

## 日本での交換留学

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Over the past four months, I studied and enjoyed my life as an exchange student in Ochanomizu University. In Ochanomizu, I firstly experienced full-Japanese teaching – I used Japanese as the main language for most of my classes. This new experience helped me improve my abilities in Japanese listening and speaking.

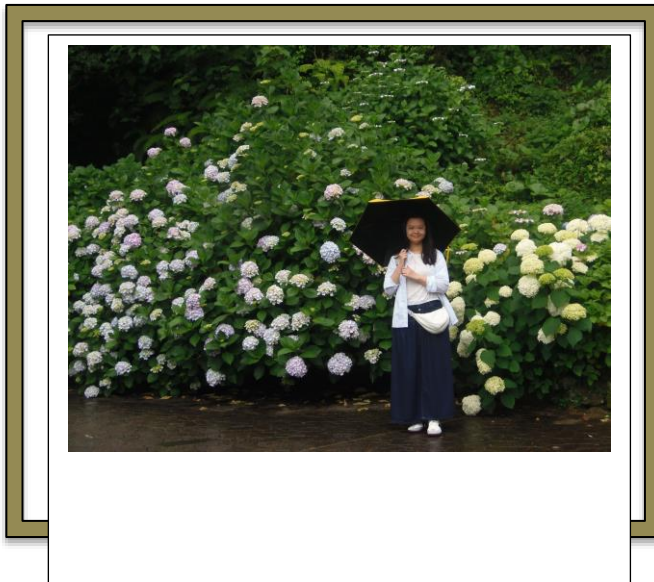
The most impressive class I took was Japanese Exercise II A. This course focused on the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) and allowed me to communicate with students from other countries. We were able to think about global issues, conduct presentations to explain certain issues, and come up with ideas to solve them. In this course, I was not only able to understand the relationship between Japan and the world, but also was able to acquire a transnational perspective on global issues.

Another course I enjoyed was an English course with the topic of globalization and labor. This course helped me to gain a global perspective on the plight of workers under globalization, and at the same time, inspired my plan for my senior thesis.

Ochanomizu is a beautiful school located in the center of Tokyo, and it is very convenient to access every spot you may want to visit in Tokyo. I still remember the first day I entered Ochanomizu campus: it was a rainy, cool spring morning, and the dew was sparkling on the Sakura blossom. That was the first time I saw Sakura in Japan, and I understood its beauty immediately. During vacations and weekends, I visited Zushi and Izu, saw the blue sea and hydrangea.

I made a lot of new friends in Ochanomizu, who are kind and patient with me, and they kindly offered me a great amount of support in this study abroad life. Moreover, every teacher here is very nice and willing to help, which makes me feel secure. I really want to thank my advisor, Wakita

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