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KOREA | SPRING, 2006 & ACADEMIC YEAR 2005-2006 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

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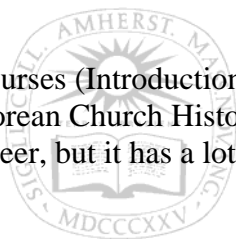
ABROAD: Spring 2006

PROGRAM: Yonsei University

COURSES: U courses

COMBO_EXPLAINED:

COURSE_EVAL: Two religion courses (Introduction to Theology & Korean Church History) were very informative. Korean Church History was one of the best courses I've ever taken in my whole college career, but it has a lot of work load. Other courses are pretty light in terms of workload.



All of these courses had more than 50 students, with Understanding of Cinema & Intro to Greek Mythology going over 150.

Professors are asked to give a specific percentage of students to A, B, C, etc. So it may be tough to get A's sometimes. Intro to Theology and Welfare Economics only had one big final exam, while other courses had one mid-term each.

CLASS_COMP: all natives. everything done in Korean.

TEACHING_EVAL: the professor of Korean Church History always gave a quality lecture, and he also tried to interact with students in class to a certain extent. Otherwise, there is very little classroom interaction. I think it's possible to see professors outside of class, but I had not tried since I didn't have anything to ask. All of the classes I took were lecture-based, except Welfare Economics where presentations by students was the major part.

ACADEMIC_PREP: It seems best to take regular university courses in Yonsei, because some (not all) professors teaching courses conducted in English are not perfectly proficient in English. To take regular university courses, one would have to be pretty fluent in Korean. All the professors I've seen, however, seemed willing to help anyone whose Korean may be a little lacking.

HOUSING_MEALS: I lived in my own house, so that does not help much. I usually had my lunch and dinner in restaurants inside the university, and they were cheap and serviceable. Near Yonsei, there are a whole lot of restaurants.

HOUSE_HELP: I didn't seek any help from school, as I didn't need it.

LIVING_COSTS: \$50 or less will be plenty for a week

MEDICAL: I didn't need those facilities, but a hospital run by Yonsei is right next to the University.

PROG_SERVICES:

LEARN_HOST_COUNTRY: Just making friends

DISCRIMINATION: No serious discrimination against race, I believe. Gays and lesbians may end up feeling a bit uncomfortable if they go public about their sexuality.

TRAVEL: Planned excursions were not part of the program, but may one can get them if one participates in group activities. I did not.

RECOMMENDATION: To anyone fluent in Korean and wants to take a break from rigorous academics offered by Amherst.

SUMMARY: I'm not yet quite sure about the impact

