Tips for Korean Students in the U.S.

• You do not have the schedule you had in Korea. You have more free time. However, it is now your responsibility to use your time well – make sure you allocate enough time for sleep, homework, and exercise.

• It is tempting to hang out with, or even live with, other Koreans. Unless you make an effort to befriend students from other countries and languages, your progress in English and in adapting to the new culture will be slowed.

• Don’t be nervous about asking questions in class. In the American educational system, many teachers appreciate questions, as they indicate an active mind and a desire to understand.

• Find out what your teacher wishes to be called, and call him or her by that name or title.

• Don’t have unrealistic expectations about how wonderful life will be in the U.S.

• You’re lucky, because GRCC doesn’t have so many Koreans.

• Don’t hang out just with other Koreans. Get involved with community or college activities that force you to use English.

• Don’t be lazy. You worked hard to get here, so don’t blow it now.

• Eat well – don’t just go for fast food. Think about your diet and exercise.

• Beware of culture shock. It’s normal, but can be painful for a time. It will help to learn about American culture before you arrive in the U.S., but in any case, you need to expect some problems.