

HUSA (Hiroshima University Study Abroad) Program Report

/Date 2020 1 18 (YYYY/MM/DD)	
Name of Program	HUSA USAC UMAP
Host University	University of Modena and Reggio Emilia /Country Italy
School/Graduate School at Host	
Status at Host University	Exchange student (ex. Exchange Student, Special Auditing Student)
Period of Program	2019 8 27 2019 12 19 (YYYY/MM/DD) (YYYY/MM/DD)

/ Preparation for the Program

Purpose of Study / Reason of Host Choice	I wanted to learn different culture in a different environment, especially for the people like me who majors "global studies". Additionally, there was a class that was talking about the relationship between social media and intercultural communication. Which it intrigues me a lot, in turn, becomes one of the reasons why I've chosen this university.
Commencement of Preparation for Application	I've been prepared for the study abroad application ever since I entered Hiroshima University, which was 2 years ago.
Preparation Completed Prior to Study Abroad	I brought my small laptop to abroad which was great, because the assignments of the classes were mostly report, presentation that requires you to type.

2 / Visa and Flight Information

Visa	/ Visa Type Student	
	/ Location of Visa Application Osaka	
	/ Required Documents Passport, permissions from both ends of the school, bank account statement.	
	/ Duration of Visa Application Process: About 20 days	
Other Required Procedures	None	
/ Date of Departure	2019 8 26 (YYYY/MM/DD)	
/ Route (Outward)	Taipei<Beijing<Milan	
Pick-up Service	/Yes /Univ. Staff /Others /No	
Orientation, Period, Contents	/Yes	/Period 2019.8.28 - 2019.8.31
	/No	(If Yes) / Indicate Content Covered during Orientation
/ Date of Return	2020 1 16 (YYYY/MM/DD)	
/ Route (Return)	Barcelona<Dubai<Tokyo	

3 / Expenses				
/ Expenses	Total Amount	116,000+(35,000+60,000+2,000+10,000) x12		/yen
	Details	/ Flight Ticket (Round Trip)	90,000	/yen
		/ Visa Application Charge	5,000	/yen
		/ Immunization Charge	0	/yen
		/ Travel Insurance	18,000	/yen
		/ Learning Material (Extra Tuition Fee)	3,000	/yen
		/ Accommodation Fee	35,000 per month	/yen
		/ Utility Cost	0	/yen
		/ Meal Cost	60,000per	/yen
		/ Internet, Phone	2,000per	/yen
		/ Transportation (Accommodation ~ Univ, Campus)	0	/yen
		/ Social Expenses	10,000per	/yen
		/ Others		/yen
		4 / Courses and Study		
/ Brief Description of Courses (Curriculum, Program, Registered Courses, Study Hours, Course Style)		<p>I had to decide what classes do I want to take prior to the program application, and send out my class registration with my program application.</p> <p>Most of the class lasts 150minutes.</p> <p>It was mandatory to take Italian language class for half a semester.</p>		
/ Credit Transfer from Host to Home University		/Yes /No		
/ Advice for Class and Study (Before and During Study Abroad)		<p>The grading system was very strict, it specifically requires you to do well in many different areas, such as the finals were not only about the exam, but the assignments, presentations etc. combined, and the finals were not be more than 50% of the overall grade. Meaning unlike the majority of the class in Japan that requires you to only attend the class and do well in the final then you can get a grade, you will have to work hard all the way from the mid-term to the final in order to even get a grade, since even if you have a perfect score in the final, that's only the 50% of the overall grade.</p> <p>I think it will be a challenge for Japanese students, because unlike most of the In Japan that is quite passive, the class requires you to take part of the</p>		
/ Difficulties and Challenges Faced in Classes Different from Japan (Teaching Style, Relationship with Professors/Lecturers)				

5 / Lifestyle				
/ Accommodation				
Type of Accommodation	/ University Dormitory / Apartment / Others			
Size of the Room	/approximately	Roommate(s)? YES	/ Yes 3 /People / No	
Facilities in Accommodation	/ Electricity / Gas / Water / Hot Water / Shower / Bathtub / Flushable Toilet / Heating / Cooling / Kitchen / Dining Room / Land-Line Phone / Internet / Others			
Accommodation Fee	/ per month (/ local currency)	/ approximately	350 EURO	35000 /yen
Accommodation Advice				
/ Medical Care				
Insurance (Who Designated)	/ Hiroshima University / Host University / Others Home Country			
Insurance Coverage	/ Coverage / Death 50000000 / yen, 1 / per day of Hospitalization 30000 / yen / Others			
Immunization Requirement	/ Yes /Acquired Immunizations , / Location of Immunization / No			
Difference in Medical Service (Compared to Japan)	I've not gone to one.			
Healthcare and Hygiene	Make sure to eat.			
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/ Dangerous Situations and Locations Encountered, Possible Advice for Risk Management				

