# Amasa Bishop Summer Study Abroad Prize

**Applicant:** Amy Wang

Year: Sophomore

**Program:** Intensive Korean 25 Course

Location: Seoul, South Korea

**Dates:** 9/1/19 – 9/21/19

**Duration:** 3 weeks

# **Program Description:**

Full-time Korean language and culture course. 3-hour morning sessions and 2-hour afternoon sessions with encouragement to self-study through homework and weekly exams. Cultural activities and excursions provided.

# **Summary of Cost:**

Category	Category Cost
Airfare:	\$1703
<b>Tuition Fees</b>	\$920
Administrative + Additional Program Fees	\$509
Accommodation	\$846
- <b>Type</b> : Homestay	
<ul> <li>Meal Plan: Breakfast + Dinner weekdays, 3 meals on weekends/holidays</li> </ul>	
Activities + Excursions	\$67
Additional Expenses (Transportation, Meals, Living expenses, etc.)	\$442
Total:	\$4486
Total Requesting:	\$4500
Independent Trip Expenses (Palaces, Museums, Bike Rental, Cruise)	\$120.50
Grand Total:	\$4620.50

# Application Part II Program Information

Name of the program: Intensive Korean 25 Course - Full Time
Name of Program Provider: Lexis Korea
Type of Program Provider, e.g., U.S. university, foreign university, US study abroad group, e.g., CIEE, Foreign group or individual provider: Individual provider (private language school)
Country and city (or cities) of the program: South Korea, Seoul
Brief description* of the program:  The Intensive Korean 25 Course is a full-time Korean language and culture course composed of a 3-hour morning session and a 2-hour afternoon session Monday through Friday. Students are expected to devote time outside of classes for self-studying and homework to accelerate their Korean language skills. Students are given weekly exams to measure their progress. There are cultural activities and excursions provided.
*Make sure to also attach a printout of the webpage or PDF of the program. Highlight relevant sections for your proposal.
Start date: 9/2/19
Your Arrival Date: Sunday 9/1/19 Departure Date: Saturday 9/21/2019
Location (city/town/region) of study: Seocho-gu District, Seoul
Study site/university: ANY Tower 11F 1330-20 Seocho-Dong, Seoul, Kyonggi-do, Seocho-Gu 137858, South Korea
Type of living arrangements:
✓ Homestay ☐ Dormitory ☐ Hall of residence ☐ Other (specify)
If homestay, payment method is:
☑ Through program ☐ Directly to hosts ☐ Other (specify) Through Language International and to program
List classes to be taken: Intensive Korean 25 Course - Full Time
Learning options: 🗹 Formal classroom 🗌 Fieldwork 🔲 Other - describe in detail:
Describe the cultural component that meets the Bishop criterion: (Refer to program requirements #9-12 to ensure your proposal satisfies these components)

After the core morning and afternoon language and culture sessions (5 hours total of formal instruction daily), there are also additional activities teaching Korean culture, tradition, and history. Examples of the activities include calligraphy,conversation-practice, and cooking. There are also excursions to significant historical sites that vary week by week.

# **Detailed Budget Proposal Form**

**NOTE:** Along with this application, you must attach a detailed travel itinerary & dates for additional travel before or after program and a budget for this travel (see Bishop Directions handout for more details). You must also submit a separate, detailed budget for the entire program and travel. **YOU MUST SUBMIT A HARD COPY OF THE PROGRAM'S WEB PAGE WITH DETAILED INFORMATION OR COPY OF WRITTEN PROGRAM BROCHURE.** 

Please complete fields that apply to your program and proposal. For fields that do not apply, please write N/A. *If you do not understand the breakdown of costs for your program, you need to contact the program for an explanation.* For example, if the program charges \$2500 for the program total, you need to ask how that money is allocated. If you do not state costs in this application, they will not be granted.

## **Funding Breakdown**

\*Make sure costs listed are for upcoming summer and not past summer!

