

Report of the program activities (during the program)

Date of reporting	year 2018 month 12 day 10
Host University	California State University, Long Beach
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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 2018 month 8 to year 2018 month 12
Department you belong to at Meiji University	School of Global Japanese Studies Major(field of study)_____ / Graduate school of _____ Major_____
Year (before departure)	Undergraduate: year 3 / 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.

I kept on contacting some students who used to study at the same university as me and gathered information such as classes, housing and something useful from them. Based on my experience, it is important to prepare for those things as soon as possible, and if you find something unclear or that you don't know about the program, you'd better to ask officers at your host university by e-mail.

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

Type: F-1	Where to apply: American embassy
How long did it take to get a VISA: 1 week (How long did it take from the application to the acquisition of your VISA?)	Cost: 35 thousand yen
What kinds of documents were required to submit to apply for VISA? How did you prepare those documents?	
The copy of passport, residence card, admission certificate, school certificate	
Please report on the details of applying process.	
I entrusted the application to one of the travel agency.	
If you took any interview at the Embassy, please report on the details of the questions you were asked.	
Why do you come to U.S.? What do you study there? Who will pay for the tuition?	
Were there any difficulties or notices to take the VISA?	
If you are not Japanese, you should prepare more documents to apply for VISA than Japanese, so make sure what kinds of them are required.	

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

Please report on any other necessary preparation before your departure. (E.g. Preparation of money, purchasing a cellphone, shipments of your commodities, and etc.)

To make sure where to purchase SIM card in the cheapest way, if you get it at the airport, it'll cost more expensive than at the shopping mall.

Ⅲ. After Arrival

1. Arrival Information

Airline	Singapore Airlines				
How to purchase air ticket	Expedia ※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	LAX	Arrival time	13:25		
How to get to the campus	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of host university	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of your friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation (<input type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Train)	<input type="checkbox"/> taxi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Pick up of your relatives
How long did it take from the airport to the campus?	About 1 hour and a half with the heavy traffic				

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

No.

Arrival date month 8 date 16 time 18:00

2. Housing

Did you check-in soon after arriving?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If your answer is "No": The date you checked-in was... month 8 day 20
Type of housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
Type of the room	<input type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> two persons <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Living room)	
Room mates	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Student <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
How to find the accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation from host university <input type="checkbox"/> by yourself <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Recommendation from my relatives)	
Details of the application	My relatives knew the person who worked in the real estate industry, so she introduced the apartment to me.	

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

I managed to find the place to live in after arriving and it took really hard time to find it because it was too late to look for somewhere available.

3. Orientation

Was there any orientation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date	8/21-24
Was it mandatory to attend?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did it cost any?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. It's free of charge. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes(Cost:)
Contents (details)	How to register the courses, the schedule, housing, notifications about documents
Was there any special guidance arranged for exchange students?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date of beginning of the class	month 8 day 27

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?

No.

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?

No.

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?

Yes, I went to the bank to apply for setting up my bank account. When applying, ID (like passport) was required and they needed the information such as my phone number, current address in US. I could open my bank account on that day.

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.

V. Course registration and classes

1. When and how did you register your courses?

Before departure (approximate date: month 7 day 20)

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.

Some classes offered more seats for Study Abroad students rather than the other students from US.

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?

Yes, I could change or add any classes up to 4. If more than 4, extra fee should be paid. Some classes didn't open for the students who didn't meet the requirement.

VI. Weekly Schedule (Please enter your daily life such as class, activities, and self studies.)							
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:00							
8:00							
9:00							
10:00							
11:00			Class				
12:00		Class	Class	Class			
13:00							
14:00							
15:00		Class		Class			
16:00		Class	Class	Class			
17:00	Meeting		Class				
18:00			Class		Meeting		
19:00							
20:00							
21:00							
22:00							
23:00							
24:00							

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.

The university is located by the seaside and close to the downtown, which is great. There are various departments and opportunities for education and I'm sure you can find the subject you really get interested in or want to learn the most, if you don't because I'm the one of them. Also, try to participate in the other club activities not just focus on your study, and you can get to know many people which makes your life abroad more enjoyable.

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

Don't do everything by yourself, know how to ask for help and trust people around you. And you'd better to research what the university could be like in advance.