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(Sep. 2025 - Aug. 2026)

University of Oldenburg



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

Since I was a child, anime and Japanese music sparked my interest in Japan and inspired me to learn the language. At the University of Oldenburg, I began studying Japanese as a hobby with a friend who later studied abroad in Sendai. After hearing about his experience, I wanted to study in Japan too. As a partner university of Oldenburg, Chukyo was the perfect choice. Although it does not offer courses in my major, I enjoyed its classes, improved my Japanese, and explored Japan from Nagoya.

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.

My exchange at Chukyo University exceeded all my expectations. I greatly improved my English and Japanese while learning about Japanese and many other cultures through friends from all over the world. I built meaningful connections and made some of the best friends I have ever had. Outside of university, I explored Japan, traveled to amazing places, and enjoyed incredible food. Looking back, this exchange was one of the best decisions I have ever made and gave me memories for a lifetime.

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

This experience made me more open-minded, confident, and independent. Living alone in Japan and overcoming language, communication, and cultural challenges taught me to adapt and step outside my comfort zone. Meeting both Japanese and international students broadened my perspective and improved my intercultural skills. I hope to continue learning Japanese, stay in touch with the friends I made, and use these experiences in my future career.

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

Just do it! Studying abroad is an unforgettable experience that will shape your personality, broaden your perspective, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Take every opportunity to make friends with both Japanese and international students, learn the language, experience the culture, and explore Japan. Even if some experiences seem expensive, you'll never regret the memories. Most importantly, enjoy every moment as your time at Chukyo University will pass faster than you think!



ALTUNDAĞ MEHMET ZAHID

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

When I was seven, I watched The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift and became fascinated by Japan. After researching the country, I dreamed of visiting one day. In 2024, I finally traveled to Osaka, Kyoto, and Tokyo with my best friend Bartek and I fell in love with Japan. Back home, I discovered my university's new partnership with Chukyo University. After learning more about Chukyo and Nagoya, I knew it was the only University I wanted to apply for and I have never regretted that decision.

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.

I arrived in Japan feeling anxious because I didn't know what to expect. That quickly changed as I met amazing friends, explored new cities and experienced Japanese culture. I enjoyed my exchange so much that I extended it to a full year. Japan helped me step outside my comfort zone, become more confident and grow as a person. I will always be grateful to the friends who made this unforgettable experience possible.

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

I want to become a teacher, and the confidence I gained in Japan will help me throughout my career. I hope to inspire my future students to step outside their comfort zones and embrace new opportunities, just as I did. I also built lasting friendships with people from Japan and many other countries. I hope to stay connected with them and continue strengthening these international friendships in the future.

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

During my time at Chukyo University, I met some of the kindest and sweetest people I have ever known. We shared countless fun and memorable experiences and the university itself offers so many opportunities for its students. Anyone who chooses to study at Chukyo University will not regret it - I can promise you that!



GRUNDMANN LUKAS

(Sep. 2025 - Feb. 2026)

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

Always wanted to see Japan as it feels like its culturally close to Germany. Chukyo was an easy choice because of the focus on Sports!

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.

I had the chance to meet great people from all over the world & improved my English-speaking skills a lot. Also, you're gaining a lot confidence in managing new situations.

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

The experiences from the semester abroad will help in cross-cultural interactions!

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

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