

Report of the program activities (during the program)

Date of reporting	Year 2019 month November day 24 th
Host University	Ca' Foscari University
Department you belonging to at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/> I belong to a specific department(Please fill out the following information) ※ Name of the department: I do not belong to any specific department and taking the classes of various majors. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Duration of the exchange program	Year 2019 month September to year 2020 month June
Department you belong to at Meiji University	School of Law Major(field of study)Law / Graduate school of _____ Major _____
Year (before departure)	Undergraduate: year 3rd / Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate year

I. How did you find the information to prepare for your departure? Please report and give some advises for future exchange students going abroad on what they need to know and be informed.

The records from seniors were very useful for the whole process. I also found some forums and chatting groups and got the latest information of daily life in Venice. Basically you can buy everything you need here in the market so there's no need to take too many things. It would be better to departure at least a few days earlier to get used to the city and prepare for the procedures.

II -1. Preparing before going exchange program (About VISA)

Type:D	Where to apply: The Embassy of Italy in Tokyo
How long did it take to get a VISA: 2 weeks	Cost: 50 euro

What kinds of documents were required to submit to apply for VISA? How did you prepare those documents?

1) application form 2) passport 3) Residence certificate issued by applicant's local ward 4) 1 x colour, white background, recent passport-size photo 5) original acceptance letter or certificate of enrollment from the school or university in Italy 6) Health Insurance to cover your entire period of study in Italy 7) proof of financial means to cover the cost of the intended stay 8) proof of accommodation in Italy.

Please report on the details of applying process.

Go to the embassy according to the reservation time, ring the bell on the gate to get inside and leave electronics in the locker. The guard will check your passport and give you a number tag. I booked in early morning so didn't wait too long time, the staff checked every of my documents right there and told me to claim 2 weeks later.

If you took any interview at the Embassy, please report on the details of the questions you were asked.

No interview was required

Were there any difficulties or notices to take the VISA?

It is mandatory to book the date of application on the online appointment booking system, and there was only limited positions everyday especially during summer time, so it would be better to book as early as possible.

II -2. Preparation before departing for exchange program (Other topics)

Please report on any other necessary preparation before your departure.

There are always some places don't accept credit card and the commission fee is high so I prepared some cash before departure. Don't forget to unlock the cellphone for sim card and make sure there is enough baggage allowance when purchase the flight ticket.

Ⅲ. After Arrival

1. Arrival Information

Airline	Hainan Airlines				
How to purchase air ticket	Compared the price on skyscanner and purchased on Ctrip eventually ※利用した旅行社・旅行サイト、格安航空券情報等があれば記入して下さい。				
Arrival airport	MARCO POLO AIRPORT	Arrival time	14:40		
How to get to the campus	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of host university	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of your friend	Public transportation (Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Train)	<input type="checkbox"/> taxi	<input type="checkbox"/> other
How long did it take from the airport to the campus?	7 mins on foot from airport to water bus station, 39 mins on bus and 1 min walk after getting off.				

Are there any important points to get to the campus? Please inform on the cost of taxi or any transportations.

The campus is right next to a station on the north side on island so it was extremely easy to get to. The water bus costs 15 euro.

Arrival date	Month 9 date 11 time
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2. Housing

Did you check-in soon after arriving?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If your answer is "No": The date you checked-in was... month day
Type of housing	Dormitory <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
Type of the room	<input type="checkbox"/> Alone two persons <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
Room mates	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Student International Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
How to find the accommodation	Recommendation from host university <input type="checkbox"/> by yourself <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
Details of the application	The housing office of university sent me a form to fill in with what kind of accommodation I was expecting back April. The offer would be send around May or June, there's only one offer you can get according to the form, so take it or refuse and the housing office would arrange you other choices or send you the link of the housing agency that works with them.	

Have you decided your accommodation before departure or after arriving easily? Were there any troubles to find it?

The accommodation I was given was a school residence, located on the island and easy to issue the documents for visa so I decided to choose it immediately.

3. Orientation

Was there any orientation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date	September 6 th , 12 th , 13 th
Was it mandatory to attend?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
Did it cost any?	No. It's free of charge. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes(Cost:)
Contents (details)	Introduction of university, departments and guidance for international students. A welcome unit with student card, resident documents and guidebook inside is required to be claimed. Walking tour of campuses and welcome party follow after.
Was there any special guidance arranged for exchange students?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
Date of beginning of the class	Month September day 16 th

IV. Other process to be completed after arriving

1. Was it necessary to get any permission of staying after arriving? If yes, where, report on when, and how to apply for a permission? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

It was necessary to get permission of staying. Fill out the envelope inside the welcome unit, take it to post office with photos, money and passport. The envelope was confusing but the university will have the guidance about how to filling it. The post office would tell you the date to go to police office for the next procedure and mine is on February so I don't know what will happen later. The rule says that you have to submit in 8 days after arrival but it actually doesn't matter so just submit it when you are ready.

