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YOUR UCEAP NETWORK

EAP Online

Bookmark your Participants program page; it contains vital resources and requirements you need to know before you go abroad, including the Predeparture Checklist, UCEAP Guide to Study Abroad, Program Calendar, EAP Student Budgets and Payment Vouchers, and policies.

Local EAP Support

Campus EAP Office

The Campus EAP Office coordinates recruitment, student selection, orientation, and academic advising, and serves as your primary contact during the application process.

UCEAP Systemwide Office

The UCEAP Systemwide Office establishes and operates programs and coordinates EAP administration for all UC campuses from its headquarters in Goleta, California. You will work closely with the following Systemwide Office staff:

- **Program Advisors** communicate program information, both academic and operational, to students and campuses, and coordinate and provide academic and administrative support in all aspects of your participation.
- **Operations Specialists** coordinate the logistics of the program. Document requirements, visa application instructions, health and safety precautions, placement and acceptance by the host institution, arrival and on-site orientation, and housing arrangements are examples of program details the Operations Specialists coordinate.
- **Academic Specialists** advise on academic policies; review and record courses taken abroad for UC credit; process student registrations, petitions, and grades; and document and maintain students’ academic records.
- **Student Finance Accountants** assist primarily with EAP statements, program fee collection, and financial aid disbursements (in conjunction with your campus Financial Aid Office).

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Study Center Abroad

A local faculty member, who serves as the EAP Liaison Officer, administers EAP programs at Yonsei University along with a Study Center Coordinator. They advise students on academic matters, provide information on cultural events, assist with program logistics, and provide support with personal matters.

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Approximate Time Difference
Add 17 hours
EAP STUDENTS SAY...

The selection of classes was sufficient, and the knowledge I gained was rewarding. UIC classes presented their material well.

The teachers had a strong sense of responsibility for the students and were very competent in teaching practical as well as structural Korean.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Culture

Korean academic culture is grounded in Confucian educational tradition. Respect for teachers and university rules, including attending all orientation sessions, classes, and other announced functions, is essential. Students are expected to be appreciative, polite, and moderate, not demanding or argumentative, in questioning the opinions of professors or fellow students. Be prepared to modify your own expectations and conform to Korean norms.

For a successful and rewarding academic experience, be proactive and fully engaged in guiding your own education. Before departure, outline educational objectives to help guide your course selection, readings, and other activities. Do not rely solely on classes and professors to define or structure the educational goals that you expect to achieve. Classes are only the beginning of academic inquiry, not the entire academic experience. Systematic observation, reading, and writing in subject areas of interest can help turn even an ordinary class into a base for serious academic work and significant learning.

The size of Yonsei University classes varies with the popularity of the subject. Classes offered in English are relatively small and are taught mostly in the lecture format. Language classes are even smaller, averaging 12 students.

Many instructors provide syllabi and focus on delivering lectures, but some also encourage discussion and the use of the Internet for class work. The classroom atmosphere can be interactive, but remember to be polite and respectful of the instructor and your fellow students. Teamwork among students is an important aspect of some courses and group presentations are frequently required, particularly in business courses. Engage in your academic activities, join discussions, and form study groups.

Faculty members in Korea rarely keep regular office hours, but take the initiative to arrange appointments with professors. You may contact a professor by e-mail to set up a meeting. The e-mail address is normally noted on the course syllabus. If you can’t find the contact information, staff at the Seoul Study Center will help you find the appropriate way to contact professors.

Many Yonsei faculty members are Western educated and, while respecting traditional Korean customs, incorporate the exchange of ideas in the classroom. Some professors may be traditional in their classroom approach, so be sensitive to the style of each instructor.

Instructors in courses taught in English do not always speak in the familiar American style and some may have accents that are difficult to understand, especially at first. Accepting this as a challenge rather than a frustration will enhance the experience of studying with these instructors, many of whom are highly recognized scholars in their fields, prominent professionals, government policy makers, and consultants in prestigious firms.
EAP STUDENTS SAY...

*The classes stressed team participation and presentations and were totally different from UC classes, which are generally limited to lectures, discussions, papers, and exams.*

**Attendance, Exams, and Grading**

Seoul is a vibrant city and can be a serious distraction for students. Make sure to prioritize between academic responsibilities and extracurricular social activities.

Your work will be assessed primarily by exams, but many courses also include attendance, term papers, projects, and class presentations.

Attendance serves as an indication of your commitment to the course, the professor, and fellow students, and usually is an important factor in assigning the final course grade. The exact percentage that attendance counts varies depending on the instructor, but may average about 20 percent. If you miss more than one-third of your class meetings for regular courses, you will likely fail the course. If you are absent for more than 20 percent of your language course meetings, you will not receive a passing grade. Some professors count two tardies as one absence.

Participation in class discussion is often part of the grade (averaging 15 to 20 percent), and if class presentations are required they may count for 20 to 30 percent. In regular Yonsei University courses taught in Korean, competition with Korean students is greater than it is with international students in courses.

Korean language courses require serious concentration and diligent study. Grading in the language courses usually is more rigorous than what you may have experienced at your UC campus.

For more information about grades, see the *Academic Information* chapter of the *UCEAP Guide to Study Abroad*.
Program Descriptions

Summer Program
At Yonsei International Summer School (YISS), most students take a Korean language class and one or two courses taught in English on a wide variety of subjects. Course information is on the Yonsei University website.

During the summer program, a Korean language course (4.5 UC quarter units) is recommended but not required. Language classes concentrate on developing Korean language comprehension, vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar skills.

- You may participate in the YISS field trip that takes place prior to the start of the program; however, you may not earn academic credit for the field trip.
- You may also participate in non-academic community service opportunities during the summer. Internships are not available.

Summer classes are held Monday through Thursday with each class meeting for two hours per day. Attendance is mandatory; if you are absent from a certain number of classes, you will receive an automatic F. In many cases, this is three absences.

Required:
- Attendance at both Yonsei and EAP mandatory orientations
- Language placement test on the first day of the program if you intend to take a language course (no makeup exams are offered)
- Minimum of 9 UC quarter units (two courses); maximum of 13.5 units (three courses)
- All courses must be taken for the maximum approved units; the variable unit option is not available
- If you take three courses, you may take one course on the P/NP basis
- Completion of the MyEAP Registration Study List and confirmation by the Study Center (any changes made in your YISS course registration must also be made in MyEAP)

Financial Aid Minimum Unit Requirements:
EAP allows students in the EAP Korea summer program to take either 9 UC quarter units (two courses) or 13.5 UC quarter units (three courses); however, the minimum unit requirement for UC summer funding varies by UC.

