Instructors
- What were they like when compared to UCSB instructors?
  The instructors were about the same as UCSB instructors since most of them came from
different universities throughout the US and other countries.

- Could you call them by their first names?
  Normally we would call them by their last name. I don’t think anyone really called their
professor by their first name unless they were allowed to.

- Was the student/instructor relationship more formal than at UCSB?
  Student/instructor relationship was about the same. Instructors would happily talk to students
about almost anything.

- Were they available for help during office hours?
  I went during the summer so the instructors didn’t really have office hours. You could
 correspond through email though or with the TA through email.

Courses
- Were the courses more difficult when compared to UCSB courses?
  The courses were about the same, maybe a bit easier because it was the summer.

- Was the grading system similar to UCSB?
  I think there was more of a curve in the grading system but that might have just been because it
was summer.

- How did the course structure differ? Ex) did you have many assignments or just finals?
  Courses were about the same but depending on the class, you might have more assignments or
just finals. One of my classes had a bunch of group assignments while another had lots of reading with
small quizzes, a midterm, and final.

- Did you have oral and/or written exams?
  One of my classes had written exams. My language class had written and oral exams.

- Was the final exam schedule flexible or inflexible?
  The final exam was not flexible.

- What kind of academic support, if any, did you receive?
  I didn’t receive any academic support.

- Did you find you needed to be more independent and take more initiative abroad?
  A few times, yes I had to be more independent. If I wanted to do something, either I asked other
people to join me or just did it myself.

- Was classroom participation expected?
  Yes, classroom participation was expected.
How were the host university courses different than UCSB courses?
The language class was taught differently than UCSB courses; they teach without giving much explanation. It was more a learn and memorize method than learn and understand.

Were classes usually on certain days/times and for how long?
Classes were Monday through Thursday for about an hour and fifty minutes except for the language class that was three hours long.

What is the class culture like? How important was it to be punctual? Could you eat/drink in class?
Class culture was the same as here: respect the teacher, keep quiet when talking. My teachers were not that concerned about being punctual because they understood it was the summer. Yes you could eat/drink in class.

Language
In which languages were the courses offered?
Classes were taught in English but the Korean language classes were taught in Korean.

What language did you take your courses in?
English except for the Korean language class

If you took your courses in a foreign language, please provide info about your overall experience, difficulty of courses, language acquisition, placement exams, etc.
It was a little difficult trying to learn Korean in Korean but after a while, I was able to understand what the teacher was trying to say. It also helped that a few of the students understood Korean to translate to the rest of the class.

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?
The university was pretty large. Student enrollment and approx campus size was maybe a bit more than UCSB or smaller. I’m not too sure. The campus had several buildings, looked similar to an old-fashioned prestigious school in one area and somewhat modern in others.

Do the local students live on campus, at home, or off campus?
I’m not sure about local students but I think it’s a mix of living on campus, at home, and off campus.

If not located in the city center,
  o How far or close is it to the city?
  o What type of public transportation could you take – cost?
  o Could students take cabs -cost?
  o How long would it take to get to the city center?
- Are there student clubs on campus that UC students could join?  
  There were special activities on Fridays that UC students could join but no student clubs because it was the summer.

- Is there a bookstore on campus? Where did you get your books?  
  Yes, there is but most courses didn’t really require books, mainly readers that could be purchased in the building where the class was held I believe.

- Is there a computer lab on campus? Or, should students bring laptops?  
  There are computer labs on the first floor of the dorms or in some of the buildings. Students may bring a laptop if they want but to connect to internet, an Ethernet cable is recommended (though the phone cable works as well) unless have good connectivity and access to wireless.

- What types of establishments are in the university’s neighborhood? (cafes, stores, etc)  
  Lots of different establishments in the university’s neighborhood: cafes, stores, restaurants, karaoke, bars

Housing  
- What types of accommodations are available to UC students?  
  Living in the international/global dorms or finding your own housing in the city

- How close are they to campus?  
  International dorms are on campus, off campus housing varies

- How did you find your housing?  
  Through the school

- Where did you live and with whom?  
  I lived in the international dorm with other international students

- If you lived off campus, was it difficult to find an apartment and roommate?  

- Were the rooms nicer or not than I.V./UCSB dorms?  
  The rooms were pretty nice, maybe a little bit more spacious than UCSB dorms or a little smaller depending on which international dorm you lived in. My room was pretty spacious with all the furniture included.

- Was it more expensive than living in I.V.? How much was a typical rent cost in US dollars?  
  Rent was about $600

- How/who did you pay for housing?  
  I wire-transferred the money to the school

Food  
- What was the food like?  
  Food was delicious. Koreans like their spices, most foods had some spiciness.
Where did you eat most of your meals? Cafeterias, restaurants, street vendors, etc?  Normally at a restaurant because it was cheaper than the cafeterias around the dorm. Street vendors were also pretty cheap to eat a quick snack or small meal.

How much was an average meal?  About $2

What time of day did people eat lunch/dinner?  People ate lunch around lunchtime (noon) and dinner around 6 it seems

Would it be difficult for vegetarians to find meals?  No, there was always a vegetarian option on the menu

Travel/Safety

If not discussed above, describe the public transportation system around your host university/city?  Public transportation was fast, clean, and cheap

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

Describe the public transportation in your host country?

Was it difficult/easy to travel to neighboring countries?  I didn’t try traveling to neighboring countries because it was a short amount of time (6 weeks) but it was easy to travel to other cities in the country.

Host City/Country

What was the weather like?  I went during the summer so lots of heat and humidity but there were also rainy days since it was monsoon season which means lots of puddles.

Describe your host city…which California/US city is it similar to (if any)?  Seoul was very diverse; it was divided into districts and each district had a different setting. Lots of tall buildings almost like skyscrapers but more apartment complexes. Lots of different activities to do though and lots of delivery places, most were 24 hours.

What were some interesting/fun things that you did in the host city?  Going out to karaoke and clubs, shopping, exploring the city

How international was your host city in terms of tourism, cultural diversity, and international businesses?  Seoul was somewhat international in certain areas since it was the capital of the country. For the most part, everything was specifically Korean but when you got to the business district or certain shopping areas, it diversified a little.

Culture
- **Describe the cultural differences that you observed/encountered.**
  - **Time & punctuality**
    For the most part, everyone was just like here: some people were on time, some people were late, and some people were early
  - **Eye contact & staring**
    I’m not sure about staring but there was some eye contact when talking
  - **Relationships**
    They were relatively more conservative but lots of holding hands.
  - **More formal dress in general, for women, for school, etc?**
    For women, they normally wore heels a lot. The people appear to dress somewhat nicer, nothing sloppy looking like baggy clothing.
  - **Alcohol consumption**
    Koreans like to get together to drink socially on the weekends. Businesses often have get togethers to better relations.
  - **What culture shock did you go through?**
    None
  - **Other?**

**Banking**

- **Were credit cards widely accepted?**
  I didn’t really use credit cards while I was there but I believe some of the places would’ve accepted them. People prefer using cash though.

- **Did you open a local bank account? Was it easy?**
  Yes, it was fairly easy.

- **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?**
  Yes it was. The bank on campus was Woori Bank. I’m not sure what the ATM fees were for each bank because it didn’t really state it on the receipt.

- **Were there ATMs on campus?**
  Yes, several in different places.