

## Report of the program activities (during the program)

Date of reporting	Year 2019 month 9 day 20
Host University	State University of New York at New Paltz
Department you belonging to at the host university	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I belong to a specific department(Please fill out the following information) ※ Name of the department: <input type="checkbox"/> I do not belong to any specific department and taking the classes of various majors. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Duration of the exchange program	year2019 month8 to year2020 month12
Department you belong to at Meiji University	School of Global Japanese Studies Major(field of study)Global Japanese Studies / Graduate school of _____ Major _____
Year (before departure)	Undergraduate: year4 / Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate year

### I. How did you find the information to prepare for your departure? Please report and give some advises for future exchange students going abroad on what they need to know and be informed.

I have researched the information through the internet, and there were lots of excel files which is like a preparation check list for the departure. So I used it.

### II -1. Preparing before going exchange program (About VISA)

Type: J1	Where to apply: USA
How long did it take to get a VISA: about one month (How long did it take from the application to the acquisition of your VISA?)	Cost: I don't remember the exact amount but surely more than 200\$

### What kinds of documents were required to submit to apply for VISA? How did you prepare those documents?

a permission paper from the school, SEVIS

### Please report on the details of applying process.

I waited the permission paper came to my house, paid for the VISA, and made an appointment for the interview. About a week later, I recieved VISA with my passport.

### If you took any interview at the Embassy, please report on the details of the questions you were asked.

They asked why do I go to the USA, and do I have any relationship with any person related to North Korea, and who pays for my tution fee.

### Were there any difficulties or notices to take the VISA?

No

### II -2. Preparation before departing for exchange program (Other topics)

### Please report on any other necessary preparation before your departure. (E.g. Preparation of money, purchasing a cellphone, shipments of your commodities, and etc.)

I made city bank card which can be used as both debit and cash card, and brought lots of clothes for 4 seasons because this place has 4 seasons in a day. Also, I purchased sim card from Mint mobile at online in this country, and it is really cheap compare to other companies like AT&T and T mobile.

III. After Arrival					
1. Arrival Information					
Airline		Asiana			
How to purchase air ticket		their official website ※利用した旅行社・旅行サイト、格安航空券情報等があれば記入して下さい。			
Arrival airport		JFK airport		Arrival time	
How to get to the campus		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of host university <input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of your friend		<input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation ( <input type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Train ) <input type="checkbox"/> taxi <input type="checkbox"/> other	
How long did it take from the airport to the campus?		About 2 hours			
Are there any important points to get to the campus? Please inform on the cost of taxi or any transportations.					
The shuttle bus costs \$40					
Arrival date		Month 8 date 20 time 2019			
2. Housing					
Did you check-in soon after arriving?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If your answer is "No": The date you checked-in was... month day	
Type of housing		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dormitory <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Other( )			
Type of the room		<input type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> two persons <input type="checkbox"/> Other( )			
Room mates		<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Student <input type="checkbox"/> International Student <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(I don't have a roommate but I have American and French suitemates)			
How to find the accommodation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation from host university <input type="checkbox"/> by yourself <input type="checkbox"/> Other( )			
Details of the application		X			
Have you decided your accommodation before departure or after arriving easily? Were there any troubles to find it?					
I was assigned by the university when I have arrived					
3. Orientation					
Was there any orientation?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Date		2019.8.21~25			
Was it mandatory to attend?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Did it cost any?		<input type="checkbox"/> No. It's free of charge. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes(Cost:\$100)			
Contents (details)		They introduced the campus and the system of the school			
Was there any special guidance arranged for exchange students?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Date of beginning of the class		Month 8 day 26			

#### IV. Other process to be completed after arriving

1. Was it necessary to get any permission of staying after arriving? If yes, where, report on when, and how to apply for a permission? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

No

2. Were there any other procedures you completed after arriving? (E.g. medical checkup, inoculation and etc.) If yes, report on where, when, and how did you complete them? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

No

3. Did you open any bank account abroad? How did you open it and what kinds of documents were required to apply? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

The bank of America. People from the bank came to the campus fair and opened my account at the place. I need to prepare my Visa and passport.

4. Did you purchase any cellphone? How did you open it and what kinds of documents were required to purchase it? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

No

#### V. Course registration and classes

1. When and how did you register your courses?

Before departure (approximate date: month 6 day 26)

Online  Filling out an application form  Not allowed to register  other( )

After arriving (approximate date: around month 8 day 26)

Online  With support by International office at the host university

Not allowed to register  other( )

Was there any priority as an exchange student?

Yes

No

If your answer is Yes, please report on the details.

If your answer is No, how did you register your classes?

By online or sending e-mail to the person in charge of international office

If you had registered the courses before departure, could you change or add any classes after arriving? Could you register all the classes which you wished to attend?

I could change any classes but not for all because there are some prerequisites for taking the classes or the classes were already full.

<b>VI. Weekly Schedule (Please enter your daily life such as class, activities, and self studies.)</b>							
	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
<b>7:00</b>							
<b>8:00</b>							
<b>9:00</b>	Class			Class			Korean church
<b>10:00</b>							
<b>11:00</b>		Swimming				Swimming	
<b>12:00</b>	Lunch		Lunch				
<b>13:00</b>	Study or hanging out	Lunch		Class	Lunch		
<b>14:00</b>		Class			Class		
<b>15:00</b>		Study or hanging out	Class			Study or hanging out	
<b>16:00</b>							
<b>17:00</b>							
<b>18:00</b>	Dinner						
<b>19:00</b>	Internation Student Union meeting						
<b>20:00</b>				Internation Student Union meeting			
<b>21:00</b>							
<b>22:00</b>							
<b>23:00</b>							
<b>24:00</b>							

**VII. Feedbacks from the beginning of the program to the present**

Please give us any feedbacks on the host university, your program, classes, dormitory, and your life abroad.

If you like to draw, I want to recommend 'Intro to Studio Art' class. The class time is longer than normal classes, but I am having a lot of fun. Also, Expressive art in education is also good for expressing my inner mind through art. Also, I want to suggest to take 'Live Theatre Experience' if you like to watch musicals or plays at the school or New York City. Also, ISU (International Student Union) is the best club for making international students. For residence hall, Ridgeview hall is the best, and Ashokan, Minnewaska, Esopus, and Lenepe halls are also good. I want to recommend you to request for being assigned to suite rather than corridor, because you can make more friends at the suite style hall than corridor style hall.

Please give some advice to the students who are willing to study abroad at the same host university in the future.

I chose here because I thought the university is close to New York city. However, it is not actually. You can still go to the city but it takes 1.5~2 hours for a single way. So, if you want to come here to go to the city frequently, you are making a wrong decision. But they have beautiful campus and town. I love the atmosphere of the campus and people here. I want to recommend to come here if you love nature and liberal atmosphere.