know which services they need to report to which department, they will subconsciously call the lobby for assistance. At this time, we need to know the needs of customers in addition to In addition, it is also necessary to memorize the differences of all departments within the hotel to help customers contact the corresponding departments. At the same time, the reservation management system is also the work of the counter team, which is responsible for helping customers check out and make reservations, confirming vacancies and reservation status, arranging guest rooms, collecting taxes, and filling in information about foreign travelers. Confidential and private information of customers, we cannot learn how to deal with all systems.



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The counter team seems to be just a service staff standing behind the counter to receive customers, but it is actually the switchboard of the hotel. They are responsible for coordinating and directing other departments to assist customers. This time we encountered a customer whose flight was temporarily delayed. In addition to helping them handle the airline's boarding system, we also temporarily helped them call a taxi from Datai to pick up their other group members who were traveling abroad. These emergencies are caused by our counter. The team should help customers at any time.

The biggest feeling in Europe this time is the pace of life. In addition to shorter working hours than us, Europeans are also more flexible. They can coordinate shift schedules with employers and colleagues to match their private activities, both work and personal leisure. There is balance, which I think is very good. With leisure adjustment, work efficiency can also increase. I used to go home to rest after class or part-time work in Taiwan, but this time I was infected by the atmosphere in Europe. After get off work, I also go to see the night view, chat with colleagues or foreigners who come to strike up a conversation, so the slow pace is also a very good new experience.

I think the food culture in Europe is also very rich. In addition to each European country having its own special cuisine, we can also taste the local cuisine of various countries. Although we came to Belgium for an internship, we tasted food from a total of 20 countries. Special dishes! It's like traveling around the world with your taste buds!

Increasing the ability to communicate with people and express in foreign languages: After this overseas internship, my ability to communicate with people and to express in foreign languages has grown significantly. Enlarged horizons: Before coming to Europe, I mostly heard what people said about life in Europe, but I didn't really discover the true appearance of Europe until I actually came here. The different cultures and customs of the two sides also inspired me. Knowing how to work in a team: This overseas internship is a team with the department. In addition, the work in the hotel is to work with colleagues on shifts and different departments. The long-term relationship has also taught me how to work as a team.

Overseas Internship in Singapore

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Since my freshman year, I have been actively looking for teachers to apply for overseas internship plans. I have participated in several meetings with experience sharings from seniors or departments. After a lot of hard discussions, I joined Mr. Feng. I have followed the basic requirements that I must be independent and have good foreign language skills during my internship. After my freshman and sophomore training, I think that going abroad is not something that can be done only with money. In the past, in 2018, I When I went to Spain for a freelance trip, I deeply realized that everything abroad is almost different from that in Taiwan. After all, I have to experience this before I know it, so I made full preparations through the first two years of my freshman year, waiting for the global epidemic to slow down and prepare to go abroad.

The main business of the Taiwan Tourism Bureau's Singapore office is to promote tourism to Taiwan in Singapore. The main purpose of this internship is to participate in the NATAS Autumn Travel Exhibition to promote tourism in Taiwan and assist travel agencies to sell their travel plans.

I think what I learned most in Singapore is to communicate with Chinese in other countries. Generally speaking, I mainly use English and took the opportunity to hone my English speaking skills. Singaporeans are not unfamiliar to Taiwan, and even many had visited Taiwan many times and are quite familiar with many scenic spots in Taiwan.

Generally speaking, the food in Singapore is quite Nanyang style. The taste is sweet and heavy. In addition, the price of the food is also high. The cost of the most basic meal is about 160-220. The price level of the convenience store chain fast food restaurant is a bit higher than that of Taiwan, and the living part is not quite cheap. The average 3-star cheap hotel is about NT\$1,200 a night. Its interior is quite small and cannot be called a hotel. To put it simply, the consumption level of Singapore is very high, and I think it even surpasses the consumption level of Western Europe, because the most basic living and eating in tourism are higher than those in Western European countries I have been to. However, in the transportation part I personally think that Singapore is almost an evolutionary version of Taipei City. I have been studying in Taipei City since I was a child, and I know the MRT and bus routes. However, such a convenient Taipei City still has some gaps in front of Singapore's transportation system. The time between each bus is no more than 5 minutes in Singapore. And you can use the bus to go to almost any place you want to go. The MRT part of Singapore is quite dense and can also reach the place you want to go. It is similar to Taipei City. It can be seen that the distance between MRT stations in Singapore is quite close.

I think the most important thing I learned abroad is not comparing the differences between foreign countries and Taiwan, but how to be responsible for myself. Going abroad for an internship is nothing more than a kind of training for myself. Ability, judgment on matters, including emergency treatment of team members' diagnosis, etc. are all responsible for themselves, and I think the person I can trust and rely on most is not my classmates, not the team teacher, but myself when I go out. I think this is me. 35-day impression I didn't learn much in academic majors, but the life experience abroad and the unique experience I can share with my family and friends after returning to Taiwan is something that most people don't have.

I think overseas internships are an unmissable opportunity for students, because to be honest, not many students have the financial ability to stay abroad for more than a month. I have an experience that is different from others. I think what I really learned from this internship is an experience and a way of being responsible for myself. This internship is mainly helpful for me going out into the society in the future, but I think this experience is related to learning to be responsible for myself.

