

Exchange study abroad in Japan

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I am Asia Cannavo', an exchange student from SOAS University in the United Kingdom. Since



I entered university in the UK, I have long wanted to improve my Japanese proficiency and study abroad for that purpose. Then, in October, I started taking classes in England, and felt the effects of the difficult time difference. At first, I was worried because I didn't know if I could enter Japan because of the influence of Covid, but I was able to go to Japan in March.

I will forever be grateful to be able to come to Japan. I was very happy to be able to take



classes after a long time and having different fun experiences. Nowadays, I often use Japanese during my daily life, at shops and restaurants, and when I ask for directions. I am happy to be able to not only live in Japan while studying, but also to make many nice memories with the international students.

Everyday life at Ochanomizu University is a lot of fun. My classmates are very kind, and we are always helping each other. In addition, I felt that the world has expanded by studying with international students from various countries and talking about our origins with each other.

During Golden Week I decided to go to Kyoto. The trip was really fun, and I saw a lot of



things I always wanted to see in Japan. My favorite memory was going to Fushimi Inari Shrine and walking under the Tori. Exploring Japan and going to culture classes helped me discover more about Japanese culture and society. I think it's very interesting. Classes and homework at Ochanomizu University are always useful. I learned more practical language and grammar compared to the one that I had studied before. I think I was able to gain more confidence by studying in Japan.

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