<b>Airfare:</b> You are to estimate either your roundtrip or return. Note: you must either depart from a major Cal major airport.	multicity airfare. US to study destination & lifornia airport or that of your US hometown
Travel is: ✓ Roundtrip or ☐ Multicity	
Departing from & date: Denver International Airport, 8/31/19	_ Arriving to & date: Seoul Gimpo International Airport (GMP), 9/1/19
Returning from & date: Seoul Gimpo International Airport, 9/21/19	Arriving to & date: Denver International Airport 9/22/19
Provide 3 estimates of total cost for airfare: Airline & cost #1 (e.g. Delta \$895): Air China, \$1,534.33	
Airline & cost #3: Round-trip/mul *See airfare directions in Bishop Directions handout.	ticity airfare average cost*: \$ 1,702.16
Program/Tuition Fees Program fees: \$ N/A	
Tuition fees: \$ 920	
Application fee: \$ N/A	
Is application fee credited towards tuition or program fee?  Security deposit: \$ N/A	☐ Yes ☑ No
Is security deposit credited towards tuition or program fee?  Administrative fee: \$ N/A	☐ Yes ☑ No
Please describe:	
Is administrative fee credited towards tuition or program fee	? ☐ Yes ☑ No
Other: \$480 Please describe: Registration Fee,	Housing Placement Fee, Airport Pickup (both ways)
Are any of these fees refundable?	☐ Yes ☑ No
Which one(s)?	

12/19

Accommodation and Meals		
Accommodation with meal plan: \$846		
How many and which meals are included? (for example, breakfast and dinner, 2 meals per day, 5 days a week): Breakfast and dinner on weekdays, 3 meals on weekends and holidays		
Estimated total cost of meals not included in meal plan: \$271.45		
Please describe: (weekday lunches, weekends, etc.): Weekday lunches, street food/snacks		
Or		
Accommodation w/out meal plan: \$		
Food: (daily food costs \$ x num. of days) total \$		
(Please note this section includes total food costs for trip, cannot propose more in additional travel requests.)		
<u>Other</u>		
Additional local transportation (i.e. bus/subway) related to program commute, if any.		
Type: Bus Subway Bicycle rental Other: Total: \$\frac{69.87}{}		
Living Expenses: Please describe (e.g. laundry, books for class, kitchen fee, etc.): Books and materials, toiletries, laundry		
Estimated cost: \$ 129		
Activities & Excursions  1.) Please describe and list all cultural activities/field trips included with program costs:		
Example: Class trip to the Acropolis		
Cultural activities and field trips vary week by week. Examples of activities include Lexis Meet-up, calligraphy, cooking, traditional crafts, K-pop singing and dance, and traditional dance. Examples of field trips include those to Gangnam and Gwangchang Market.		
2.) List extra or optional cultural activities/trips offered through or by the program you wish to participate that have additional costs*:		
Example: Optional local cooking class with program for \$35		
Cultural activities and excursions vary week by week. As said by a program representative, occassionally the class goes on excursions on Friday afternoons that may require an entrance fee that the student is to bear. Information I received from the program and Language International estimates KRW25,000 (\$22.25) for trips per week.		
Total: \$ 66.75 * Not guaranteed to be covered by Bishop Prize		

3.) Additional independent travel proposal, such as weekend trips, a solo sightseeing excursion to a museum, etc.\*

Please itemize all expenses, describe when you plan on doing this activity, and list cost:

Example: Weekend excursion to Marseille for \$397: \$318 roundtrip train ticket, \$70 two nights in hostel, 8 Euros for MuCEM Museum pass.

Visit to Seoul Tower Observatory for \$8.90: \$8.90 admission ticket.

Tour for Gyeongbokgung Palace for \$59: \$59 tour cost.
Visit to Changdeokgung Palace and Secret Garden for \$9.79: \$2.67 general admission, \$7.12 Secret

Garden admission.

National Folk Museum Chuseok Activities for \$8.90: \$8.90 materials cost. Trick-Eye Museum for \$13.35: \$13.35 admission fee. Bike Rental in Hangang Park for \$8.01: \$2.67 bike rental per hour. Seoul Eland Cruise for \$12.55: \$12.55 for ticket.

Most proposed day trips (to palaces, markets, etc.) come at no cost except for the public

transportation (subway, bus), which are already accounted for in daily transportation in the Budget.

More details are included in the itinerary.

