



Report International Experience Program at Kansas State University, USA



International Experience Program (IEP) is designed after vagarious brain storming by GTU and KSU faculties in the year 2010 under the guidance of honourable Vice Chancellor Dr. Akshai Aggarwal.

Under his guidance and leadership both the universities have develop a program by which the students get oppotunity to study two subjects from GTU syllabi and get international experience which majority of our students lacks while studying.

With efforts from Dr. Hosni from KSU and team at GTU under the leadership of Dr. Aggarwal, GTU and KSU gained breakthrough and all applicants have been granted visa for this program by US visa office.

Students who have appeared in the examination of semester-6 are given oppotunity of this program. Two branches of the students are chosen.

- a. Electronics and Communication Engineering (28 students)
- b. Mechanical Engineering (34 students)

Students started arriving in groups on 16th and 17th June who were welcomed by KSU officials. All the students have been given accommodation in West Hall on campus having all basic facility as well recreation facilities such as Wi-Fi access, Table-Tennis, Pool, Gymnasium and Television. For preparing own food, a kitchen facility is available in the residence hall. Housing and dining section of the university has provided students with electronic card for entering in their hall of residence as well as for accessing dining facility.

First welcome address in College of Engineering at Rathbone Hall in Pasley Auditorium was organized by KSU officials on June 19, 2013. Dean of Engineering Dr. Gary Clark gave a welcome speech to GTU students. An orientation program for the students was arranged by International Distance Education Program Office. They guided them over all the campus and made them familiar with various process and places.



Group Photo After Breakfast on June 27,2013 at Derby Dining Hall

The lecture hall and residence hall are at walking. Students started attending lectures as per schedule. The library facility with large number of computers, wi-fi enabled photocopier and scanner, automated moving racks for saving space have been found to be interesting features of the library. The recreation center at the campus has remained as most attractive place to visit by the students every evening.

Some of the students were invited by Dr. Sue Maes – Dean of Division of Continuing Education to have a breakfast at her home and to visit “Konza Prairie Biological Station” which is the largest unplowed tall grass Prairie Preserve in America with 8600 acres and offers hiking and tours. Dr. Sue promised to arrange this kind of visits for every student.

KSU also arranged transportation for students to visit Asian food store where Indian food items are available. Students made a list of item and visited store for shopping. On Sunday evening some times students prepare delicious food in the kitchen facility available at West Hall.

On June 27, 2013 Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Ruth Dyer, Dr. Sue Maes – Dean of Division of Continuing Education, Dr. Hosni - Professor and the Frankhoff Chair in Engineering and Program Director IEP , Dr. Don Gruenbacher - Head,Electrical and Computer Engineering, Karen Hibbard- Vice President, Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau, Stacy Bailey- International Students and Scholar Services attended the welcome breakfast and made in gave their welcome speeches and admired efforts by GTU and Specially, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Akshai Aggarwal who dreamed for such wonderful program for the benefit of the students. Dr. Ruth Dyer, Sue Maes and Dr. Gruenbacher advised students to take academic benefit of the program and assured of all support to make it eventful and interesting. Dr. Hosni elaborated about the program and its background with consistent efforts put in by all since last three years and with coordination handled by Hiren Thaker from GTU. Dr. Vishvjit Thakar and Jigar Gajjar were invited to express their feeling about the program.



Dr. Ruth Dyer



Dr.Sue Maes



Dr. Hosni



Dr. Greunbacher



Karen Habbard



Dr. Vishvjit Thakar



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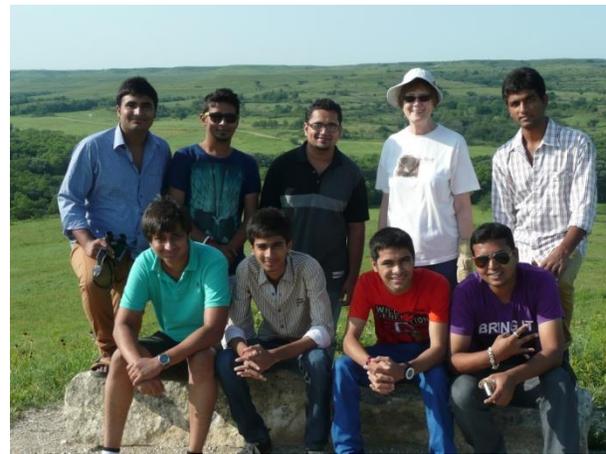
Expressing Views at the Breakfast



