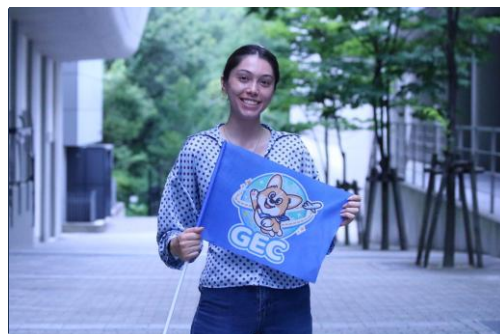


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1. Why did you decide to come study in Japan and choose Chukyo University?

I decided to study abroad in Japan because I have always been interested in the culture and language. So, when I entered university, I got the opportunity to learn another language and thought “why not Japanese”. From there I learned so much not just about the language but the culture as well so when I got the opportunity to study abroad arose, I took it. I specifically decided to study at Chukyo university because of all the opportunities they offered such as the ELTE and the Global talk hour.

2. How do you think you have matured through your studies at Chukyo? Please share your experiences, events, or feelings while studying at Chukyo University.

During my time at Chukyo University I’ve grown tremendously both academically and personally. I’ve become more open minded, adventurous, and more willing to step into situations outside my comfort zone. Japan pushed me to embrace the unfamiliar and in doing so, I discovered a more confident side of myself where the unknown became a new normal. I will leave Japan as a stronger, more curious, and more resilient version of myself.

3. How do you hope to make use of this experience in the future?

From my experiences here I’m returning to my university with renewed motivation to continue my studies, especially in Japanese. My time in Japan has given me a clearer idea of the career path I want to pursue. I plan to apply to the JET program, and I hope to return for a master’s degree. What once felt out of reach now feels possible. Japan taught me that growth often begins at the edge of uncertainty and I intend to keep embracing that lesson wherever I go by seeking discomfort.

4. Finally, please give a message to juniors who are considering studying at Chukyo University in the future.

If you have the chance to study abroad, take it! It’s a wonderful experience that teaches you so much about Japan, the world, and yourself, things you simply can’t learn from the internet or by staying in your home country. You will meet so many amazing people and create long lasting friendships! It may be a bit daunting at first but being here, living daily life, and experiencing everything firsthand is truly an unforgettable experience that you definitely won’t regret!

