Program: Yonsei University Exchange, Spring

Lila’s Majors: International Business; Operations and Technology Management

Academic Life: The academic and classroom settings were quite similar to my experience at UW. The professors provided syllabi, there were midterms and final exams, and some courses used the online system. Signing up for courses was very different from the UW system, but I’m glad we were provided with detailed instructions. I was able to learn a lot from my professors and peers. All of my professors were Korean, but they were fluent in English, making it easy to follow their lectures. The teaching styles did differ but it wasn’t a bad thing. In fact, it helped me reflect on my learning style and how I could adjust it to fit different teaching styles.

Housing: I stayed in the dormitories on campus for international students, although there were a few Korean students as well. I had a double room and my roommate was from Australia. There were students from France, Germany, Russia, China, Japan, etc. It’s possible to meet someone from anywhere in the world. Around the dormitories, there were a variety of restaurants (Korean, Japanese, Italian, Vietnamese, etc) and bakeries and their prices were very reasonable. There was also a pharmacy nearby.

Advice for Someone Considering Yonsei: Yonsei University is a great school. You’ll have a lot of experiences there, both good and bad, and you’ll grow from them. There are a lot of international students at Yonsei, which means a lot of new friends. Try to meet as many of them as you can. Try to connect with a lot of Korean students as well. There’s so much to learn from your peers there. I was able to meet and converse with a diverse group of people. Even though I only talked with some of them from no more than a few minutes, I was able to learn something new from them.

Tips for Future Participants: While studying abroad, you should push past your comfort zone. You should meet new people, try things you’ve never tried before, go places you wouldn’t think you’d go and do things you’d never imagine you’d do. Whether it will be good or bad, your experience abroad depends on the choices you make.

Lila at the Gwanghwamun Palace.

“Through studying abroad, I’ve gained more confidence in communicating with others.”