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EXCHANGE PROGRAM REPORT

CHUNG-ANG UNIVERSITY

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BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN SERVICE INNOVATION

(INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM)

Introduction

Hello. My name is Yebin Kim from BSI gen 7. I studied for 3 and a half year at College of Innovation, Thammasat University and for the other half, I decided to go to exchange program. Since I'm half Thai Korean, I choose South Korea's university as one of my choices, also, the reason is that I have home in Seoul which I can save cost for accommodation part.

After researched universities from a list, I chose Chung-Ang University because of its location and transportation convenience. Chung-Ang University is one of the top private universities in Seoul. Also, this university has various college and faculty to select. I chose College of Business & Economics since I study BSI that related to service industry and business.

I applied for 3 courses during the semester to study on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. First of all, I chose *English Interview class* because I am going to graduate soon and need some more skills and tips for real life interview. Secondly, I chose *Intermediate Korean language* since I know for basic one and want to up my skill in Korean. Lastly, I applied for *Operation Management* because I did internship in Operation team before, so I want to study in theoretical term.

Self Preparation

1. IELTS english score result

I prepared and studied for IELTS about two-week before the program application. At that time, I didn't know which university I should apply. However, I tried to do my best as higher than 6.5 to apply into any famous university.

2. Personal document

The document was not that complicated, which included current transcript, language proficiency test score, study plan, and copy of personal identification document, as well as parental consent and financial support form. Also, it is needed to check for passport expiration date that over than a year for not cause any problems during exchange program.

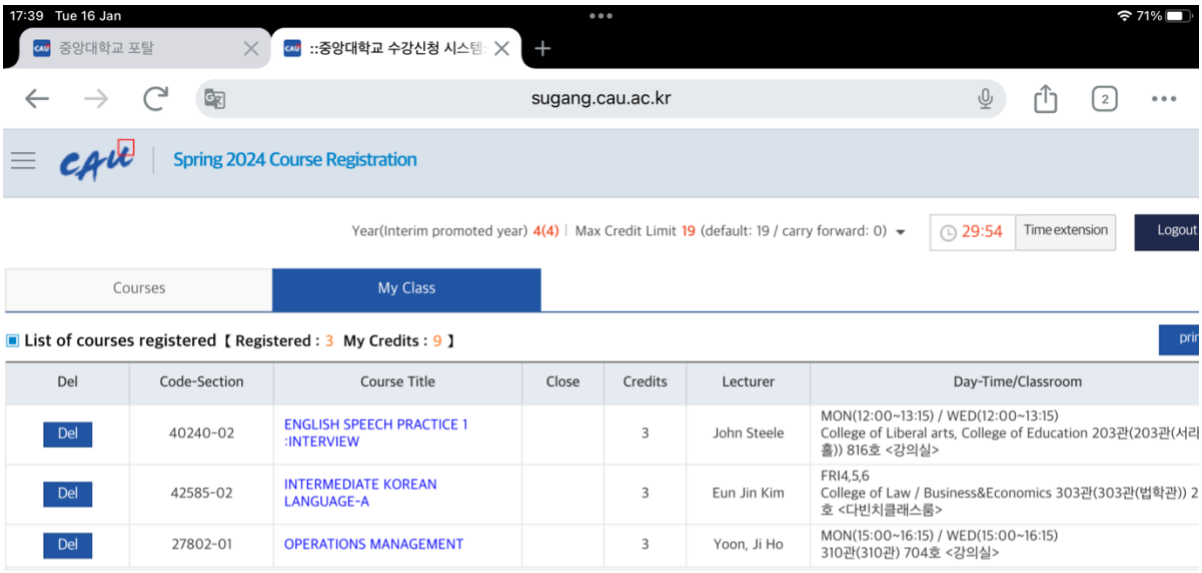
*FYI: I hold both Thai and Korean passport, so visa is not necessary in my case.

3. Interview preparation

After passing document process, there is an interview with Thammasat University representative staff. The interview included basic questions such as self introduction and the reason for applying. Moreover, they also asked psychological questions like "if I meet bad roommate or colleague, how could I handle it?". I believed that self preparation in advance can help to answer in interview effectively.

Course Registration at Chung-Ang University

For course registration, Chung-Ang University allows exchange student to be the first who can choose for courses we want to apply for. The spring semester starts March, so the registration began during January. It was great since the competition was not high so I can apply all courses that I want to as can be seen in below picture,



Exchange Program Experiences

On 28th of February, there was an orientation for all exchange program which was an opportunity to meet our Korean buddy who will help during the semester called ***GLAM***. Fortunately, my buddy can speak Thai, Korean, English, and so on, so I can comfortably contact and communicate with her. I met lots of friends on that day such as Chinese, Japanese, France, American, and Malaysian. We have KAKAO group to contact and share some news.

The spring semester started on 4th of March. Of course, I felt nervous and excited, but I met kind and friendly Korean friend, so I have someone to talk to about lectures. I had chance to do a group assignments with Korean and American friends and I liked it how everyone helped to find out the answer. Before the class, I think that Korean school might be serious and quiet, however, it turned out that the class were great as well as professors tried to make students to happy and understand the concept what we studied.

Chung-Ang University held Global fair every year, so I also joined as a representative of Thailand. I had a chance to promote Thammasat University and create mini game for Chung-Ang student to know more in Thai culture. OIA from Thammasat University was so kind and prepared materials for the event.





Recommendation

Overall, my exchange program experiences are all great, I enjoyed my life with studying as well as hanging out with many foreign friends. In my free time, I went to Kpop concerts I like, and I joined CAU festival to see performances from BIBI, ZICO, and NEWJEANS. I am happy for my decision to be an exchange student here.

However, it is undeniable that I missed Thailand and Thai food sometimes. Therefore, I hope everyone prepare physically and mentally for this issue in advance. Also, I recommended to prepare English test score to be ready since I only prepared for two weeks, and that was my last chance to apply for the program.

I am glad to be an exchange student at Chung-Ang University and hope you enjoy being too!

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Exchange Student in 2024