If you are a financial aid recipient, contact your UC Campus Financial Aid Advisor for your minimum unit requirement based on your individual financial aid award prior to departure. The EAP Study Center staff in Korea cannot advise you on financial aid matters.

If you take two courses and your financial aid award requires you to take three courses, you will be required to pay back any over award of financial aid. This amount will vary by student.
Fall, Spring, and Year Programs
These programs offer course work in English, Korean, and Korean language study. The program also features community service and internship opportunities.

Required:
- Attendance at both Yonsei and EAP mandatory orientations
- Full-time course of study; minimum of 21 UC quarter units each term (usually four or five courses)
- A Korean language course each term (unless you are fluent)
- A language placement test on the first date of the program (no makeup exams are offered)
- Completion of the MyEAP Registration Study List and confirmation by the Study Center (any changes made in your Yonsei University course registration must also be made in your MyEAP Registration Study List)

Language Courses
Language study is required each semester. You will be placed at the appropriate language level based on the mandatory written and oral placement tests administered before classes start. Depending on the level, the classes emphasize oral-aural skills and systematic grammatical pattern acquisition, basic writing skills, listening comprehension, composition, and cross-cultural communication.

Semi-intensive Korean language courses, which are 9 UC quarter units, meet for two hours per day (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.), Monday through Friday. If you do not wish to take the semi-intensive course, you may take a less intensive Korean language course, such as Korean Language and Culture, Korean Writing, or Korean Grammar (4.5 units each).

If you have documented fluency in Korean language or you receive a high enough score (advanced levels) on the language placement test, you will not be required to take Korean language courses; however, advanced Korean language courses are available.

Courses Taught in English or Korean
The Yonsei Portal Service lists courses for the current term. All courses on the Yonsei Portal Service are open to UCEAP students except UIC (Underwood Division: honors course), exclusive courses (numbers 8–11), and graduate-level seminar courses.

An increasing number of courses taught in English are offered in many fields, including business, economics, history, communications, Korean art history, law, literature, philosophy, political science, and sociology. Particularly strong courses are available in Asian studies and Korean language and literature, as well as unique courses related to North Korea. Most courses are 3 Yonsei units (4.5 UC quarter units).

If the language placement test shows you have adequate proficiency in Korean, you may be able to enroll in one or more Yonsei University courses taught in Korean with the approval of the EAP Liaison Officer. A high level of proficiency in reading, writing, and comprehension of university-level Korean is necessary to succeed in these courses.
Special Opportunities at Yonsei University

Independent Study and Internships

Independent study, including internships, may be available in certain fields. Information on EAP-arranged academic internships will be provided during the EAP orientation.

If you would like to participate, research internship opportunities **before** arriving in Korea and prepare a proposal shortly after arrival. Websites such as **Job Korea, Incruit**, and **Find Job** are good informational sources.

In previous years, EAP students have interned at such organizations as the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea, National Center for Korean Traditional Performing Arts, National Cancer Research Center, Prain (PR), FM Communications (advertising), Daimler, MTV Korea, Hyundai Research Center, Korean Productivity Center (government consulting firm), and MMMG (design).

If you wish to apply for an internship, you will take a preliminary test after the orientation. This preliminary test evaluates if your Korean language ability is suitable for working in Korea. Korean language proficiency is important because the internship providers prefer students who are able to speak and write in Korean. If you pass, your résumé will be sent to designated internship supervisors in several companies and interviews will be arranged with internship supervisors. The internship selection depends on the supervisor of the company—not the Study Center. Once you are accepted for the internship position, you must submit a **Special Study Project** form to the Study Center within two weeks.

Internship positions vary from year to year, but opportunities normally are available to qualified and enthusiastic students. Seriousness of purpose and a strong sense of responsibility are key factors in obtaining an internship.

Volunteering

You may also seek a volunteer or non-academic internship. The EAP Study Center’s volunteer club (group), EAP Angels, welcomes EAP students who are willing to volunteer. In this club, you may volunteer with Severance Children’s Hospital School, with major police station’s culture classes for North Korean refugees, as an English teacher, or in other activities that may be arranged. More information will be available during the EAP orientation.

Graduate School of International Studies

As a leading professional graduate school, **Yonsei Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS)** offers an intensive curriculum designed to train international scholars and other specialists. GSIS consists of five programs of courses taught in English: 1) Korean Studies, 2) Area Studies, 3) International Cooperation, 4) International Management, and 5) International Trade and Finance.

Undergraduate students who have senior standing, a GPA above 3.0, and adequate background in a field relevant to the course may choose to take one graduate-level course at GSIS. Permission from the instructor must be obtained at the beginning of the course and both Yonsei and the EAP Study Center must approve participation in the course. Undergraduate students are limited to one graduate course per term.
Korean Language Institute (KLI)
The Korean Language Institute (KLI) is independent from Yonsei University. Most EAP students will take afternoon semi-intensive KLI courses (9 UC quarter units) offered on the regular 16-week semester calendar.

If space is available, you may be able to participate in the morning intensive KLI courses (15 UC quarter units) offered on the 10-week quarter calendar. All applicants are carefully screened and space is limited. This special-focus program is not appropriate for all students.

KLI is not open to UCEAP students for the summer or winter quarters.

Materials include Korean language textbooks and collections of readings, listening comprehension materials, newspapers, literary works, and audiovisual materials. Upper-level students learn advanced grammar patterns and expressions, work on expanding vocabulary and increasing reading speed, watch films, and practice advanced listening comprehension with real news broadcasts.

Korean Speaking Club
The Study Center hosts an EAP Korean Speaking Club for EAP students interested in learning and practicing Korean. You will improve your Korean by learning and using practical expressions with EAP staff. The club meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. for one hour during the semester at the EAP Seoul Study Center. If you are interested in improving your Korean, take advantage of this exclusive opportunity hosted by EAP Korea. Details are provided during the on-site orientation.

