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Earning the Language Immersion Badge:



During my time in Japan, I greatly improved my language skills by being immersed in the culture and language. I communicated with other students in both English and Japanese. Many of the Japanese students at the college were learning English while I was learning

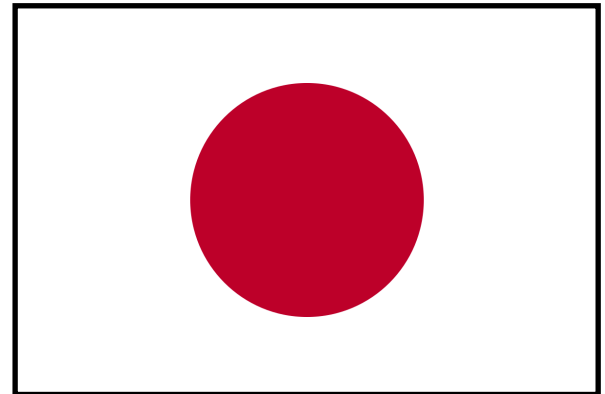
Japanese. This allowed us to help each other study and improve our skills in the other's native language. It was very interesting and made learning fun because we were able to connect with each other as we studied. While on the program, I was learning every second of every day but I didn't really feel like I was working because I was enjoying myself. Even just simple things like going shopping or going out to eat were a learning experience and an opportunity to improve my language skills. I had never experienced something like that before because this was my first time visiting somewhere outside of America. I felt like I spoke more English than I should have, but when I returned and continued to communicate with friends I had made, I realized I had very much improved my understanding of Japanese without even realizing. While the Japanese class helped a lot, I think that the real-world experiences were far more valuable and useful. It was an experience I'll never forget.

Transferable Skills:



I have kept up with friends I made in Japan, which allows me to continue practicing my Japanese skills. I didn't make as much progress in my language abilities as I thought I might, so I'm glad that I can continue to learn and improve. I think I also improved my communication abilities in general, which has

helped me better connect with other students in my same major and in my classes this semester. I have been able to connect and share my experiences with other students who went abroad, even if they went to a different place than I did, which has been a very interesting and valuable experience.



“Even the smallest of things can be a learning experience. Appreciate every opportunity you have to meet new people and experience new things. You never know what you might learn and discover.”