Total \$ 120.50	* Not guaranteed to be covered by Bishop	o Prize

Conversion rate: \$1USD = KRW1123.60 \_\_\_ Most recent date checked: 2/6/2019

Exchange rates over the past 12 months:

Lowest: KRW1052.63 / 1USD Average: KRW1123.60 / 1USD Highest: KRW1149.43 / 1USD

**Bishop Study Program Total:** \$4,500.00

Grand total with weekend, pre-or post-travel\* funds, if requesting such: \$4,620.50

Another reminder: You must provide a separate, detailed budget cost breakdown, itinerary and rationale for pre-, weekend\*, or post program travel. Maximum of 7 days and ALL requested travel must be in your study program country!

\*Independent weekend travel not offered by the program.

#### Bishop Scholarship Proposal - South Korea

One of the greatest and most beautiful curiosities of the world is the diversity of language and culture. This is why after noticing the international hype surrounding K-pop (Korean pop music), I decided to check it out. After all, how can people who do not necessarily know the Korean language feel so much passion for K-pop songs, which are primarily in Korean? Turns out, the power of art and music transcends language barriers. Although I do not know Korean, from reading translations, I can readily absorb and appreciate the meanings behind K-pop songs, forming a connection with a culture in an unexpected way. In fact, my love of singing and the lyrics inspired me to expand their reach and share my love for K-pop with other international fans, by writing fitting English lyrics that people can sing and creating karaoke videos on YouTube. My nearly 3,000,000 views and 13,000 subscribers from all over the world show I how am enabling more people to enjoy K-pop in the way I do.

Music was my pathway to learning more about the Korean language and culture. In addition to bonding over K-pop with my sister, my family and I watched traditional Korean dramas where we learned about the historical ties between Korea and China. I found myself intrigued by Korean culture, and as I learned more about it, my desire to visit Korea grew. Not only is South Korea an ever-growing influencer of global pop culture, but the country is also one of the world's most technologically advanced, as it is the origin of innovative companies like Samsung and LG that dominate consumer electronics. I would love to spend time amidst the exciting advancements in a country with a rich history, opening my eyes to the world's diversity of thought.

I believe it is vital to build one's global experience in order to increase one's awareness of global issues and cultures. Developing strong international relationships and interactions leads to an exchange of scientific ideas that can better the world as a whole, as I know from personal experience. As a child, my life was plagued with a severe case of eczema, and after grievous searching in China, my grandparents found one traditional Chinese medicine doctor who provided a successful herbal formula. Today, my skin is free of eczema, but no one else I know, including my sister, has had eczema cured by other means, due to how Chinese medicine practices and techniques are unstandardized and unique to each doctor. This situation exemplifies the importance of global exchange, for diverse knowledge may improve more people's lives. In addition, my internship at Northrop Grumman last summer demonstrated that knowledge of different cultures and languages is an important advantage in business. Exposure to new advancements in defense technology emphasized the importance of friendly global relationships. South Korea is among the top producers of clean energy patents, currently constructing a high-voltage DC transmission link connecting Seoul and the east side of the country to improve renewable energy. As a chemical engineer, I desire to learn about cutting-edge breakthroughs and foster versatility to be involved with the defense industry or the environment. With Korea expanding its international reach, it is beneficial to become more familiar with the language and culture.

Much of my desire to visit Korea and learn Korean stems from my background. Having been to China many times, I yearn to experience the life and culture of a different Asian country. Being bilingual, as I can speak Mandarin Chinese fluently, makes me interested in learning more languages. I discovered in grade school that my multilingual skills made it easier to learn another language, accelerating my Spanish learning, so I believe I can pick Korean up quickly as well. In fact, I noticed that learning more languages in turn improves my skills in other languages. This and other aspects of language intrigue me. Each language has a unique beauty that is featured in figurative language, sayings, and idioms in English or Mandarin that cannot be directly translated into another language. Languages also share fascinating similarities. For example, my Korean friends can understand some Mandarin due to the languages'

shared roots, so I am looking forward to discovering the connections between China and Korea's language and culture.