Tutorials
If you are interested in improving your Korean but can't join the speaking club, take advantage of this exclusive tutorial session arranged by the Study Center. You will be introduced to a Korean language teacher who will help you improve your Korean. The teachers are all graduate students of Yonsei University majoring in teaching Korean for foreigners. Tutorials are held every Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Details will be provided during orientation.
EAP STUDENTS SAY...

My time here broadened my horizons and knowledge of my culture as a Korean American. It was so great, I extended to the year program.

EXTENDING EAP PARTICIPATION

Plan Ahead to Extend

Extending your EAP participation in Korea is possible! EAP encourages you to extend participation to the next term. Approval of extension is based on academic performance, the support of your UC campus department, and available space at Yonsei University.

Before departure, submit an approved Departmental and College Pre-Approval to Extend (DPA) form to your Campus EAP Office. Submitting the approved DPA does not obligate you to extend or guarantee extension, but the DPA will expedite the process if you decide to extend.

If you would like to extend once you are abroad, make an appointment with the EAP Program Coordinator to initiate the process. If you have a DPA, the Liaison Officer or Study Center Program Coordinator will submit a Request for Final Approval (RFA) form to the EAP Systemwide Office. The EAP Systemwide Office must receive the request by the deadline indicated on the form. If you do not submit an approved DPA before departure, then you must submit a Petition to Extend form, which requires campus and department approval, and can take up to six weeks to process.

Once your extension has been approved, notification will be sent to your UC campus registrar, Financial Aid Office, and Campus EAP Office. For information about the steps you need to take with regard to finances, see the Extension of Participation chapter of the UCEAP Guide to Study Abroad.
"EAP STUDENTS SAY...

Be prepared to talk about all aspects of American life. You will be asked about sports, politics, cities... just about everything.

Due to the crowded conditions in Seoul, people do not seem afraid of close contact. Strangers don’t mind sitting very close to each other or being jam-packed into a subway like a bunch of sardines.

My positive attitude and determination to learn the Korean language helped me to acculturate in Korean society.

People show more respect for their elders and authority figures.

It’s important that you are respectful and dress modestly.

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Useful Websites

- Incheon International Airport
- Yonsei University Office of International Affairs
- Yonsei I-House
- Korea Ministry of Tourism
- Hi Seoul (what’s new, transportation, bank, etc.)
- Korea Immigration Service
- The Korea Times
- The Korea Herald
- UCEAP Seoul Study Center
- Hyundai Department Store
- Lotte Department Store

Improve Your Language Skills

The more Korean you know before departure, the more rewarding your time abroad will be. If you have not studied Korean, you should at least learn the writing system and develop some ability for using it. If you have already studied Korean, devote some time outside of classroom study to improve written and oral skills.

The following are good methods to prepare:

- Read Korean newspapers and magazines.
- Watch Korean movies.
- Keep up with Korean current events by reading articles in newspapers, magazines, and journals.
- Read a book or two in Korean, preferably one fiction and one nonfiction.
- Seek out people fluent in Korean for conversations and vocabulary practice.
- Keep a journal of Korean phrases, expressions, whole sentences, and structures that you would like to add to your vocabulary and practice them aloud.
**ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION**

**Travel Documents**

**U.S. Travel Registration**
Register online with the [U.S. Department of State](https://travel.state.gov) as soon as your flight plans are known. Registration is free and it allows the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate to assist you and provide information in case of difficulty or an emergency while abroad.

**Photocopies**
It is easier to replace lost or stolen documents when you have photocopies. Make photocopies of all important documents, including passport photo pages, vaccination certificates, travelers check receipts, airline tickets, student ID, birth certificate, credit cards (front and back), etc., then leave a set of copies at home with a parent or guardian and pack a set in various pieces of luggage. Spending a few moments copying documents now can save time and energy if something is lost or stolen.

**Student Visa**
- Students with a valid Korean passport are not required to obtain a visa.

Summer program participants do not need a visa to enter Korea. U.S. citizens in possession of a valid U.S. passport can visit Korea without a visa for a duration of up to 90 days or less for study.

For the regular sessions (fall/year/spring), you must obtain a **Student (D-2) Visa** prior to entering Korea. A Korean student visa is an endorsement placed in your passport by the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea. The visa grants you permission to enter and reside in Korea for the purpose of study.

**Non-U.S. Citizens**
If you are not a citizen of the U.S., special travel restrictions or requirements may affect you. Contact the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea for visa information and entry regulations.

**Male Korean Citizens**
If you are a male Korean citizen between the ages of 18 and 35, you may be eligible for the draft and required military service. Prior to departing the U.S., you must research this further with the [Consulate General of the Republic of Korea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consulate_General_of_the_Republic_of_Korea) and Military Manpower Administration. Report your exchange student status when you enter Korea.
“EAP STUDENTS SAY...”

It’s very hot here during the summer. Be prepared to sweat.

Take a laptop. Korea is all connected with LAN.

If you wear large-sized clothing, you will have to pack all the clothes you will need for the program because they will not have your size.

Women’s fashion in Korea is very trendy. Bring some dresses and nice clothing.

Pack dryer sheets—your clothes will have less static and the smell will remind you of home.

Packing Tips

Just about everything is available for purchase in Korea.

Essential

- One formal ensemble/outfit (for class presentations, formal lectures, interviews, and the EAP farewell banquet)
- Personal care and hygiene products (especially preferred brands)
- Vitamins and medications (see the Health chapter of this guide)
- Travel guide with a detailed map of Seoul
- Slippers

Optional

- Athletic gear (including a swimsuit)
- Laptop (printers are provided on campus for a fee)
- Costco card (there are several throughout Seoul)
- Gifts for foreign hosts and new friends (suggestions: Frisbees, T-shirts, UC pens or decals, California pistachios or almonds, California scenic calendars, See’s Candies)
- Pictures of home, family, and friends
- Hand sanitizer
- Children’s books for EAP Angels (volunteer group at the Severance Children’s Hospital School)

Climate and Dress

The climate in Korea is temperate, with four distinct seasons. Summers are hot with high levels of humidity. However, Koreans dress fashionably and value their sense of decorum. Despite hot and humid conditions in the summer, provocative clothing is inappropriate in public.

It normally snows in the winter and the average temperature is about 23°F. Winter clothing can be purchased for reasonable prices in Seoul; however, the EAP Student Budget does not include funds for the purchase of clothing.

