

**Major:** Social Work, Peace-Building Certificate  
**Provider:** ISA, at Konkuk University  
**Gilman Scholarship recipient**  
**ISA Blogger**

**Why did you choose Seoul?** Watching South Korean dramas was one of the I became interested in South Korea, which is not a place many people know about. I really liked that they had 5,000 years of history, and it was cool to see the places where kings and emperors lived.

**Housing:** I stayed in the international dorm. The strange thing about Seoul is that they don't use dryers, so you need to line dry all of your clothing. There was a TV in the laundry room, and a refrigerator that we all shared.

*“It feels like the process is so long,  
but once you get there you are  
rewarded with all the positives  
of actually being there.”*

### **Academics:**

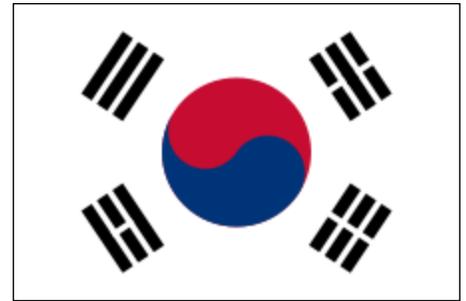
Most of the teachers were really nice. I took Shakespeare, Korean History, Globalization and Social Welfare Policy in English, and Beginning Korean.

**Official ISA Blogger:** I think being a blogger helped me to look around my environment and be very observant. It was really good to reflect on what I had done. I posted about every two weeks.

**Seoul as a Second Home:** Seoul is a very safe city to live in. People were out even late at night and into the morning. The awesome subway systems allowed for my friends and I to be adventurous and to explore Seoul. Some of our excursions were to the Hanok Village, which is equivalent to an Amish community, and we also visited many palaces, such as one in Gyeongju.

### **How were you transformed?**

I can definitely land on my feet. After three weeks I could get around. I knew I would be there for three months, so I needed to make friends and I put myself out there.



One of the many palaces located in South Korea. This one is in Gyeongju, which was the capital city of the ancient Silla Dynasty. Bao is in the center.