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## I. Living Off-Campus: Mangrove Sinseol

### a. Overview

Mangrove Sinseol is considered a co-living space in Seoul. In the last few years, these co-living spaces have become more popular within Seoul as it provides younger people with a community and a space for creative and cultural exchanges. Like co-working spaces, co-living spaces have many shared common areas but with the added benefit of the private room. In a way they are like serviced hotels, however, many do not have as many concierges service like hotels do. This particular location used to be a hotel but was turned into this co-living space by the Mangrove Company. It is also one of the many other locations under the Mangrove Company.

### b. Location

The reason I chose to rent at this location is due to the proximity to the KCB Seoul Campus as well as central Seoul. The area is within the Dongdaemun region of Seoul and is conveniently located right at Sinseol Station. When you exit the apartment, you have direct access to both buses and the metro station (all within 2-minutes of walk). The 201 bus is a direct bus around 5 stops to KCB and drops you off right in front of the main gate. This bus ride takes only 20-minutes duration. Besides easy access to the school campus, most locations for central Seoul are within a 30-minute bus or metro ride. The surrounding area also has many convenience stores, cafes, fast-food chains, and grocery stores.

### c. How to Rent/Apply

If you are interested in renting a room at this apartment, their website is quite user friendly, and the staff speak English as well. Via the website you can send in an application form or message the staff directly to inquire about available rooms and the cost of rent. Furthermore, there are three different room types you can select from (Single, Double, Bunk). Another convenient thing about this apartment is that the rental contract is provided in English and many fees are included within the rent (i.e., Wi-Fi, utilities, maintenance fees, etc.).

### d. Single Room

I personally decided to rent the Single Room as I wanted more privacy, one of the main reasons I decided not to live on-campus in the KCB dorms. The room itself comes with all the furniture (i.e., bed, closet space, desk, mini fridge, etc.) you will need and a private bathroom.

### e. Amenities

The building houses various amenities that are free to use by Mangrove residents. Some services such as the gym and yoga room need to be booked in advanced via their own App. Also, each month each resident is allotted credits to “pay” for the usage time. Other services such as the laundry and kitchen are free to use 24/7. The building also houses an in-house café and restaurant which residents can get a 10% discount on their purchase. Some amenities of the building are Rooftop Terrace, Conference Room, Kitchen, Laundry, Mailroom, Coworking Lounge, Library, Gym, Yoga Room, and Cinema Room.

## II. Overall Review

After living in this apartment for around five months, my review is that this is a really great space for any individual who lives in the city to reside in. Although the rent is significantly higher than the dorm, the included services and amenities do make up for the difference in costs. For example, all common shared spaces are cleaned daily by the staff, and you will have space to invite friends and guests over compared with the smaller dorm rooms with restrictions. As there was a large, shared kitchen, often times I would host dinner parties with the international students, and we would all cook together then watch a movie in the cinema room. Overall, I would say I’ve had a wonderful time living at Mangrove Sinseol and would recommend this place to others as well.



