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Partner University Exchange

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

FAST FACTS

- **Exchange levels:** undergraduate, graduate
- **Language of instruction:** English, Korean
- **Language requirement:** none
- **University website:** www.ajou.ac.kr/
- **Length of exchange:** semester, academic year, or summer

SUWON AT A GLANCE

Population:
1,000,000

Climate:
Korea has four distinct seasons. Summers are hot and humid, and winters are dry and cold.

Proximity to:
(reflects times on public transport)
Seoul: 1.5 hours
Pusan: 6 hours
Incheon International Airport: 2 hours

Ajou University

Founded in 1973, Ajou University (AU) has been rated one of the top ten institutions of higher education in South Korea. AU is located in Suwon, about 20 miles south of Seoul. Exchange students have various study options including intensive Korean language study and a summer school option that incorporates studies, multicultural workshops, trips, and social activities. The school has over 14,000 students, over 700 of which are international students.

Academics

AU offers classes in English in a wide array of Engineering course, Computer Science, Humanities, Business Administration, Korean Studies, International Studies, Natural Sciences, and Intensive

Korean. Course information can be found at: www.ajou.ac.kr/

Housing & Meals

Students can live in double or quad occupancy dormitory rooms on campus. AU dining services provides food at a very low cost, or alternatively, students may cook for themselves in kitchens located on every floor of the dorm buildings. Cafés also dot the campus.

Cost Information

Students pay UM their regular tuition costs and pay AU their room and board costs. Double occupancy dorm rooms cost about US\$800/semester and quad occupancy dorms cost about US\$525/semester. Meals cost about US\$1000 Student

visas to study in Korea cost US\$45 for US citizens. UM financial aid can apply to tuition, living, and travel expenses while on this program.

Credit Transfer

Students register for classes upon arrival at AU. Three hours of class work per week are equivalent to 3 UM credits. Students on exchange must be full-time and must transfer back a minimum of 12 UM credits per semester.

Program Dates

Semester 1: Early September to mid-December

Semester 2: Early March to mid-June

Summer: Late June to mid-August

Suwon, South Korea

The City

AU is located in Suwon, the provincial capital of Gyungii-do Province, about 20 miles south of Seoul. Suwon, once the capital city of South Korea, is the location of many landmarks from the country's rich history. The Hwaseong Fortress, built by King Jeongjo in 1796, completely surrounds the city and once guarded the tomb of the King's father. The site draws thousands

of visitors each year and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

With a population of about one million, Suwon is home to 14 universities, making a strong student presence in the city. The city is also home to several high-tech industrial facilities like Samsung Electronics.

In close range of Suwon is the capital city, Seoul, full of palaces,

royal shrines, and tombs all allowing a glimpse into the feudal past. Entertainment ranges from traditional cultural performances to summer festivals to a robust nightlife. Taste buds will be tantalized by the vast array of Korean cuisine, including Korean barbeque, kimchi, and bibimbop. South Korea is also a hiker's delight for those who explore the beauty of its national parks.