For three weeks in the summer of 2019, I hope to study the Korean language and be immersed in its culture in Lexis Korea's Intensive Korean – Full Time language program in Seoul, coined the world's "leading digital city." It is a rapid language and culture program composed of daily 3-hour morning and 2-hour afternoon language and culture courses and after-class activities focusing on one's own learning objectives. Some of these options include cooking, conversation, calligraphy, and even K-pop singing and dancing. An expectation is for students to spend time studying and doing homework outside of classes, so this will accelerate my learning of the Korean language significantly. In addition, Lexis Korea holds a fortnightly Lexis Meet-Up event where local Koreans and students from all over the world unite to exchange language and culture, an incredible opportunity to increase global connections. I am also excited about the regular activities and excursions that introduce students to significant places and traditions, such as Gangnam tours or music festival trips. Not to mention, I will be in Korea in time to celebrate Chuseok, Korea's Thanksgiving. Overall, I look forward to understanding and appreciating the Korean culture on a deeper level through immersive experiences with the vibrant lifestyle of Seoul.

By participating in a summer language and culture program in Korea, I hope to accomplish several goals. I hope to become proficient in Korean so that I can communicate and express ideas with people globally; I can write better English lyrics that my YouTube subscribers and I can learn and sing; and I can understand the linguistic connections between Korean and Mandarin. After the program, I will continue to develop my Korean through my hobbies and K-pop. I hope that experiencing Korea will broaden my perspective of the diversity of cultures in Asia and expose me to different technological innovations. After all, "the best education [one has] ever received was through travel" (Lisa Ling). Furthermore, this trip will be the first time I travel on my own internationally, so I believe that by the end of the trip, I will have grown in independence and that I will have discovered new abilities, as well as instilled a confidence in myself.

I sincerely hope that I will be given the incredible opportunity to study abroad in Seoul. If chosen for the Bishop Scholarship, I intend to vlog my day-to-day experiences thoroughly, piecing together photos and my spoken reflections into an enduring memoir. I hope that by sharing these memories, I can encourage Caltech students and others to broaden their own global experiences so that we can be more adept to bettering the world.

#### **Budget Overview**

## <u>Currency Exchange (South Korea Won – SKW or Korean Won - KRW):</u>

- On average currently: 1 SKW = KRW1 = 0.00089 USD (1 USD = KRW1123.60)
- Tax Rate: 10% VAT (Value Added Tax) sales tax, tax on processed foods
  - Not applicable to most restaurants, non-processed food groceries
- Exchange Rate History (past 12 months):
  - Highest: KRW1 = 0.00087 USD (1 USD = KRW1149.43)
  - o Lowest: KRW1 = 0.00095 USD (1 USD = KRW1052.63)
  - Average: KRW1 = 0.00089 USD (1 USD = KRW1123.60)
  - o Data from: <a href="https://www.xe.com/currencycharts/?from=USD&to=KRW&view=1Y">https://www.xe.com/currencycharts/?from=USD&to=KRW&view=1Y</a>

# <u>Program Expenses (given in cost breakdown from Language International, all fees and exchange fees included):</u>

Note: These costs are from Language International, the intermediate group through which I would register for the program. The costs are the same in KRW as given by Lexis Korea directly, but with the exchange rate and additional fees already taken into consideration.

Expense	Projected Cost (in SKW/KRW)	Cost (in USD)	Notes
Airport Pickup Fee (2-ways)	214,606.74	192	From Seoul Gimpo International - GMP
Tuition (Course fee for 3 weeks, 25 lessons/week)	1033,707.87	920	No lessons September 12-13 (Chuseok: Korean Thanksgiving) Weekly tests (students' progress tracked based on test results) No credit or fee for credit
Registration Fee	161,797.75	144	
Books and Materials	32,584.27	29	For language and culture
Housing/board fee for 3 weeks (Homestay - Single-person room, half- board)	950,561.80	846	See details of accommodations below
Housing Placement Fee	161,797.75	144	