Travel to Korea

You are responsible for making your own transportation arrangements to and from Korea (even if you are on financial aid) and for arriving on the Official EAP Start Date. This includes reserving and purchasing airline tickets (purchase a changeable ticket). Standby tickets are not acceptable.

You will arrive at Incheon International Airport, which is 90 minutes from Seoul, and take the limousine bus from the airport to Yonsei. From the bus stop, it is a 5-minute walk to the dorm. Detailed arrival instructions and maps are provided before departure in the Predeparture Checklist.

Early check-in is not permitted. If you arrive in Seoul prior to this date, be sure to make hotel reservations or arrangements with your family and friends.
Program dates and arrival information are posted on the EAP website. Failure to appear on the Official Start Date is cause for dismissal from the program (per Student Agreement, Section 10). When traveling, always carry your passport, visa, ticket, prescription medications, and money. Never put valuables in your checked luggage.

The program dates can change due to unforeseen circumstances. You are responsible for making modifications to your travel itinerary to accommodate such changes. EAP is not responsible for any non-recoverable transportation charges you may incur for travel arrangements. To stay informed of program changes, update MyEAP with any changes to your contact information (mailing address, e-mail, and phone number).

**Financial Aid Students**

Your financial aid package is based partly on the EAP Student Budget for the program. The estimated round-trip airfare amount is based on the cost of a changeable student fare to Korea. If your independent travel costs are greater than the airfare estimate in the EAP Student Budget, notify your financial aid counselors. Neither EAP nor the Financial Aid Office can guarantee that the additional cost will be funded by financial aid.

**Orientation**

You are required to attend a predeparture orientation at your UC that covers an array of program topics including health and safety, cultural issues, and program-specific academic information.

The program officially begins with a Yonsei orientation. To plan your semester successfully, EAP strongly recommends you arrive in Korea before the orientation date.

The two mandatory orientations, Yonsei and EAP, cover:

- Introduction to Korean culture and information about the university
- The academic program and how to complete and submit your MyEAP Study List
- Internships and volunteer opportunities
- EAP field trips, cultural activities, daily living, tips from previous students
- Housing

Attendance at all orientation sessions is mandatory and you are responsible for following up with all procedures and deadlines.
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Travel within Korea

Subway
The subway is the most efficient and convenient way to get around the city. Seoul has an impressive subway system that is clean, reasonably priced, and extends out into the suburbs. There are eight color-coded lines that run in regular intervals throughout the city. Signs are clearly marked and announcements are made at all stops in both Korean and English. The subways also provide convenient links to the city’s bus system.

Rechargeable transportation cards, good for use on subways and buses, can be purchased at most newsstands. Students participating in the academic year, fall, or spring semester programs can also use their Yonsei ID cards as a rechargeable subway card.

Buses
The urban areas of Seoul are serviced by four types of buses, each with different fares and routes. These include village buses, circular city buses, general buses, and seat buses.

For travel outside of Seoul, express buses are available at many of the bus terminals located near the outer perimeter of the city.

Taxis
Cabs are available everywhere in Seoul. Fares are reasonable, although a long-distance ride can be quite expensive.

There are three types of taxis: 1) General taxis, 2) Deluxe taxis, and 3) Call taxis. Deluxe taxis provide a higher quality of service, but at a higher price (except between midnight and 4 a.m. when General taxis add a 20 percent surcharge). Deluxe taxis are black and have a yellow sign on the roof that displays the words “Deluxe Taxi.” Call taxis are seven-passenger vans that are equipped with foreign language interpretation phones and credit card processing terminals. The base fares (first 2 KM) for General, Deluxe, and Call taxis are KRW 2,400, 5,000, and 5,000 respectively. The fare between Incheon Airport and downtown Seoul is usually 80,000 won. Tipping is not required for any taxi service.

Trains
Train travel in Korea is reliable, fast, comfortable, and moderately priced. You can purchase tickets at most travel agencies, the Seoul Railway Station, or the Korea Tourist Bureau. Trains have several classes for traveling, so you must know exactly where and in what class you wish to travel when you purchase tickets. More information, including schedules and fares, is posted on the Korail or Qubi websites. For frequent travelers, the Korean Railroad offers the Korean Railroad Pass, which can be used for unlimited train travel. Also, there is a discounted pass for international travelers.

Trains include the Korean Train Express (KTX), which is a high-speed train system, and the Saemaul and Mugunghwa Express.
It is important that you carefully read all of the information available in the UCEAP Guide to Study Abroad and discuss it with the person who will assist you with your finances while you are abroad.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Understanding Your Finances
Understanding your finances before, during, and after EAP is crucial to having a successful time abroad. The following list outlines just a few of the many things you will need to know before departure.

Detailed information on the following topics can be found in the Money Matters chapter of the UCEAP Guide to Study Abroad:

- Contact information for finance questions
- How to estimate the cost of your program
- Budget instructions and information
- How to and who can make payments to EAP
- EAP student account information
- Banking before and after arrival
- Fees and penalties
- Loan information
- How financial aid works while on EAP (how do I get my financial aid from my home campus and how are my fees paid)
- Various forms (e.g., direct deposit, etc.)

MyEAP Student Account
Your MyEAP Student Account is similar to your home campus Financial account. It will be available as soon as you are selected for your program in MyEAP. The fees that you owe UCEAP are posted to your account, and you can make payments through this account using e-checks or credit cards (MasterCard or Discover). Fees will be applied after your program predeparture withdrawal date, which is listed in MyEAP.

EAP Student Budget
Carefully review your UCEAP Student Budget.

Your UCEAP Student Budget lists the fees you will pay to UCEAP and an estimate of the personal expenses you will need to plan for. It does not include the cost of recreational travel or personal entertainment. The fees due to UCEAP will be posted to your MyEAP Student Account after your program predeparture withdrawal date. Program fees are subject to change. View your EAP Student Budget frequently.

Instructions
- Download and print your EAP Student Budget and Payment Vouchers.
- Note the deadlines on the Payment Vouchers.
- Give the EAP Student Budget and Payment Vouchers to the person responsible for paying your EAP bills. Sign them up for Third Party Authorization so they can make payments online.