6	/ Available Resources (Library, Cafeteria, Campus Wi-Fi, etc.)
There is not really a “campus”, but rather just a building.	
7	/ Communication with Local Students and People (Available Opportunities?)
USAC tried to organize us some event to interact with local students, but overall, there weren't many opportunities to interact with locals, unless you go party.	
8	/ Care and Attention regarding Customs and Manners
When you are out in a restaurant, you cannot bring your own drink, it is considered as disrespectful, so people usually order water in restaurants. Tip in the restaurant is not necessary though, they accept it.	
9	/ What Should You Bring? What Should You NOT Bring?
Bring what your own thing with common sense.	
10	/ Other Useful Information and Advice about Life Abroad
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a program for Americans to study abroad, everything is explained in a way that makes American easy to understand, unlike other exchange program that is already used to the students from all over the world including Japan, which they will have the knowledge to handle your problem, so in this program, you may have to handle the problem yourself, since they typically only deal with Americans. 2. Unless you are very confident in your English, especially speaking skills, I will not recommend you to take this program, because unlike the typical exchange program, you are studying with other foreign students who's a non-native speaker of the country, it may be easier for you to feel “fit-in” due to there are some other students just like you. And teacher may have more empathy towards you regarding your English during the class. Although, technically I was studying with only non-native speakers in Italy, due to the fact that this is an American program, rather than Italian standard, everything is more in an American standard such as assignment presentation etc. In class, you are expected to speak up quite frequently, and you will have to work with others, you may be quite difficult if you English is not proficient enough. Also, you may have a hard time to make friends, too. 3. I will not recommend this program, if you are looking for “the study abroad” experience in Italy, since this program is designed for the American students to get a taste of Italian culture, as oppose to entirely immerse into the environment. 	

6 / Your Career After Study Abroad	
Expected Graduation Month and Year	2021 / year 3 / month / Expected Month and Year before Studying Abroad 2021 / year 3 / month
Reason for Extension of Graduation Month and Year?	/ Participation in HUSA during 4th Year / Amount of Credits / In order to graduate as a “new” graduate / Others / Specific reason:
Current Situation, Plan and Career	I am planning to find an internship opportunity in an international company in Japan.
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Pre-arrangement by yourself for your future job hunting, acquisition of credits of required courses and practicum, etc.	
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7 / Useful Books and Website for Study and Life Abroad

URL

Name of Book or Website

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/ Feedback (English about 600 words)

1. / Please describe and evaluate your study abroad experience briefly.

The overall study abroad was very fulfilling both on and off the campus. It was quite challenging for me on the academic part, due to the fact that the program adopts an American standard, they expect you to turn in the assignment in English in a high level. As oppose to you studying with other students who's also a none native English speaker, which makes teacher has more understanding that the students may not be able to express their opinion as free as a native. Thus, I had to step up and express my academic opinion during classes. Additionally, the classes required lots of presentation, which was also quite challenging. Meanwhile, when I was off from the class, I was able to hang out with the friends that I met there, go visiting places and experience the culture.

2. / What was the most impressive experience in your study abroad experience?

It was definitely the social life that had there, because of the fact that there were all Americans in the program, specifically 44 of them, and I was the only person who's not from the U.S. I was able to experience in depth of their culture, learning lots of stuff that I wouldn't have known otherwise. Moreover, I made some really close friends that travels together during weekend, which makes my off campus life very fulfilling.

3. / What is your achievement through the study abroad experience?

Academically, I believe that I became more expressive than before when it comes to in class discussion. Also, due to the constant presentation in class, my presentation skills have grown over the course. In addition, because of all the blogs that I was asked to write, I believe that my English writing skill has gotten better than before.

4. / How do you want to make use of your study abroad experience in the future including your career?

This study abroad experience motivates me to be improving my communication skills. It is getting more and more globalized, I figure it is crucial to have the multicultural understanding, and knowing how to communication with people in general. On top of that, for the future career, regardless of what I will do, it is inevitable to cooperate with



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