TOTAL: \$2275

# Other Expenses (Necessities):

Expense	Projected Cost (in SKW/KRW)	Cost (in USD)	Notes
Flight	NA	1,702.16	See details below
Local transportation	78,500	69.87	Korea Tour Card (for reloading): KRW4,000  Most shops/cafes/etc. within walking distance of school  Subway (school is close to Gangnam Station): 21 days total * KRW1,250 per way * 2 ways  Bus (mainline): ~ 5 non-weekdays * KRW1,200 per way * 2 ways  Taxi: ~ KRW10,000
Consular fees (Visa)			-
Meals (outside of homestay)	105,000	93.45	15 weekdays * KRW7,000 / lunch
Snacks/other food items	200,000	178	Street food, etc. (20 days * KRW10,000)
Trips/Activities with the school for 3 weeks	75,000	66.75	Activities vary week by week (examples: cooking class, Busan Tour, museums), estimated cost of trips per week: KRW25,000
Personal/Other Living Expenses	112,359.55	100	

TOTAL: \$2,210.23

Program Expenses + Other Expenses: \$4,485.23

REQUESTED TOTAL: \$4,500

# **Independent Trip Expenses:**

Most proposed day trips (to palaces, markets, etc.) come at no cost except for the public transportation (subway, bus), which are already accounted for in daily transportation in the Budget. Please see the itinerary section for more details.

Expense	Projected Cost (in SKW/KRW)	Cost (in USD)	Notes
Seoul Tower Observatory	10,000	\$8.90	Admission
Gyeongbokgung Palace	3,000 or 66,292.13	\$2.67 or \$59	Admission or tour for palace and Bukchon Hanok Village
Changdeokgung Palace and Secret Garden	11,000	\$9.79	General admission (KRW3,000) and Secret Garden admission (KRW8,000)
National Folk Museum Chuseok Activities	10,000	\$8.90	Materials Fee
Trick-Eye Museum	15,000	\$13.35	Admission fee
Bike Rental in Hangang Park	9,000	\$8.01	KRW3,000 per hour * 3 hours
Seoul Eland Cruise	14,101.12	\$12.55	Ticket
OTAL 6400 = 0 / L	L.		

TOTAL: \$120.50 (alternative: \$64.17 without tour)

REQUESTED GRAND TOTAL INCLUDING INDEPENDENT TRIP EXPENSES: \$4,620.50

# Additional Expenses (funded by myself):

Expense	Projected Cost (in SKW)	Cost (in USD)	Notes
Gift for homestay family	22,471.91- 33,707.87	\$20-30	Bought in either U.S. or Korea
Souvenirs	112,359.55	\$100	
Miscellaneous	89,887.64- 112,359.55	\$80-100	If needed (ex: additional transportation)

Total: \$200-230

# Flight Information (using Travelocity.com):

Note: Estimated sample of current prices of several flight options and their average are listed below. Flights are from Denver International Airport to Seoul Gimpo International Airport (GMP). Prices are subject to change.

Airline to Seoul, South Korea	Airline back to Denver, CO	Roundtrip Cost
Air China	Air China	\$1,534.33
American Airlines	China Southern Airlines	\$1,540.03
United	Korean Air	\$2,032.13

Average of the Three Flight Options: \$1,702.16

## **Homestay Information:**

- Half-Board Option:
  - o Breakfast and dinner on Monday-Friday
  - o Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday-Sunday (and Chuseok Holiday)
- Accommodations:
  - o Provides: Wi-Fi, bed, desk and chair, storage space
  - O Shared facilities: bathroom, laundry machine and dryer, kitchen, fridge

#### **Itinerary**

There is so much to see in Seoul from the temples and palaces to markets and museums. In the hopes of experiencing as much of Seoul as possible, I have proposed an itinerary for days outside of my language program. The variety of destinations in the itinerary will provide me with insights into Korea's history, culture, and technological advancements. Also, because I enjoy taking photos, I am excited to expand my photography portfolio with historical Korean architecture as well as the modern landscape of Seoul.

Note: The weekends and Chuseok Holiday (September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) are "free" days. Activities proposed on these days are "independent trips." Most proposed day trips (to palaces, markets, etc.) come at no cost except for the public transportation (subway, bus), which are already accounted for in daily transportation in the Budget. Many destinations (especially those within one day) are within walking-distance one another. If activities come at an additional cost, they are noted and they are also recorded in the Independent Trips Expenses section of the Budget. There are weekend festivals held in Seoul with no additional costs that vary week by week that I hope to experience.