For further information see the Money Matters chapter of the UCEAP Guide to Study Abroad and the Money Matters tab of your Participants Portal. If you are on financial aid, see also the EAP Financial Information web page.
Handling Money Abroad
Before leaving the U.S., change some money into Korean won at the airport. Besides providing an opportunity to become familiar with the currency, the funds will be useful for snacks, transportation, and unexpected purchases upon arrival.

Banking
Several major U.S. banks maintain branches in Seoul. Check with your home bank to see what services may be provided. Various services are also available from other international banks in downtown Seoul. Inform your bank that you will be using your ATM card internationally to avoid a hold on your account.

Most students open an account at Woori Bank on campus, as it is one of the major banks in Korea. It is in the basement of the Student Union Building. Its ATMs are widely available both on campus and throughout the city. There is no monthly charge for maintaining a bank account, and no fee or deposit required to open one. To open an account, you need a valid passport. You can go directly to the bank and open an account any time during office hours (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Telegraphic transfers can be made from a home bank account in the U.S. to a Woori account for a fee. Personal checks cannot be cashed at the Woori Bank, although travelers checks and international checks are accepted. A perk of using Woori Bank is that you can use your Yonsei student ID card as a debit card.

You can also open a bank account at the Hana Bank on campus, which is located on the first floor of the Engineering Research Center.

If you are planning to use a credit or debit card, check with your home bank to see if your card will be compatible with machines in Korea. If you plan on withdrawing money from your U.S. account, you will need to use a global ATM; there are two on campus and many can be found easily off campus in subway stations and convenience stores. Check with your bank to determine the fees involved with international services.

Checks
Checks are not commonly used in Korea. It can take up to two months for personal checks to clear the bank and you will be charged a separate transaction fee, even after a local bank account has been established.

Travelers checks can be exchanged easily at money exchange offices, banks, and some tourist information centers. Avoid exchanging money at hotels and tourist shops; although convenient, their rates are often less favorable. Your passport is required to exchange money.

Credit Cards
Major credit cards, including Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club, and American Express are widely accepted in many restaurants and department stores in Seoul, but not in small shops. It may be possible to withdraw cash using a credit card through the global ATMs located throughout the city. Before departure, check with your credit card companies to see what services are available and the fees involved with international services.
EAP STUDENTS SAY...
Everyone uses cell phones in Korea, so it’s hard to have much of a social life without one.

COMMUNICATIONS ABROAD

The Before Babel Brigade is a volunteer organization for non-Korean speakers who need help communicating. Call 1588-5644 and press 1 for an English-speaking volunteer. Also, the City of Seoul operates the Dasan Call Center for any questions around Seoul. Call 02-120.

Phones
All EAP students obtain a cell phone upon arrival. Cell phone service branch offices are found everywhere in Seoul. After receiving an immigration card, you can obtain a cell phone.

For the summer program, you can find cell phone companies that offer a prepaid rental phone. Cell phone rental services are also available at the Incheon International Airport.

Voiceover Internet Protocol (VoIP), the technology for transmitting voice conversations via the Internet, is popular with students who take a laptop abroad. Social networking software such as Skype is commonly used to make free or low-cost calls over the Internet. Students report that they use Skype at least once a week to connect with friends and family in the U.S.

Computer Access and Use

EAP students suggest taking a laptop.

Yonsei University has computer labs in most buildings. The computer lab in the dormitory is open 24 hours. Each room in the dormitory has Internet access through a LAN network.

Internet cafés such as PC Bang are inexpensive and widely available throughout Korea.
EAP STUDENTS SAY...

The international dorm staff accommodated us well. The cost and distance from classes were excellent.

Be prepared for regulations—you will probably find them more restrictive than at UC. The consequences of breaking the rules can be severe, including expulsion from the dorm and even the program.

HOUSING & MEALS

Where Will I Live?

You can choose where you will live. There are two on-campus choices at Yonsei University and both dorms are run by a third party. International House (called I-House) is owned by Yonsei University and SK Global House is owned by a private company. Both dorms are run by SK Global House and have slight differences. Note that on campus housing is provided on a first-come, first-served basis by application and prepayment before arrival (even for financial aid students).

If you decide to live off campus, Yonsei University and the EAP Study Center cannot assist you with housing arrangements. It is your responsibility to research all options and understand the leasing terms. Yonsei’s Office of International Affairs website has a list of recommended off-campus housing options. Popular off-campus choices for EAP students include living with relatives, DMC Ville, and Casaville.

I-House and SK Global House (on campus)

Room rates and types (including photographs) are on the SK Global House website.

I-House and SK Global House are located in the northeast corner of campus, next to the Yonsei East Gate, and provide housing for over 800 students. There are floors for both graduate and undergraduate students and separate wings for women and men. During the summer the I-House is used for international students only. During the fall and spring terms Korean and international students live in I-House, providing a truly global atmosphere.

Rooms have a Western-style bed, closet, bookcase, desk set, air-conditioner, heated floor, and small refrigerator (single room only). The dorms feature three-prong power outlets, one of very few locations in Korea where you will find Western accommodations. Every room is equipped with LAN connections for Internet use; however, LAN cables are not provided (available for purchase at the student union). The dorms are considered safe as they utilize an ID card key system for enhanced security. There are security guards and surveillance cameras to provide further security and ensure that I-House regulations are upheld.

More information on the facilities offered can be found on their website. There are several shops such as a food court, 24 hour convenience store, bakery, coffee shop, flower shop, stationery shop, nail salon and copy shop. Coin laundry is available. Basic linens are provided, but you will need to pack or purchase towels.

Early check-in is not permitted. If you arrive prior to the official move-in date, make hotel reservations or arrangements with family and friends. Yonsei has a list of recommended temporary accommodations close to campus on their website.

The demand for summer housing is high. I-House rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Apply for housing as soon as you receive your admission number from Yonsei. You will complete an online housing application. For more information, refer to the I-House website.
You are responsible for directly paying the housing fee by wire transfer. Housing fees for the first term are due prior to arrival in Korea. We recommend that you request wire transfers in person at your bank. Even financial aid recipients will need to secure housing before their first disbursement.

You will be required to sign a housing contract to complete the housing application. Any student who violates regulations may be dismissed from the housing assignment without a refund. Examples of housing regulations include prohibited use or possession of illegal drugs and alcohol, smoking, and visitation between the men’s and the women’s floors (which is regarded as a very serious matter in Korean culture). For security reasons, guests (including family members) are not allowed in the dormitories.

