

Study Abroad in Japan

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I think my experience of studying abroad in Japan was a lot of fun. At first, I thought I couldn't go to Japan, so I was worried every day. However, I found out that I could go to Japan in February. I was very happy. I was nervous before coming to Japan, but now I'm not nervous at all. For example, when I went to a convenience store or a restaurant, I didn't understand the language well. I found it particularly difficult to understand "take out" or "please eat slowly". I thought, "Why should I eat food slowly?" Recently, I have become able to understand Japanese culture and language better.

At Ochanomizu University, I met many friends and teachers. I often went sightseeing with my new friends. For example, I went to Shinjuku, Harajuku, museums, and temples. Then, when I went to a new place, I was introduced to Japanese culture and food. I tried sushi and ramen in England, but it is more delicious in Japan. I also tried the tea ceremony. It's not easy, but it was very interesting. I want to learn more about Japanese culture during the summer holiday.



The classes were difficult, but I enjoyed studying new grammar and kanji. Because I live in Japan, I have the opportunity to meet Japanese people. That's why I practice speaking Japanese and practicing listening every day. However, colloquialisms are different from polite language, so I thought that written and

honorific words were too difficult. Because I often use colloquialisms, I think it's easy to forget polite language. However, when I talk to my teachers, I use polite language, so I can't say that I have few

opportunities to practice. I think the teachers in my class are kind and good teachers.



I also learned a lot about Japanese culture. I faced a lot of culture shock. Jaywalking is common in the United Kingdom, but you must wait at the traffic light in Japan. Also, I think that recycling is more difficult in Japan than in the United Kingdom. For example, PET bottles, burnable garbage, and combustible garbage. In the United Kingdom, I think paper and plastic are recycled in the same bag. Compared to the United Kingdom, Japan is more difficult, but recycling is good for the environment.

Overall, studying abroad this time was difficult, but I think it was a lot of fun. I couldn't come to Japan in the first half, but I enjoyed the

second half the most. I want to study again at Ochanomizu University someday. I would like to thank all the teachers for their support. I would like to thank my teachers, Teacher Matsuda and Teacher Hagiwara. And thank you to Teacher Oou for the kanji class, Teacher Chanantorn for the grammar class, Teacher Zaghloul for the conversation class, and Teacher Han for the composition class. Also, thank you to Ohno-sama and Mori-sama, who oversee international students, for helping me with various problems. Thank you, Tutor Inoue. Finally, thank my friends.

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