#### Arrival

Sunday, September 1st:

- Arrive at Seoul Gimpo International Airport (GMP)
  - Picked up at airport by program

#### Weekdays

Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:

- Breakfast with homestay family
- Morning Session: 9:00 AM 12:15 PM
- Lunch: 12:15 1:15 PM
- Afternoon Session: 1:15 PM 3:30 PM
- Afternoon Activities
- Dinner with homestay family
- Homework and studying

#### Weekend 1

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>:

- Festival (TBD)
- Gangnam
  - o Samsung D'light Museum
  - o SM, JYP, CUBE
  - o Samneung Park
  - o Seoul Olympic Park

## Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>:

- Myeongdong
  - Meyongdong Cathedral
- Seoul Tower Observatory (KRW10,000)

#### **Chuseok Holiday**

Chuseok is the Mid-Autumn Festival or Moon Festival based on the lunar calendar. It is also known as Korean Thanksgiving. During this holiday, the destinations below host special cultural events such as dance performances and traditional crafts. I am excited to be in Seoul during this special time of year to experience such traditions and sense of community.

## Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>:

- Royal Guard Changing Ceremony at Gyeongbokgung Palace (Admission: KRW3,000)
  - o Jogyesa Buddhist Temple is near (free)
- Bukchon Hanok Village (between the two palaces)
- Changdeokgung Palace (Admission: KRW3,000, Secret Garden: KRW8,000)
- Gwangjang Market
- Alternative to visiting palaces independently: Half-Day Walking Tour for Geyongbokgung Palace and Bukchon Hanok Village (\$59)

## Friday, September 13th:

- National Folk Museum (free admission)
  - o Chuseok activities (KRW10,000 materials fee)
- Insa-dong neighborhood

#### Weekend 2

## Saturday, September 14th:

- Festival (TBD)
- Hongdae
  - o Trick-Eye Museum (KRW15,000)
  - Hongdae Free Market
  - Meerkat Café

#### Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>:

- Yeouido Hangang Park
  - o Rent bicycle (KRW3,000 per hour \* 3 hours = KRW9,000)
- Seoul Eland Cruise (\$12.55)

#### <u>Departure</u>

#### Saturday, September 21st:

- Depart from Seoul Gimpo International Airport (GMP)
  - Dropped off at airport by program

## Language International Webpage



Lexis Korea

ANY Tower 11F 1330-20 Seocho-Dong, Seoul, Kyonggi-do, Seocho-Gu 137858, South Korea

#### **Intensive Korean - Full Time**

16 reviews

COURSE TYPE

General

DURATION

1-52 weeks

CLASSES PER WEEK

25

AGE RANGE

16 years old and older

View all courses at this school »

Course description

Lexis Korea's Intensive Korean program is fast-paced and communicative in nature. It is designed to equip students with all the skills necessary to live and work in Korea.

The class has 5 hours of face to face lessons each day, with a morning program focused on core skills, and an option class in the afternoon session allowing students to focus on their key areas of interest.

Please note that Lexis Korea cannot provide any documentation to support a student visa application.

Course topics

Listening, speaking, pronunciation, reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar, and activities

Class schedule

Course duration

1-52 weeks

Start dates

**Every Monday** 

Classes per week

25 lessons per week

(each lesson lasts 60 min)

Class days

Monday - Friday

School holidays

4 Feb - 8 Feb, 1 Mar, 1 May, 6 May, 6 Jun, 15 Aug, 12 Sep - 13 Sep, 3 Oct, 9 Oct,

25 Dec

Lexis Korea does not hold classes on the holiday dates above. The school does not compensate for these holidays, so make sure to choose your start date accordingly.

Class times

Morning session

09:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Afternoon session

01:15 PM - 03:30 PM

Class schedule may change depending on availability and season.

Class level

All levels, beginner to advanced

You will take a placement test on your first day to determine your class level.

Class size

Average

12 students

Maximum

14 students

Student age

Age range

16 years old and older

Average

22 years old

(21 in the summer)

Certificate

certificate of completion will b	e issued at the end of the course.
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Lexis Korea teaches students from all over the world, including:

## School description

Lexis Korea offers fast-paced, communicative Korean language lessons in a modern and attractive facility.

