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

I got interested in things related to Japan, such as anime, music and culture in general. As I started studying Japanese language, the best thing to do to improve my language and social skills was coming to this country itself and experiencing living here. I chose Chukyo University because I saw that it offered a lot of help and support to the exchange students; it has a lot of great programs and activities to do, and also because Nagoya is a convenient city and it has not many tourists.

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.

When I first arrived here, I was scared of going to any place where I had to interact with Japanese people. I was scared they will ask me questions I don't understand or don't know how to answer. Right now, I overcame this fear and I know that they will try to help me and solve any problem I have. Moreover, I feel much more confident with myself and my ability to speak in public has increased, as I met a lot of people here and got to speak in big groups.

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

I plan to utilize this experience for my future career and life, as I want to come back and work in Japan. In fact, this made me realize that I feel confident and comfortable in living in this country, and that I can adapt easily to every situation I encounter here. Moreover, every moment of the study abroad period is memorable and I will cherish it forever, along with the beautiful people that I met here.

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

Studying abroad might be very scary: going to a country you don't know, very far from your own, with people you don't know. However, always remember that you will not be alone in this journey. At Chukyo University, you will find people that are just like you, get to overcome difficult situations together and build beautiful intercultural relationships. You will have another place to call "home", even if so far from your own.



CATALISANO, GIORGIA

(Apr. 2025 - Aug. 2025)

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

Going to Japan was one of my biggest dreams since I was in middle school. I decided to study here in Japan because I wanted to reach that dream and immerse myself in the Japanese culture. I chose Chukyo University because I really liked the environment and the University itself. Also, Nagoya is a good place for those who love to travel around.

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.

The pre-departure and the first month in Japan were a bit difficult. I was very afraid of living this experience alone without being able to make friends. After a while, however, I managed to integrate into the university environment. There, I met several people with whom I lived and I am still living many experiences.

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

I still don't know how to use this experience, but I know that I will always keep it in my heart. This opportunity gave me so much and taught me many things. I also had the chance to meet great people here.

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

Work hard, but remember to always prioritise yourself. Don't let your thoughts ruin your days and learn little by little to get out of your comfort zone!



LENTI, Roberta

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

As my major is Japanese, I wanted to improve my Japanese skills and visit Japan. My home university organised a conference with Chukyo University in december 2022 and I was amazed by all the activities, so I decided to apply for it and fortunately I was able to get in!

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.

This is surely the most beautiful experience I've ever had in my life. My life during these months was filled with happiness and joy, I'm so lucky to have met a lot of amazing people in Chukyo. Also the GEC staff was really helpful during all the organisation of my stay, and I would like to thank you all for that. I'm so glad I've been able to spend this experience in such a beautiful place surrounded by wonderful people, it's really sad that I can't stay longer but I can't wait to be back as soon as possible.

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

Before coming to Japan, I wasn't confident at all with my Japanese skills. After coming here, not even after a month I could already feel that I was confident enough to have Japanese conversations alone. The students really helped me a lot in gaining confidence and learning a lot of things. Now I'm even more convinced that this is the right path for me!

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

Absolutely recommended! All the GEC staff really help you a lot with every step, from forms before coming to Japan, to going to the ward office to complete all of the work that has to be done. Also you will never be bored as there's always something fun and a lot of events to do! You won't regret coming here.

