

Testimonial Contest - 1st Prize

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Embarking on my first overseas exchange opportunity, I find myself engrossed in Korea University's enriching International Winter Campus (KU IWC) program. My academic journey is characterized by the exploration of two distinct in-person courses in Korea University's main campus SK Future Hall – "IWC 420 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence" taught by Professor Kim and "IWC 278 Korean Entertainment" by Professor Park. The privilege of being under the tutelage of these esteemed Korean professors has proven to be not only educational but also remarkably enjoyable. Both instructors exhibit a wealth of knowledge, employing innovative teaching methods that render the lessons both engaging and meaningful.

Moreover, the cultural spectrum of Korea University (KU) has been a revelation, providing a plethora of cultural activities to enhance my overall experience. Participating in two such activities, a visit to Lotte World, Korea's renowned amusement park, and attending a volleyball game, marked my initiation into these novel experiences. As a Singaporean, the exposure to diverse events and the opportunity to partake in new activities have not only been enjoyable but also profoundly educational. The IWC at KU has become a tapestry of first-time encounters, unveiling new perspectives, and fostering personal growth.

The international aspect of the program has been particularly enriching, affording me the privilege of interacting with individuals from various corners of the globe. Establishing friendships with both international and domestic peers has been a heartening experience. Special mention goes to my friends Maggi and Tony from New York and Christiana from Tennessee, whose camaraderie has added a vibrant dimension to my overseas venture. Equally noteworthy are the newfound connections within my home university, NUS (National University of Singapore), exemplified by my friends Rachel and Valencia from different faculties than me.

Accompanied by my friends Vachel and Agnes, who are also enrolled in the same courses, the sense of camaraderie and shared learning experiences have heightened the joy of studying together. Collaborating on projects, navigating academic challenges, and exploring the Korean landscape together have cemented our bonds and made this academic endeavour profoundly fulfilling.

The winter season at KU has presented me with the magical spectacle of snowfall, an enchanting first-time encounter that adds a unique charm to this already remarkable experience. In retrospect, I can confidently assert that the KU IWC has bestowed upon me a once-in-a-lifetime experience, replete with invaluable memories. The prospect of returning to Korea University for its summer exchange program beckons, underlining the lasting impact and allure of this transformative academic sojourn.