With ten air conditioned classrooms with floor to ceiling glass windows overlooking the Gangnam district of Seoul, a student common room and restaurant facilities within the same building, Lexis provides a study environment of the highest quality.

Year opened	2012
Number of classrooms	18
Facilities	
Social Activities	Eating Area
Cultural Trips	Free Internet
IELTS Test Center	Wireless Internet
TV Room	After-Class Seminars
Elevators	Studying Area
Wheelchair access	Sports Activities
Teacher qualifications	
Native Korean speakers :	All
	All
Teachers with Korean teaching certification :	All
Teachers with college degrees :	All
Nationality and age mix	
The nationality and age mix at Lexis Korea varies ov	er different time periods, courses and levels.

Sweden	14%
France	14%
Japan	8%
Germany	7%
USA	6%
Other	51%

#### School holidays

Lexis Korea does not hold classes on the holiday dates below. The school does not compensate for these holidays, so make sure to choose your start date accordingly.

Open dates	Year round
School holidays	4 Feb - 8 Feb, 1 Mar, 1 May, 6 May, 6 Jun, 15 Aug, 12 Sep - 13 Sep, 3 Oct, 9 Oct, 25 Dec

# Price Breakdown from a Language International Advisor/Representative:

안녕하세요 Amy,

Here is a price breakdown for your Korean course in Seoul for 3 weeks at Lexis Korea, beginning on 2 Sep 2019 and ending on 20 Sep 2019. This price includes 25 lessons per week (each lesson lasts 60 min), the school's registration fee, housing, airport pickup and overseas health insurance.

Course fee for 3 weeks (25 lessons per week): \$920

Registration fee: \$144

Airport pickup fee - Seoul Gimpo International - GMP - two-way: \$192

Books & Materials: \$29

Housing fee for 3 weeks (Homestay - Single-person room - Breakfast and dinner): \$846

Housing placement fee: \$144

Total: \$ 2,484 USD

You make the payment to us (Language International). We will then transfer the payment to Lexis. Please note that we charge the same fees as the school charges to students that book directly. Yes, the exchange fees are included in these breakdowns.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to helping you book your Korean course in Seoul!

감사합니다.

**Matthew Niebes** 

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## Lexis Korea Program Webpage and Brochure

Please find the Lexis Korea program description webpage printed along with relevant brochure pages on the subsequent pages.

Note about Option Classes: I contacted a Lexis Korea – Seoul representative (Michelle) and she told me that the afternoon session is now also language and culture and that the afternoon activities after class include the teachings described about previous Option Classes.

From Michelle's Email about Lexis Korea's Grading Scheme/Credit: We have weekly tests and student's progress is tracked based on the test results. Also, as we are a language academy, and not a university language program, there's actually no credit system for our programs.

Attached relevant brochure pages: 11, 14

Our Intensive Korean 25 Course is a full time course, suitable for non-native overseas students who are aiming to progress rapidly. Our curriculum enables our students to learn Korean in a fast yet fun way, covering all speaking, listening, reading and writing aspects.

In addition to the morning core classes, our Intensive Korean 25 program includes a skills-focussed afternoon program designed to optimize language proficiency. With a range of options to select from in each of the key language skills sets, our afternoon class allows students to extend their learning experience to address key areas of interest.

In addition to attending classes, you will require dedicated time to self-study. You are expected to revise the materials covered in class and also complete the homework given. This will ensure that your language proficiency accelerates during your time with us regardless of your stay duration.

Here at Lexis Korea, we believe culture plays a fundamental key role in unlocking the full Korean language learning experience. Therefore as part of our program we provide a range of cultural classes to introduce Korean culture, tradition and history.

Lexis Korea offers a weekly curriculum allowing our students to join us on any given week for any duration of study. To ease our students into the program, we run a highly structured weekly syllabus with one set theme per week.