Quick breakdown of the Difference between I-House and SK Global House

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Hasooks

If you are arranging your own off-campus housing, you may want to consider boarding homes or hasooks. There are several close to campus. Hasooks offer single occupancy rooms with shared bathrooms and common areas. While the amenities of hasooks can vary, most include Internet access, television service, and utilities. The rent typically ranges from KRW 350,000–550,000 per month (depending on the number of people sharing a bathroom). If you are interested in this type of housing, arrive early to research the options. Since it is hard to find hasooks on the Internet, you are expected to visit them in person and negotiate with owners in Korean.

Goshiwons

Goshiwons are tiny rooms only furnished with a small bed and desk. Although they are limited in space, they are generally less expensive than hasooks. You can easily find goshiwons in the Shinchon area, and it is recommended for temporary housing during the break.
EAP STUDENTS SAY...

Come with an open mind and try Korean foods. Eating the local food is vital to getting in touch with the Korean culture.

Restaurants are nearby and there’s a great delivery service.

Don’t worry, there are all kinds of American chains here: Costco, Krispy Kreme, McDonald’s, Outback Steakhouse.

The best place on campus to eat an inexpensive lunch is in the Korean Language Institute building.

All department stores have a food court and supermarket in their basements.

Meals

- The housing fees do not include a meal plan. For more details, refer to the Student Budget on the EAP website.

Meal plans are not provided at Yonsei University. There are, however, several cafeterias around the campus and many kinds of restaurants are available near campus. On-campus cafeterias located in the International House, New Millennium Hall, and the Korean Language Institute building are most frequented by international students. They provide both Korean and Western-style food (e.g., bibimbap, soondubu, curry rice, and hamburger steak), as well as Korean traditional cakes, toast, ramen, gimbap, and udon. Coffee and cake are available at the International House, Severance Hospital, and Miwoo Hall.

Other places to eat reasonably are located in the surrounding Shinchon area. There are two department stores with grocery sections in the basement connected to the Shinchon subway exit. The Shinchon neighborhood also has many restaurants, including both Western-style and Korean food. Several restaurants provide 24-hour delivery service to the dorms. There are also food vendors along the streets.
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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

“EAP STUDENTS SAY...”

The best way to experience the culture is to join a club. I joined a traditional Korean drum-playing club and experienced a lot more of Korean culture and activities than others.

I enjoyed Yonsei festivals that were traditions at the school. It really gave me school spirit.

Try to experience as much of the culture as you can, especially on holidays.

I was part of a buddy program.

Take advantage of the fact that you are in a new place. Go explore!

I joined in EAP Angels and volunteered at Severance Children’s Hospital School. I was very proud that I could do something good for others in Korea.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Get Involved

Participating in extracurricular cultural and social activities while on EAP is an excellent way to meet people, improve your language skills, and integrate more fully into the community. Join clubs, sports, musical, theater, or arts groups; volunteer at local organizations, attend lectures and receptions held in academic and community circles, and get the most out of your time abroad!

The Global Lounge contains various resources for international students. It serves as a hub where students gather and interact, and as a focal point for cultural activities, language exchange, and clubs for international students. It is equipped with flat-screen televisions, numerous Internet-ready computer terminals, meeting rooms, and study areas. The Global Lounge is maintained by the International Student and Scholar section of the Office of International Affairs.

Cultural Activities

The Study Center has information about cultural activities and recommends you get a listing of current events from the Korea Ministry of Tourism. Also, for activities in English, check the Royal Asiatic Society-Korea Branch (RASKB) or United Service Organizations (USO). They provide strong resources for learning about Korean history and culture. They also provide lectures and tours to other cities in Korea and Asia that may otherwise be difficult to arrange on your own.

Festivals

Korea celebrates a number of events and festivals throughout the year. Go to Korea.net for more information.

In addition, Yonsei hosts the spring festival and Akaraka concert. The spring festival, celebrating Yonsei’s foundation day, comprises performances, games, concerts, and more. The Yon-Ko fete during the fall festival, which started in 1945, is a famous tradition between Yonsei University and Korea University in which the two rival universities compete in six sports for two days. After the games there are festivities around each campus and neighborhood.

Yonsei Student Clubs

There are more than 200 student and college-affiliated clubs centered on common interests such as athletics, academics, volunteer activities, and music. Joining a student club is a great way to interact with local students. There are club fairs in the beginning of each semester and you can sign up for the clubs on site.

Reading

Local newspapers in English, The Korea Herald and The Korea Times, are commonly available at newsstands. Bookstores typically have limited sections with popular books and magazines in English. Yonsei’s library and Global Lounge offer a variety of publications in English. The Korea Foundation Library is a great resource for English-language books and magazines focused on Korean history and culture.
EAP STUDENTS SAY...

Living in Korea allowed me to reconnect with my relatives and bond closely with my grandmother. It was really fun meeting people from different places and just being brave and going out and experiencing the culture. I advise future EAP students to savor every moment of it because it’s really worth stepping out of your comfort zone and letting the culture lead you.

Religion

English-speaking religious services are commonly available in Seoul. As a Christian-affiliated university, Yonsei also offers chapel services, Bible studies, and religious retreats.

Performing Arts

There are many venues in Seoul for theater performances, live music, and cinema. You can enjoy plays, dance performances, and music ranging from classical to modern pop culture. For information on upcoming events, visit:

- Ministry of Tourism
- Seoul Arts Center
- National Center for Korean Traditional Performing Arts
- Korea House
- Chongdong Theater

Shopping

There is a wide array of goods for sale in Korea. Many students like to shop at the local markets such as namdaemun, dongdaemun, Myongdong, Itawon, and the EWHA Womans University area.

Sports and Outdoor Activities

You can participate in numerous sports and outdoor activities, including hiking, martial arts, swimming, and tennis. There are sport fields and a recreation center on campus as well as inexpensive private gyms in the Shinchon area. Also, you can hike Yonsei Mountain behind the New Millennium Hall.
**Travel**

It is relatively easy to plan your travel from Seoul to other locales in Korea. There are many excellent travel books available.

Past EAP participants have found the following to be particularly useful: *Lonely Planet Korea*, *Lonely Planet Seoul*, and *Guidebook for the International Traveler* by the Ministry of Tourism.

The Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) can be reached in the U.S. and Canada by calling (800) 868-7567 and has a useful website in English at [www.visitkorea.or.kr/intro.html](http://www.visitkorea.or.kr/intro.html). The KTO also operates a phone information service in the Republic of Korea, which traveling or resident U.S. citizens in Korea can reach by calling 1330 (02-1330 from cell phones) anywhere in the country. The phone service has English speakers and is available 24 hours every day throughout the year. The **Seoul Global Center** (SGC) also assists foreigners with an English-speaking help line at (02) 1688-0120. The SGC is open from 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Please read the Department of State Background Notes on South Korea for additional information.

The EAP Student Budget does not include funds for recreational travel abroad.

**Field Trips**

Yonsei International Summer School coordinates a three-day field trip around South Korea prior to the summer program. It is designed to acquaint students with historic, scenic, and modern Korea. The field trip is optional and the cost is not included in your EAP fees. Reservations must be made in advance. More information is provided on the **Yonsei website**.

The Study Center offers a field trip every semester. Make sure to check the **EAP Seoul Study Center** web page regularly to follow up with news and updates. The activities arranged by the Study Center are free and exclusive for EAP students. These field trips offer great opportunities to explore Korea and meet other EAP students. You sign up in advance for the EAP field trip. It is important to check your e-mail and the EAP Seoul Study Center website often so you do not miss the chance to explore amazing life in Korea.

“**EAP STUDENTS SAY...**

Try to plan trips outside of Seoul; it allows you to see a different side of the culture. I also recommend going on the summer field trip.

The EAP Study Center and Yonsei Summer Office planned many activities. I went on a city tour, watched several musicals, and participated in the field trip to the DMZ.”
In addition to the following, read the Health chapter of the UCEAP Guide to Study Abroad.

**HEALTH**

**Physical Health**

With the change in diet, climate, and sanitation standards, you may experience an upset stomach or diarrhea until you adjust to the new environment. Water quality in Korea is unsafe by Western standards. It is subject to municipal, industrial, and agricultural pollutants. Municipal water treatment systems are inadequate and obsolete. Authorities assert that about 70 percent of the underground water in Seoul is unsuitable for drinking and 8 percent of it is unusable. Use water that has been boiled or purified or is bottled by a reputable provider.

Be prepared for sinus illnesses and allergies, which may be worse than in the U.S. due to heavy pollution in Seoul.

If you feel sick or have a medical emergency, seek medical attention and contact the EAP Study Center staff immediately. Study Center staff can recommend a clinic to visit, provide the necessary medical insurance claim forms to complete for reimbursement, and assist if arrangements need to be made with your professors due to extended absence from class.

**Medical Facilities**

Hospitals in Korea are generally well equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic equipment. High quality general and specialty dental care is available in Seoul. Western-style medical facilities are available; however, not all doctors and staff in these major urban areas are proficient in English. A referral list of English speaking health care providers is available from the U.S. embassy. You can use the Yonsei University Student Medical Center for primary medical treatment, which is located on the second floor of the Student Union Building. More information is available on the Yonsei University Health System website.

During regular business hours, you may go to the Severance International Health Care Center, which is part of the Yonsei University Student Medical Center system and where English-speaking doctors are available. You will be seen on an outpatient basis and referred to the appropriate department of the hospital if necessary. For emergencies outside of regular business hours, go to the emergency room at Severance Hospital.

The Seoul Global Center for Foreigners operates a 24-hour Medical Referral Service (MRS). Medically trained, English-speaking staff provides information and recommendations on medical facilities and services.

You must pay for medical services at the time they are rendered, but will be reimbursed after submitting the proper insurance claim forms and receipts (see the Insurance tab of your Participants program page for forms and instructions). Keep extra money or a credit card for unexpected medical fees. Korea has a very good hospital emergency response system similar to that of the U.S. However, Korean hospitals generally do not accept medical insurance, and normally expect advance payment for services in the form of cash or credit cards from foreigners. In an emergency situation, a hospital may possibly perform triage, but will generally refuse surgery without payment.

Korean ambulances do not carry sophisticated medical equipment and the ambulance personnel do not have the same level of emergency medical training as in the United States. However, ambulances operated by the fire department (dial 119) will respond very quickly and take patients to the nearest hospital.
Prescription Medications

Refer to the Health chapter of the UCEAP Guide to Study Abroad.

If you require prescription medications, contact the UCEAP Assistance provider, Europ Assistance, at (866) 451-7606 to ensure that your medication is legal and/or available in Korea. You can also contact Europ Assistance, UCEAP’s travel assistance provider, at OPS@europassistance-usa.com

While most medications are available and less expensive in Korea, pharmacies will not acknowledge U.S. prescriptions. Plan on taking an adequate supply of your prescription medications for the duration of your time abroad. In order to transport prescription medications into Korea, you will need the following:

- A copy of the prescription or letter from a physician with a detailed explanation including the purpose, generic name of the medication, and prescribed dosage
- A receipt of purchase of the medication
- Documentation that verifies the amount of time you will be staying in Korea (for example, a host university acceptance letter)

Pack your prescription medications in your carry-on luggage and store them in the original, labeled containers. Also remember to bring a prescription for your glasses or contact lenses in case you need to get another pair while you are abroad.

Health Risks

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes information to advise international travelers of health risks. Before departure, review the CDC Travelers’ Health website.

Infectious Diseases

H5N1 Avian Flu

EAP continually reviews information from the CDC and World Health Organization, works closely with medical experts on the UC campuses, and monitors local host university and country health resources. It is important to exercise care while abroad and avoid poultry farms, contact with animals in live food markets, any surfaces that appear to be contaminated with feces or fluids from poultry or other animals, and eat only thoroughly cooked poultry products. Refer to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul for more information on avian influenza.

H1N1 Swine Flu

Refer to EAP current alerts for up-to-date information on the H1N1 flu.
Emotional Health

Speak with returnees and gather as much information as possible before you leave for Korea.

Do not be surprised to think, “It’s not what I expected.” Life in Korea is fast-paced with large crowds and noise. For diversion, EAP students have discovered that some sort of regular activity—whether with an interest group like a chorus or hiking club, or study of traditional dance, archery, or calligraphy—offers a way to get a break from textbooks. Ask for insight from locals and acknowledge that this is a valuable learning experience.

