

What and How to Learn and Experience in Foreign Countries

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what it is and what it is not

what to do and what not to do

TOPICS

Safety first!

Learn!

Be responsible!

Be kind to your family!

10 Practical Tips for Globe-trotting Students



Safety!



- You are a **young** man/woman less experienced and much less perfect than you think you are.
- You are in an **unfamiliar and dangerous environment**.
 - ➔ You are much, much more vulnerable than you could ever imagine to stay in foreign countries. You can easily fall victim to all kinds of **violence** and **scams** out there. Most of the **foreign countries** are not even remotely close to Korea in safety.
 - Eg. Two recent cases of murder of Koreans in Australia
 - ➔ Exercise your **reasons and judgments** properly.
 - ➔ Do not get involved in any activities that you are **not sure of**.
 - ➔ **Study beforehand** the cases of crimes and scams against Asian students.

Safety!



- You are **excited and intimidated** at the same time.
 - ➔ You will get to be less intimidated and more adventurous as time passes. And that is the time you are the most vulnerable.

Stay alarmed all the time!

Safety!



- You can be a **safety hazard** to yourself and those around you.
 - Do not get over-excited.
 - Your enemy can be amongst yourselves.
 - Enjoy the controlled, self-regulated freedom.
 - Respect you colleagues' territories.

Safety!



- Make sure that you have a **safety support network** around you.
 - Make friends with staffs at **International Office** there and back at Ajou.
 - Be prepared to face **emergency situations**.
 - **Learn** to make yourself understood in case of emergency.
 - Keep the **emergency contact** numbers with you at all times.
 - Keep contact with your **family and friends** there and back in Korea.
카카오톡 (보이스톡), Skype, . . .

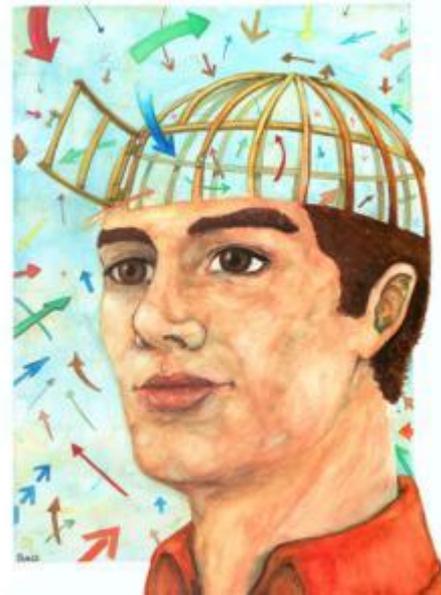
Learn!

- You are there to **study and learn**.
 - You are there to learn, not to enjoy life, not to do shopping, . . .
 - **Study the local** history, culture, and society before you get there.
 - Read and watch the local and international **News** while staying there.
 - Learn the **language**
 - Be positive, bold, and daring.
 - Be **open-minded**.
 - Meet local **people** (but only in a safe environment).
 - Learn the local **culture and customs**
 - Learn the **global way**
 - Familiarize yourself with many things “international and global”.
 - Make some time for **reflection** every day.
 - **Keep records** of your experience.



Be responsible!

- You are a **representative** of Ajou and Korea to local people.
You are being supported in many ways by Ajou.
 - Behave as a proud person that you are.
 - Respect the local cultures and customs.
 - Do not compare local ways with Korean ways.
- Do not behave like an “**ugly *******”
 - Show the host institution that you are “students”.
 - You are there to learn, not to ...
 - Keep the class hours; no class-cutting, no ...
 - Try to present yourself as well-mannered.
 - Keep your attire in a proper way.
 - Wash you hair.
 - Table manners,
 - No burps, no ...
 - Mind your shoes, please.



Be kind to your family!

- **Keep connected** with your family back home.
 - 카톡, Skype, ...
- Keep them informed about what you are doing there.



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1. Be Prepared.

→ Do your homework before leaving.

Read about history, culture, and contemporary situation

Practice language.

Learn to be self-sustainable.

; cooking, doing laundry, etc.

2. Be open-minded.

→ Be a global citizen.

Don't be discriminatory.

Don't be judgmental. We are just different.

Respect local customs, way of thinking, behavior patterns, and foods.

Respect other religion. Don't say anything against any religion.

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3. Be active.

→ Participate.

Engage in conversation.

Do not be shy. Be talkative and laugh a lot.

Meet people and make friends.

Prepare things for conversation.

Join a club.

Sports, Outdoors, Hobby, Religious community,...

Make positive relationships with friends, professors, and staffs.

Cook for your friends.

Hang out with non-Korean students.

Travel! Not with other Korean students.

Volunteer for local charity.

Participate in local events, not tourist kinds.

Try out different foods, new things...

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4. Be considerate and well-mannered.

Say as much as possible things like..

please,

excuse me,

thank you, thanks,

Hold doors for someone after you.

Do not be too loud.

Mind what you wear.

Leave no rubbish after you.

Lady first!

Watch the phone and email manners.

Be very concrete and precise when you want to convey your needs.

Be punctual.

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5. Stay connected with family, friends, and school.
6. Show that you tried your best before you ask for help.
7. Be alert on what's happening there.
8. Do not be an island.
9. Do not be a tourist.
10. Just make the most of this precious opportunity!

Make it a memorable experience
and a springboard for your future!

