

## 日本での交換留学

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I am writing about my university and experience. My degree is Japanese and Tesol and my purpose of coming to Japan is to study Japanese. This is my first time going to Japan so it has been a big adventure for me as it so different from the UK.

I have called Otowakan my home this past year and I have enjoyed living in the dorm. It's very quiet even though it's located in the centre of Tokyo. It's safe here and if you worry about coming to a new country and you worry about not feeling safe, do not worry you will feel really safe here.



For me, the local train stops at Myogadani Station, two stations from here are Ikebukuro. My friends and I often went to Ikebukuro, ate dinner, and did various kinds of things. I went to various places in Japan I went to hitachi sea

side park, Shibuya, Ikebukuro, Shinjuku, and Akihabara, and I made lots of new friends. I climbed Mt. Takao with my friends, and we were recommended by our sakubun teacher. I'm afraid of heights, but I recommended taking a stairlift as it never goes far from the ground. It is especially beautiful place in autumn They have cats and turtles on this campus, there is around five cats and six turtles. It's really cute to see at Ocha no mizu woman feeding a cat and showing the cats love. They even have a have a society to protect cats, as someone who loves animals it is wonderful to see. This thermos flask is based on the mant

y well-loved cats of Ocha no Mizu. Many of my friends want a product of Ochanomizu with the cats on.

I take a few classes at Ochanomizu University. I'm not used to lessons in only Japanese, so you should quickly learn Japanese quicker as you are constantly using Japanese. The teachers hope that the students will succeed. We learned kanji, how to write, and how to present. The homeroom is very useful for any problems and for filling out any forms that need filling in. The teachers always helps the students, and they listen to feedback. I learned the difference between English presentations and Japanese. The classes are difficult, but you will receive support in many ways. I would recommend if you have the chance to take a language class or a class in English with Japanese students so you are able to have a better chance of integrating.

In my time here I actually started the Japanese café so international students can have more chances to speak to Japanese students. They have multiple language cafes which I recommended going if you are learning the various languages or speak that language as it gives a chance for you to share and meet new people. I started working at the English café every week. Every week I would go to CELL an international meetup when we can practice Japanese. I enjoyed going and being able to make mistakes in Japanese but it being okay. This semester I joined tandem where you speak 30 mins in your language and then swap to Japanese. Giving more opportunities for speaking practice. I was glad that my final semester I was able to partake in kabuki, sado, yukata class. This was one of the best moments through my time at Ocha no Mizu.

To sum up the above, studying abroad this time was difficult, but I had a lot of fun.

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