

# Student Profile: Jihyun Kim

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Arizona State University at Lake Havasu fosters a multicultural atmosphere by welcoming students with diverse backgrounds from different parts of the world. Likewise, in Fall 2023, the school welcomed numerous new students from various countries. Among these newcomers is Jihyun Kim, an ambitious, brave, and passionate woman. As a person who has no problem getting out of her comfort zone, Kim made a decision to travel all the way across the Pacific Ocean and to the United States.

Hailing from South Korea, located in Eastern Asia on the southern part of the Korean peninsula, bordering the East Sea and the Yellow Sea, Kim brings a unique perspective. One distinctive aspect of Korean culture is the concept of jeong. While there is no exact translation for this word, it can be described as a warm feeling of attachment, concern, and emotional connection to someone or something. This sentiment originates from the idea of collective social responsibility. When you develop a sense of jeong for someone, you desire to assist, protect, and contribute without expecting anything in return. Given that the core of jeong is unselfish giving, it is closely related to the concept of altruism.

In alignment with this cultural influence, Kim has chosen to major in community health, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Nursing. "From a young age, my parents taught me to become a person who not only cares about my own welfare but also for the well-being of others. Throughout my life, I never forgot this teaching, and now I would like to connect it with my career," she says.

After spending one semester here, Kim has fallen in love with the close-knit community where everyone knows each other. "I love how professors remember every student and always make sure that students are following well," says Kim. While she has just embarked on her journey here and acknowledges the long road ahead, she firmly believes that there is always a way to achieve her goals as long as she remains determined.