

Study Abroad Evaluation

General Information				
Your Name	[REDACTED]			
Host Country	Japan, Nagasaki			
Host School/Agency	Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies			
Participation Dates	2014 September – 2015 February			
Your Program of Study	JASIN Program			
Type of Study Abroad	Exchange <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Practicum	Independent	Other
General Evaluation				
In a couple of sentences, summarize why you rated your experience the way you did	Other than improving my Japanese, the experience really improved me as a person. It made me more open-minded, more adaptable to change, and more sociable.			
Arrival				
How easy or challenging was it to obtain your travel documents (visa, permits, etc.)?	The school took care of most of our official documents for their students so the process was not challenging at all.			
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you alter any part of those arrangements?	I flew to Japan through Japan air lines. I wouldn't alter those arrangements.			
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	There were no troubles at customs and process went without problem.			
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	The school provided a bus to transport all their students. I am unsure of the exact travel time.			
Orientation and Assistance				
How satisfied were you with the orientation and student assistance available to at your host school?	The orientations were helpful and help was readily available.			

<p>What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your evaluation of your host schools international staff or office?</p>	<p>The international office was happy to help with any of our problems whether it be school or questions about Japan in general.</p>
<p>Orientation and Assistance (cont'd)</p>	
<p>How was new student orientation at the host university? How did it suit your needs?</p>	<p>The orientation really helped the students ease into Japan and made the process of adjusting to living in Japan smoother.</p>
<p>What was it like to adjust to the culture of your exchange site? Were there people and resources available for you to talk to about what you were experiencing?</p>	<p>The adjustment to Japan was relatively simple. The conversation partners as well as school staffs were willing to help us in anyway they can if we have any questions.</p>
<p>Housing</p>	
<p>Describe your accommodation in your host country.</p>	<p>I lived in the school dormitory.</p>
<p>How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay?</p>	<p>We were able to move in a week before term starts and could stay a week after term ends for free. Subsequent days would be charged with a renting fee.</p>
<p>How comfortable were you with your accommodation?</p>	<p>I had no problems with my accommodations.</p>
<p>Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?</p>	<p>There was a meal plan available in the dorm but I decided to cook my own meals instead. There were kitchens available for the students.</p>
<p>How close was your accommodation to where you studied?</p>	<p>The school was a five min walk away.</p>
<p>Academics & Course Registration</p>	
<p>Please describe the registration process at your host institution.</p>	<p>Registration was done before going to Japan and there are follow ups upon arrival. The registration process explained</p>



What assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	in detail and we were walked step by step through the entire process.
What advice would you offer to another exchange student about registration at your host institution?	Student must be prepared to have to changed their schedule often due to the Japanese courses not matching students Japanese abilities.
What course load would you recommend for future students? Are there particular courses would you recommend?	Anywhere around 16 credits would be a good course load, around seven courses.
Academics & Course Registration (cont'd)	
How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	I am satisfied with the amount of knowledge and skill I obtained from Japan.
How did the style of teaching compare to Canada? How did the workload compare to Canada?	The workload was not as heavy and the teachers are more involved in our learning process.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	I took six courses.
If applicable, what impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	The language barrier had little impact on my learning.
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	The equipment's at the facility was decent although the library had a limited collection.
Cost	
Books and Supplies/per term:	80\$
Flight:	1200\$
Accommodation/per month:	180\$
Meals/per month:	300\$

Local transportation/per month:	30\$
Health insurance/per term:	0
Communication (internet, phone, etc.) – per term	0
Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.)	0
Vaccinations:	0
Personal spending (entertainment and extra travel) – per term	2000\$
Were there unexpected costs you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than expected?	The utilities were more expensive than I expected and costed about 60 dollars a month.
Extra-Curricular & Social Activities	
How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities available at your host site?	There weren't many opportunities in terms of extra-curricular activities.
What type of organized activities were available to you? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future students?	There were movie nights, cafes, and school festivals although extra-curricular activities are limited. Joining a student association would be recommended for students wishing to have more interaction with students from various cultures.
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer? Did you require special permits to do this?	A special permit was required but it's not hard to obtain. There were many opportunities for work and volunteer.
Health and Safety	
Did you feel safe in your host country?	Yes
Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience.	N/A
Personal and Cultural Connections	
How successful were you at making friends with local	I made some friends with local people and students although most students usually keep to their own social group.

(not international) people and students?	
How did you find it adjusting to the culture of your host site?	I didn't have any problem adjusting to the culture.
What, if any, cultural differences did you find particularly challenging?	There weren't any notable difficulties.
What part(s) of the culture did you most appreciate?	The many festivals and celebrations, like new years.
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	Most of the locals, university staffs, and students were friendly and was willing to help me with any questions I had.
As far as you could tell, how easy would it be for students with disabilities to study at your partner university?	Student with disabilities may have trouble studying at the university.
As far as you could tell, for students who are visible minorities in your host country?	They'll have little trouble studying here.
For students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered?	They'll have little trouble studying here.
Overall	
What are five important things other students should know before going to your host country/region?	
1. It rains quite often in Nagasaki so be prepared.	
2. Food can be really expensive, especially meat.	
3. Japanese people don't usually shake hands and it may be considered rude by some.	
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What are ten important things you would tell another student who is going to your host facility/ agency?	
1.	There are limited school clubs.
2.	The facility is not very handicap friendly.
3.	In the dorms, electric appliances, like fridges, can be rented.
4.	The staffs are not very fluent in English so some Japanese is recommended.
5.	Other than the Japanese language courses, classes are generally taught in English.
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What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience?	Improvement of my Japanese.
What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad?	N/A
How has your perspective changed as a result of your study abroad experience?	I feel more open minded and more sociable than before.
What else do you want to add out your study abroad experience?	N/A