



Student Exchange Program

International Student Services

Student Information

Faculty at UVic	Humanities
Major/Minor	Applied Linguistics/ Japanese Studies
Host University	Konan University
Host Country	Japan
Dates of Exchange	September 5- May 31

Exchange Final Report

Please Rate your Overall Exchange Experience

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I rate it a 4.

Overall Exchange Experience

What was the most rewarding part of your exchange experience? Please outline any highlights.

Staying with a host family

Travel

What was the greatest challenge during your exchange?

My health was the greatest challenge because I lived a half an hour walk away from school and I had difficulties with my legs during the second semester and frequently had to take taxis home from school.

Cost of air travel	\$1500
Cost of ground transportation (ex.	\$600 for train pass to and from school and an additional \$100-200/month to go other places.

monthly bus pass)

Did host university representatives meet you at the airport?

yes

Is there easy transportation between the airport and university?

Yes but it costs \$23 and takes almost 2 hours by train and you have to transfer trains which can be confusing at first.

Orientation

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival?

Yes there is.

How easy was it to find the info you needed to know upon arrival?

It was easy because I received emails outlining the process.

There was a representative from the school, who took me to a hotel for the first night.

What assistance did you receive from your host institution upon arrival?

Is on-campus accommodation available? There are dorms but they are not on-campus.

Accommodation

If yes, did you live on campus?

Would you recommend this to future students?

I recommend to stay with a host family because the dorms have a 10pm curfew.

If you lived off-campus, how did you find housing?

I received an amazing host family and loved the place that I stayed in.

Approximately how much money would you budget per month for living, including accommodation and

\$1000 at least. Whenever people want to go out for food and hang out it costs you at least \$40.

Language Programs

meals?

Is there a language program available either before or during the semester?

Yes

Is there an additional cost for the language training?

No

Academics

Was it possible for you to get all the courses that you wanted?

Yes

I received an email with the preregistration and filled it out and sent it back in. Then received another email once the courses started to fill out again with my final decision on which afternoon courses I would be taking.

Please describe the course registration process

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university

The Japan Studies courses have okay teachers but assign a lot of work for a program that is focused on language teaching. The Japanese language teachers that I had were amazing and would get back your work extremely fast and cared a lot about the students.

What do you feel is the greatest academic benefit you have gained personally from your exchange?

The level of Japanese that I have been able to learn.

Personal and Cultural Connections

How easy was it to adjust to the local culture? What (if any) cultural differences did you find particularly

The cultural difference that I noticed the most was around drinking culture and street safety. I appreciated how organized everything is and how polite the people are.

challenging? What parts of the culture did you most appreciate?

What kinds of cultural, athletic and social activities were available for students at your host institution?

For year long students there were a bunch of different clubs that you were able to join. I personally joined Japanese tea ceremony club and Japanese drumming club. There was also the opportunity to join gym classes like volleyball.

