

Post Study Abroad Evaluation

THE BASICS	
Your Name	[REDACTED]
Your Program of Study/Year	Human Resources , 3 rd year
Host Country	Japan
Host School/Agency	Nagoya Gakuin University
Participation Dates	Sept 08 – Dec 08
Type of Study Abroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Section 1	
GENERAL EVALUATION	
Please rate your overall exchange experience on a scale of 1 to 10 (one being poor and 10 being exceptional)	9
In a couple of sentences, explain why you rated your experience the way you did.	There were great dorms, classes catered to our needs, staff help students adjust to culture, student volunteers help us find places and study.
Section 2	
ARRIVAL	
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you change any part of those arrangements?	I was met at the airport by Japanese students and they brought me back to the dorms by train and taxi. It was great and would not change it.
How was your experience clearing customs? Any surprises?	Surprised that the limit for bringing back goods was still only \$700 even for 4 months.
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	I took the subway, train and taxi directly from the plane. It took probably up to 1.5 hours and cost probably about 3000 yen
Section 3	
ORIENTATION AND ASSISTANCE	
How satisfied were you with the orientation and assistance available to at your host school/agency.	Very, lots of help provided by student volunteers, dorm RAs and International education office
How receptive were the local people in providing assistance?	People related to the school were very receptive
Section 4	
HOUSING	

Describe your accommodation arrangements.	Small apartment with a roommate including own room, kitchen and bathroom
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	Very comfortable
Describe what did you do about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	There was a cafeteria with pretty decent food at decent prices that closed around 6. I also cooked my own food.
How close was your accommodation to where you had to study?	1 min walk, it was on campus

Section 5

COURSE REGISTRATION

Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	We got to try out the classes in the first week and then fill out a form for which ones we wanted to register in. We filled out a form checking off classes we wanted. Very easy and straight forward.
How successful were you in registering for classes? What advice would you offer to another exchange student about to register at your host institution?	Try out all the courses you want. Language courses are mandatory and determined by your placement test

Section 6

ACADEMICS

How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	Very satisfied
How did the style of teaching compare with that in Canada? How did the workload compare to what you would expect in Canada?	Classes were shorter Language classes were everyday. Teachers tended to baby us but were very helpful. Course load was never too overwhelming.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	3
What impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	little, most teachers spoke english
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	Comparable to kwantlen.

Section 7

COSTS

Tuition	Cost of 12 credits at kwantlen
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Books and Supplies	About 15000 yen
Flight	1300 CAD
Accommodation	140000 yen (well worth it)
Meals	Good meal for less than 500 yen at caf
Local transportation	Subway, about 230 yen one way, bike 15000 – 20000 yen
Health insurance	n/a
Communications (internet, phone, etc.)	Free Wireless on campus, no phones
Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.)	
Vaccinations	150 CAD for exams at doctor
Incidentals	
What unexpected costs did you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than you expected?	<i>Even though you have a budget, fun events will always come up. - Cost vary by exchange rate</i>

Section 8

EXTRA-CURRICULAR/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities at your host site?	Very satisfied, cultural trips were set up for students
What organized activities (clubs, sports, etc.) were available to you while in your host country? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future students?	Trip to smaller cities Overnight homestay School parties
What do you recommend other visiting students see or do on their weekends or holidays?	Visit the other surrounding cities

Section 9

SAFETY AND HEALTH

Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience.	
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Section 10

PERSONAL AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

What was it like making friends? How successful were you at making friends with local (i.e., not international) people?	Students at the school were very nice, it's easy to make friends if you try.
What was it like to adjust to the culture of your host site?	Pretty easy if you have basic understanding of the language

Section 11

TAKING STOCK	
What are four important things one should take with them when going to your host country or region?	
1 laptop !!	2 small canadian souvenir gifts
3 pictures of home & friend & family	4 camera
What are the four most important things you would tell another student who is going to your host facility/agency:	
1 be open minded & ask questions	2 Go out and explore
3 meet other students	4 Your lifestyle will be very different than home
What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience?	Making friends and teaching each other new things
What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad?	Change of lifestyle, budgeting
As a result of your study abroad experience, how has your perspective changed?	- enjoy being more independent - I can understand diff cultures & personalities better, and not take things too personally.
What else do you want to say about your study abroad experience?	If you need help, or have questions, don't afraid to ask. Nagoya Gakuin U. staff is very helpful and kind.