2. Were there any other procedures you completed after arriving? (E.g. medical checkup, inoculation and etc.) If yes, report on where, when, and how did you complete them? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

I have bought the insurance that covered the whole exchange period so there was no other procedure.

3. Did you open any bank account abroad? How did you open it and what kinds of documents were required to apply? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

The Ca' Foscari student card could be used as prepaid bank card as well but the account needs to be opened at bank. I heard some documents are required to do so and most of bank staffs don't speak much English, and I've got mine before departure so I didn't do that.

4. Did you purchase any cellphone? How did you open it and what kinds of documents were required to purchase it? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

No. I unlocked the cellphone in Japan and installed Italian sim card inside after arrival. Only passport was required and it was 10 euro every month. Sim card could be validated in 30 mins.

V. Course registration and classes

1. When and how did you register your courses?

Before departure (approximate date: month day)

Online Filling out an application form Not allowed to register other()

After arriving (approximate date: around month day)

Online With support by International office at the host university

Not allowed to register other()

Was there any priority as an exchange student?

Yes

No

If your answer is Yes, please report on the details.

There are SIE(School for International Education) courses all taught in English and exclusive for exchange students.

If your answer is No, how did you register your classes?

If you had registered the courses before departure, could you change or add any classes after arriving? Could you register all the classes which you wished to attend?

The SIE courses could be withdrawn before August 30th and all the other courses could be changed or added before October 14th. All the courses in university are open to exchange students.

VI. Weekly Schedule (Please enter your daily life such as class, activities, and self studies.)							
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:00	wake up	wake up	wake up	wake up	sleep	sleep	sleep
8:00	dressing	dressing	dressing	dressing	sleep	sleep	sleep
9:00	class	class	class	class	Wake up	Wake up	Wake up
10:00	class	class	class	class	University activity	breakfast	breakfast
11:00	class	lunch	class	lunch	University activity	cleaning	cleaning
12:00	class	nap	class	class	University activity	cleaning	cleaning
13:00	class	nap	class	class	University activity	cleaning	cleaning
14:00	lunch	nap	lunch	class	University activity	lunch	lunch
15:00	study	class	studying	class	University activity	Hang out	studying
16:00	study	class	studying	class	Walking around in town	Hang out	studying
17:00	Movie night	studying	studying	studying	Walking around in town	Hang out	studying
18:00	Movie night	studying	studying	studying	Walking around in town	Hang out	studying
19:00	Movie night	studying	studying	studying	Walking around in town	Hang out	studying
20:00	cooking	cooking	cooking	cooking	cooking	cooking	cooking
21:00	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner
22:00	chating	chating	chating	chating	chating	chating	chating
23:00	studying	studying	studying	studying	studying	studying	studying
24:00	sleep	sleep	sleep	sleep	sleep	sleep	sleep

VII. Feedbacks from the beginning of the program to the present

Please give us any feedbacks on the host university, your program, classes, dormitory, and your life abroad.

I took courses both in Ca' Foscari and VIU(Venice international university) which is a college that has agreement with Ca' Foscari. The VIU courses are all given in the way of seminar and the level is quite high and challenging and Ca' Foscari courses are mostly given in the way of lecture and much easier. Since all the courses are open to exchange students, it is easy to find interesting class and I think I'm satisfied so far. I'm living in a dorm with most of Italian students study Japanese, they are very friendly and their English are very fluent as well. The life in Venice is quite expensive than most of places in Europe, but walking to university through water town every day is definitely an unique experience that you cannot get in other places. Most of Italian don't speak much English but Venice might be an exception so there won't be too hard to live here even without speaking Italian.

Please give some advice to the students who are willing to study abroad at the same host university in the future.

The university has a very pellucid guide for the exchange students due to the big number of exchange students there every year. The office always replies email very quickly and offers a lot of help to make things easier. Ca' Foscari is famous for Asian language and culture studies, which I didn't expect before coming here but that actually makes it easier to learn something throughout courses or life there. And I suppose that is just what most of people are expecting for exchange study so in my opinion Ca' Foscari is a good destination to choose.