Students attending Class on First Day at Fiedler Hall



Students Checking in at Front Desk of West Hall



Students with Dean Dr. Sue maes



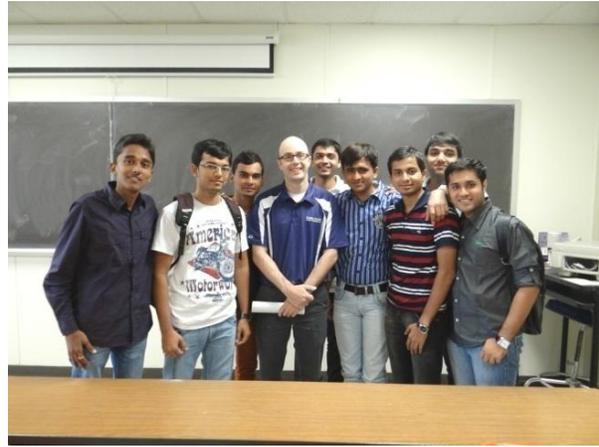
Students planning at the front lobby



Students playing pool and relaxing after assignments



Students with Dr.Sanjoy Das



Students with Dr.Kevin wenklyn

Students are getting excellent opportunity to interact with group from South Korea who are also here for similar program with computer science and information department. Students are now tuned for online system of interactions, submission of assignments, online quiz and many more.

For buying items of their daily need, student visit wall mart through aTa bus from K-State union, This is about 10 minute distance. Student also experience taking food at aggieville when Sunday dinner not served by the dining hall.



Resident Hall Side View and K-State Union Front View

On July 4, 2013, students visited Wamego Town to watch USA Independence Day celebration as a guided tour. The tour was facilitated by DEP, KSU and coordinated by Mrs.Kelli Fuhrmann.

“We are having global exposure and experiencing international level education, we appreciate the hard work and efforts made by each one from GTU and KSU for giving us such opportunity”

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The classes are going on well for both EC and ME students with quizz, assignments and homework. The students are taking maximum advantage of reading in library till late night as the Mid semester examination as well continuous evaluation of laboratory session is scheduled during 15-20 July, 2013.



Students with Teaching Assistant Ola Al'Taani



Students outside exam hall

Students visited Wamego town near Manhattan on July 4, 2013 to watch excellent and orderly fireworks as a part of independence day celebrations of USA. Students enjoyed different amazing and thrilling rides in the park near the site of celebrations. The visit was facilitated by DCE of KSU. The group from South Korea had also joined the celebration and students are interacting with this group as well.



Students in Amusement Park at Wamego town ON



Fireworks at Wamego

US independence day



Parade at Wamego Town



Scenic View

The students of Mechanical Engineering. Visited chilling center and F-1 car made by Faculty and KSU students. On July 11, the students of EC visited selected undergraduate and graduate laboratories such as embedded systems, communication circuits and biomedical systems. The visit was guided by ECE head, Dr. Gruenbacher.



Students at Plant



Mechanical Students with Dr. Walid and TA Maher



Head ECE explaining about embedded System



Tbones Basket Ball Game

On July 13, 2013, A tour to Kansas City was arranged by DEC, KSU for the students. Students departed after lunch and reached there around 3:00 p.m. Students visited Legends Mall and also

watch baseball match. They returned back at night around 12:30 a.m. Students enjoyed their first major outing after about a month time.

First Mid semester examination of the EC students has been conducted on July 16, 2013 for the course on Wireless Communication. The student of the ME branch shall be visiting power plant located at the distance of 50miles from KSU in the coming week.

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