

## SUMMER IN SEOUL ~ SUMMER 2021

**Meet Patricia, a Fashion Design Major and Business Entrepreneurship Minor. She studied abroad with CIEE at Yonsei University and was awarded both the Gilman and Freeman ASIA Scholarship**

*“Study abroad as early as you can, so you can do it as much as you can because you will value the experience so much for the memories, the friendships, the new cultures, and it will help you become a more well-rounded human”*



**Benjamin A. Gilman**  
International Scholarship

### 1 Why did you choose Seoul?

-I didn't know anything about the culture or language, so I dove in blindly but I learned so much. After the program I initially applied for was cancelled due to Covid-19, this program satisfied the requirements for both Gilman and Freeman ASIA scholarships.

### 2 Academics:

-The classes were super spaced out. I had a 9 am class that ran 9—11, and then Korean language class that was 1-4 p.m. that was divided into speaking, reading and writing. Everything was online over Zoom. I feel like I learned a lot in that compact amount of time because we had classes Monday through Friday.

### 3 Seoul as a Second Home:

-The time we had between classes, we'd walk around campus. It's very centrally located in Sincheon, and so it's close to restaurants, shopping, the train station, bus station, and Hongdae, the fun neighborhood where people go to hang out.

### 4 Benefit of Study Abroad:

-I became more aware of how outsiders look at America. For example, I had political talks with people in South Korea. They really wanted the Covid-19 vaccine. They were worried about their people. It made me think more about others. Also, the friendships that were created. Literally, I feel like I could go to almost any part of the world and have a friend there. Learning a new culture and understanding different views of different people helped me to become more open-minded and more grateful to life.

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