#### **COURSE LEVEL CHART**



## TIMETABLE



09:00



CORE TEXT



10:30 (15MIN BREAK)



12:15~13:15 (LUNCH BREAK)



SKILL FOCUS (OPTION CLASS)



14:15 (15MIN BREAK)



15:30

## **OUR AFTERNOON OPTION CLASSES**

Our Intensive 25 Options classes are designed to allow you to focus on your own particular learning objectives. Options vary from school to school, and are suitable for various different levels. Amongst the most popular are

	CONVERSATION					
	TOPIK PREPARATION					
	K-DRAMA CLASS					
	BREAKING NEWS DICTATION					
I	KOREAN ETIQUETTE CLASS					
	KOREAN KITCHEN					
	JOB CLUB					
	BOOK CLUB					
K	K-POP CLASS					
			PRETEST			
		?	ENQUIRY			

# **LEXIS EXPLORE**

# **Korean Cultural Experiences**

To ensure that you make the most of your time at Lexis Korea, we offer a monthly social and cultural activity calendar, complete with regular excursions in order to share with you our Korean history, culture and tradition.



#### **LEXIS ACTIVITIES**

There's so much more to explore than language study! Our Student Services team arranges regular afternoon activities and day trips to introduce glimpses of South Korea and its culture.

Check out our blogs at www.LexisSeoul.com and www.LexisBusan.com for the latest updates!



#### LEXIS MEET UP

For many students, the highlight of their stay is Lexis Meet Up. This fortnightly event, held at a local cafe, provides a welcoming and friendly atmosphere for all to enjoy. It creates a wonderful opportunity to become friends with local Koreans and other classmates from all over the world for an exchange of language and culture.



## **LEXIS STUDENT NIGHT**

Koreans have a strong appreciation of the pleasures of dining with friends. Lexis Student Night, a monthly social gathering, brings together both our international and local students for a great evening of Korean food, beer, and soju. There's no better way to break the ice and forge friendships. That's why Lexis Student Night is the highlight of our social calendar.



#### LEXIS HELP DESK

Our Lexis Help Desk provides weekly support classes to assist our students with any concerns they may have for life outside of class. A range of support is offered including visa issues, banking, getting a mobile phone, and even recommendations for restaurants and how to get hold of much sought after concert tickets. Whatever your concern, Lexis Help Desk is there to assist you.







#### Martin from Germany

Lam very satisfied with the homestay as I always wanted to experience the local Korean lifestyle. My host family were all very nice, friendly and lovely and provided very good home cooked food. The breakfast setting was so impressive and my host made sure I was never hungry. My room and the shared tollet was clean and tidy when I checked in.

#### Michelle from Australia

I lived in the mini studio for 3 months, and whilst the rooms are relatively small it wasn't too bad. The rooms had everything I needed including a private bathroom, desk where I could do my homework, and even a mini fridge. The shared facilities like kitchen were neat and clean, and also had rice, instant ramyeon and even toast/jam. It was located just 10 mins walk to Lexis so that was very convenient for me.



## **HOMESTAY**

Homestays allow students to live with a local family, experience day-to-day life in Korea, and enjoy amazing home-cooked Korean food! There is no better way to develop your language skills and learn more about this fascinating country than to fully immerse yourself in the culture and society. As with most Koreans, our homestay families are eager to share their culture with our students, and can introduce you to some of the hidden delights of Seoul and Busan.

Some families live in downtown apartments, others in larger homes in the suburbs, but regardless you will be warmly welcomed to the house as a guest, and will have the chance to experience the hospitality for which Koreans are well known for.







#### **MINI STUDIO**

Lexis Korea can arrange accommodation from a selection of mini-studio locations in both Gangnam and Seomyeon. Mini-studios, or better known as 'goshiwon' to the locals, are low-priced accommodation normally used by university students. Rooms are self-contained, with basic furnishings and a private bathroom. Kitchen and laundry facilities are shared, with most providing free rice, noodles and kimchi.

Please keep in mind however that while mini studios are the cheapest possible private accommodation, the rooms are very small!

Typically, the mini-studios we provide are within a fifteen-minute walk to the Lexis campus, and are a short stroll from a near-endless selection of shops, restaurants and bars. Full CCTV security systems are in place, along with auto-locking doors and on-site security; making mini-studios an ideal option for women travelling alone. Many providers offer 'women only' floors, so please request this if you would feel more comfortable.

