Instructors
- What were they like when compared to UCSB instructors?
  90% of the professors speak English as a 2nd language. Unclear
- Could you call them by their first names?
  No
- Was the student/instructor relationship more formal than at UCSB?
  Yes
- Were they available for help during office hours?
  Yes, but not very helpful. It is best to study independently

Courses
- Were the courses more difficult when compared to UCSB courses?
  No.
- Was the grading system similar to UCSB?
  Yes. Letter grade system, usually no curve
- How did the course structure differ? Ex) did you have many assignments or just finals?
  Grades were mostly based on exams
- Did you have oral and/or written exams?
  Usually written
- What kind of academic support, if any, did you receive?
  Not that I can think of.
- Did you find you needed to be more independent and take more initiative abroad?
  Yes. The time limit forced me to be more active
- Was classroom participation expected?
  No.
- How were the host university courses different than UCSB courses?
  Nobody pays attention in class since you cannot understand the professors
- Were classes usually on certain days/times and for how long?
  I hour 30 minutes
- What is the class culture like? How important was it to be punctual? Could you eat/drink in class?
  Classrooms are strict and many teachers will call out students for misbehaving.
Language
- In which languages were the courses offered?
  English/ Japanese

- What language did you take your courses in?
  English

- If you took your courses in a foreign language, please provide info about your overall experience, difficulty of courses, language acquisition, placement exams, etc.
  N/a

Host University
- How large is the university? Student enrollment and approx campus size (smaller than UCSB)? Is it an urban campus with many tall buildings or just a few building?
  Campus: 1 block. 5,000 students? Urban

- Do the local students live on campus, at home, or off campus?
  Home

- If not located in the city center,
  - How far or close is it to the city?
  - What type of public transportation could you take – cost?
  - Could students take cabs -cost?
  - How long would it take to get to the city center?

- Are there student clubs on campus that UC students could join?
  Yes, many choices

- Is there a bookstore on campus? Where did you get your books?
  Yes, at the bookstore.

- Is there a computer lab on campus? Or, should students bring laptops?
  Yes

- What types of establishments are in the university’s neighborhood? (cafes, stores, etc)
  Everything imaginable

Housing
- What types of accommodations are available to UC students?
  Dorms

- How close are they to campus?
  1 hour away

- How did you find your housing?
  UCEAP

- Where did you live and with whom?
  I moved out of the dorms and lived in Sakura House. It was closer.
- If you lived off campus, was it difficult to find an apartment and roommate?  
  No

- Were the rooms nicer or not than I.V./UCSB dorms?  
  Same

- Was it more expensive than living in I.V.?  How much was a typical rent cost in US dollars?  
  Yes. $800

- How/who did you pay for housing?  
  Dorm: EAP  Sakura House: Sakura House

**Food**
- What was the food like?  
  The best part of Japan.

- Where did you eat most of your meals?  Cafeterias, restaurants, street vendors, etc?  
  Cooked food

- How much was an average meal?  
  $3 at home, $5-10 outside

- What time of day did people eat lunch/dinner?  
  12:00 and 7:00pm

- Would it be difficult for vegetarians to find meals?  
  No.

**Travel/Safety**
- If not discussed above, describe the public transportation system around your host university/city?  
  Convenient trains and subways

- Did you feel safe in your host city?  Are there tips you would offer future students?  
  Yes.

- Describe the public transportation in your host country?  
  Easy to learn and use

- Was it difficult/easy to travel to neighboring countries?  
  No, Korea is $150 roundtrip with hotel and meals included.

**Host City/Country**
- What was the weather like?  
  Hot/humid and dry/cold

- Describe your host city…which California/US city is it similar to (if any)?  
  NY + SF

- What were some interesting/fun things that you did in the host city?
Mt. Fuji, Hot Springs, Izakaya

- How international was your host city in terms of tourism, cultural diversity, and international businesses?
  Tokyo.

Culture
- Describe the cultural differences that you observed/encountered.
  - Time & punctuality
    Very punctual
  - Eye contact & staring
    Many people stare at foreigners
  - Relationships
    Casual.
  - More formal dress in general, for women, for school, etc?
    People love fashion. You will see crazy outfits at school.
  - Alcohol consumption
    Very High.
  - What culture shock did you go through?
    None.
  - Other?
    None.

Banking
- Were credit cards widely accepted?
  NO.

- Did you open a local bank account? Was it easy?
  Yes, but only after 6 months.

- If you did not open a local bank account, was it easy to withdraw money from the ATM? Which banks were popular & had low ATM fees?
  SSMBC, Mizuho

- Were there ATMs on campus?
  Yes, there were ATMs on campus.