

교환학생 귀국 보고서

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- I spent one semester at ISS (Institute of Social Studies) in The Hague, Netherlands.
- General points about living in Holland: I lived in The Hague for less than 90 days, so I didn't need a visa. For those who stay for over 90 days you need to apply for visa at the City Hall after arriving in The Hague- the school will assist you with this process very kindly. Because Holland is not a very cash-based country and also does not accept Visa/Masters cards in most stores, you need to make a card as soon as you arrive in Holland for a convenient stay. Most people go to ING Bank to make their cards and I did as well. The school will give you information on this as well. Most stores don't accept 50 or 100 euro bills, so take enough small changes with you to last at least one week. Also you can download two ISS apps (one for studying and one for living in The Hague). I recommend that you download the "ISS Welcome" app to get additional information on visa or how to get to the school from Schiphol Airport. The weather in Hague is very fickle and unpredictable, but generally very windy. I recommend you take a 바람막이 or 패딩.
- Semester: ISS's masters programs run for 15 months, starting in September and ending in December the year after. Term 1, which is from September to December, is introductory courses. Students take optional electives courses according to their major in term 2 (January to March) and 3 (April to June). Term 4 is for writing dissertation. Therefore, if you are looking to go on exchange to ISS, you should go during term 2 or 3 to take electives. If you go for term 2 like I did, you would go during KDI's spring semester and return in enough time for summer semester. I recommend you either do term 2 or term 2&3 at ISS for optimum learning and time usage.
- Classes: ISS is like KDI in the sense that it is a graduate school that focuses on development studies, with a huge body of international students from developing countries. ISS's biggest difference compared to KDI is probably the fact ISS's range of discipline/subject area is much wider than KDI. KDI focuses on issues of economic and political development, with a majority of professors having acquired their degrees in economics. So naturally KDI is a very quantitative oriented school. Because my interests are more oriented toward social development, I felt KDI didn't provide me with curriculums that I really wanted to study. On

the other hand, while ISS has a department that focuses on economic development and is quantitative oriented, it has several other departments that focus on a wide range of subject areas that are qualitative oriented. ISS, like its name, is a very social studies based school, so many of its professors are anthropologists or sociologists. ISS also has a really wide range of methodological courses, including ones that focus on discourse analysis, qualitative interviewing, etc. In my case I took Feminist Theories and Strategies for Development in Local and Global Contexts, Childhood and Youth Studies in Development Contexts, Mixed Methods for Social Studies Research and audited a Regression Analysis course. I generally appreciated the fact I could learn really niche (and somewhat non-mainstream) areas of study that KDI does not provide, such as childhood studies. Classes are normally a mix of lectures and discussions, and students are recommended to read the readings prior to class. Evaluations vary, with essays, exams, assignments, or individual/group presentations. I would say my level of satisfaction regarding the quality of the teaching or the level of demandingness of the courses was generally similar to that at KDI. Make sure you check out ISS' webpage at take a look at the courses they offer, along with how their programs are designed before applying for exchange. It will give you a better idea of the options you have at ISS. One last thing regarding classes is that the course registration system is really different; you need to visit the school TLST and check registration in person.

- Housing: ISS provides a number of student accommodation choices, and I lived in Dorus Rijkersplein, because it was the closest to the school. (It was practically right beside the school. Similar distance from KDI dormitory to KDI School.) What I found pleasantly surprising was that the rooms are really huge. A room that I stayed in alone was 2.5 the size of KDI dorm's 2 people room. I liked the fact each room has independent bathrooms and refrigerators, and also DUWO (the company that is in charge of the dormitory housekeeping) provides various amenities (including kitchen tools like pans, dishes, forks, knives, spoons, cups, etc and bedsheets and pillows, as well as cleaning tools) so I did not have to buy anything. The only thing I recommend you take from Korea is a small kettle or coffee pot, and maybe a rice cooker. There is a communal kitchen area for 3 to 5 people to use together. The dorm does not have wifi built in so you need to buy a router. (I borrowed from my neighbor.) The housing expense was about 600,000 won/month, which I think is a very reasonable price. I was generally satisfied with my student accommodation.
- The Hague: The Hague is a very peaceful and calm city. The school is located at a pretty good spot, with Chinatown within walking distance (20-30 minutes), near the city central. There is an oriental market and a Korean/Japanese market, along with many Asian cuisines. There is a chain supermarket called Albert Heijn that you will be able to see all across Holland. I mostly used Albert Heijn to do my groceries. Places to visit in The Hague are the Yijun Peace Memorial for Koreans, and the Scheveningen Beach (Make sure to have herring and fries at "Simonis." It's really good!). I also went to a human rights movie festival called "Movies that Matter" in mid-late March.
- Other cities in Holland: I didn't travel around too much, but of the places I did go, I really

recommend Zaanse Schans- you can see the windmills here; it's beautiful and healing. Also Amsterdam is interesting too, with the red light district, Anne Frank Museum, and other various museum/galleries. Others recommended Rotterdam and Leiden, though I didn't get around to visit.

Generally I am satisfied with the time I spent at ISS and do not regret going there. If you, like me, feel like KDI doesn't offer the things you want to learn, I really recommend that you go to ISS for term 2 or term 2-3. I only stayed for one semester due to personal circumstances, but sometimes regret not spending an additional semester. If you have any additional questions about ISS, you can contact me through Ms. Park Minah.

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