My semester at Hanyang University was an incredible and unforgettable adventure. From the very beginning, we were welcomed and integrated so well as exchange students. The professors were not only knowledgeable but also kind and attentive, making the academic side of the experience both enjoyable and supportive.

The campus itself is massive and full of life, with so many activities and student organizations to join (music, sports, international cultures etc.). It was easy to meet new people and get involved, which made adapting to life in Korea much smoother.

What made my experience even more special was the chance to travel around the country. Hanyang's location, just an hour and a half from Seoul, made it easy to explore. I spent countless weekends in Seoul, where I not only visited temples and traditional villages but also had the chance to learn about and try Taekkyon, a traditional Korean martial art. It was such an enriching way to connect with the culture on a deeper level.

Beyond Seoul, I explored cities like Busan, with its lively beaches, peaceful temples and Sokcho for its amazing national park full of mountains, and Jinju, where the lantern festival was held in October. Each place had its own unique vibe, and I loved seeing the variety of landscapes and cultures across the country.

One of the most rewarding parts of the semester was being immersed in Korean culture and history. From the modern energy of Seoul to the serene beauty of the countryside, I felt like I experienced a little bit of everything Korea has to offer.

But what really made this experience so special were the people. I formed friendships with people from all over the world, and together we made memories I'll cherish forever. Whether it was exploring new cities, sharing meals with loved ones, or singing karaoke late into the night, these moments are what I'll carry with me the most.

Looking back on those four months, I can honestly say they were some of the best of my life. If you're considering studying abroad and want to immerse yourself in a new culture while exploring a beautiful country, I can't recommend South Korea enough. It's an experience you'll never forget.

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