Culture shock and homesick feelings are normal. It is easy to become worn down from physical and mental stress due to the vastly different environment. To counter this, eat well, stay hydrated, get plenty of rest, share concerns with the Study Center staff, and be open and accepting of the differences you encounter. It will make your stay more enjoyable as you adapt to the new environment.

Severance Hospital at Yonsei University provides mental health care services. You may go directly to the appropriate division or be referred through the Severance International Health Care Center. In addition, the U.S. Embassy in Seoul can refer you to private English-speaking counselors.
In addition to the following, read the Safety chapter of the UCEAP Guide to Study Abroad.

You are encouraged to read A Safe Trip Abroad issued by the Department of State.

“EAP STUDENTS SAY...
Just use common sense: don’t go out alone at night.”

SAFETY

Assembly Points and Evacuation Plan
The EAP Study Center has designated assembly points at Yonsei University if there is an immediate threat and students need to move to another area for safety or evacuation. Assembly points and an evacuation plan will be reviewed with you during on-site orientation. In the rare event that an evacuation would be necessary, the U.S. Embassy in Seoul has developed a thorough plan; for details, refer to their website. You are advised to read the information posted on the website and locate the nearest control center (Mokdong Ice Rink or Seoul Combined Sports Stadium). In addition, the UC Travelers Insurance provides security evacuation benefits to all UC students. For online registration, refer to the UC Traveler Registration instructions.

Crime
Acts of violent crime remain relatively low in Korea. There are, however, regular incidents of pick-pocketing, purse snatching, and assaults in the major metropolitan areas. Exercise caution when traveling at night. This includes using only legitimate taxis, such as black Deluxe cabs, or public transportation. Travel in groups when possible. You may reduce the likelihood of criminal incidents by exercising the same type of security precautions you would take anywhere. If you are the victim of a crime while in Korea, immediately report the incident to EAP Study Center staff, local police, and the U.S. embassy.

Criminal Penalties
While in Korea, as in any foreign country, you are subject to that country’s laws and regulations, which sometimes differ significantly from those in the U.S. Americans are not protected by U.S. laws while in Korea. Penalties for breaking the law abroad can be more severe than those enforced in the U.S. for similar offenses. If you violate the law, even unknowingly, you may be expelled, arrested, or imprisoned. Penalties for possession, use, or trafficking of illegal drugs are strict, and convicted offenders can expect severe jail sentences and fines. EAP is not able to intervene on your behalf.

Drugs and Alcohol
Penalties for possession, use, or trafficking of illegal drugs in the Republic of Korea are severe, and convicted offenders can expect long jail sentences, heavy fines, and deportation at the end of their sentence. U.S. citizens in Korea have been arrested for past use of illegal drugs based on urine tests, hair samples, or other tests. Korean authorities frequently arrest U.S. citizens on drug charges by scanning suspicious packages sent through the mail and by using information provided by other persons charged with drug possession or use. You will find different practices and attitudes towards drinking and smoking. Alcohol and cigarettes can be purchased by anyone over 19 years of age. There is high consumption of alcohol in the Korean nightlife culture. You do not need to conform to this aspect of Korean culture. Become familiar with the EAP Substance Abuse Policy.
**Transportation Safety**

Criminal charges and hefty fines may be imposed on anyone involved in a traffic accident. Do not operate a vehicle while abroad, including motorbikes. In all accidents involving an automobile and a pedestrian or motorcycle, the driver of the automobile, regardless of citizenship, is presumed to be at fault. There are many forms of public transportation available in Seoul.

**Road Conditions and Hazards**

Korea’s roads are generally well paved and traffic signals are functional. Nonetheless, traffic fatalities per driver are almost two times greater than in the U.S. Causes of accidents include frequent lane changes, running of red lights, and aggressive bus and taxi drivers.

As a pedestrian, be aware that motorcyclists sometimes drive on the sidewalks and drivers of all types of vehicles do not always yield to pedestrians in marked crosswalks. It is safer to use pedestrian underpasses and overpasses where available.

**UCEAP Travel Warning**

You are prohibited from entering The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea or the DPRK). The United States does not maintain diplomatic or consular relations with North Korea. U.S. citizens crossing into North Korea without proper documentation have been subject to arrest and long-term detention.

**Demonstrations**

Sometimes demonstrations are held in Seoul to protest political or controversial issues. Although the majority of demonstrations are non-violent, the U.S. Department of State recommends that you minimize personal risks by exercising caution and avoiding areas in which demonstrations are being held.

Historically, Yonsei University has been the site of many student-organized protests, a practice that continues on a sporadic basis. If protests occur, you are advised to avoid the demonstration areas and to keep in close contact with the EAP Study Center staff.
Emergency Contacts

What Constitutes an Emergency?
Emergencies are circumstances out of the ordinary, unplanned, or unexpected, which threaten the health, safety, and well-being of you and/or your fellow students. The following are considered true emergencies:

- Any situation that places a student or students at risk, including illness or harm, or other traumatic incidents that require immediate response
- A student who has been arrested
- Civil unrest or a natural disaster in the host country

In an Emergency
Contact local emergency services first and then contact the following:

If you are in the U.S.
- During office hours (8 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific Time): Contact the Operations Specialist at the EAP Systemwide Office
- After office hours: Call the 24-hour emergency phone number at (805) 893-4762

If you are abroad
Carry the local emergency contact information at all times:
- Police .................. 112
- Fire and ambulance .... 119
- Medical issues ........... 1339

(If calling from a cell phone, first dial “02” before the number.)

If you do not speak Korean, you may be connected to an English-speaking interpreter. You can also dial 1330 for emergency interpretation services.

U.S. Embassy in Seoul
The U.S. Embassy in Seoul includes an American Citizen Services (ACS) unit. ACS provides a variety of services and information to U.S. citizens. ACS maintains a list of the most recent security information for American citizens living in Korea. To view previous security information or sign up for notification messages via e-mail, visit their website.

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Web: seoul.usembassy.gov
Emergency phone: 011-82-2-397-4114

Severance International Clinic: (0)2-2228-5800

If you have a health or safety emergency and do not have access to local or Study Center emergency contact information, call the EAP 24-hour emergency phone number at (805) 893-4762