

# JAPN420:Maxamizing Study Abroad Experience

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# Okayama University

- City
- Near Cultural Places
- Many Culture Courses
- Good Language Classes





# Courses

## Japanese Courses:

- Japanese 2,3
- Kanji
- Reading and writing

## Culture Courses:

- EPOK Project
- Study of Okayama
- Family and Gender in Contemporary Japan
- Japanese Cuisine



# Goals to Accomplish

## **My Long Term Goals:**

-To learn more about the historical and modern culture, become more proficient in the language, join a club on campus, and make lifetime bonds and friendships with the people I meet.

## **My Short Term Goals:**

-To visit Tokyo Disney, experience a tea ceremony, visit a noodle shop and try as many new foods as possible, visit historical sites and temples.



# Links

Journal

<https://jordynsjourneytojapan.weebly.com/blog>

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# Learning and Culture Strategies

## Learning Strategies:

- Attend out-of-class events where the new language is spoken.
- Group words according to parts of speech (e.g., nouns, verbs).
- Find a different way to express the idea when I don't know the correct expression

## Culture Strategies:

- Consider ways in which different cultures might view things in different ways
- Learn about the ways in which people in my host country use nonverbal communication.
- Keep reasonable expectations of my ability to adjust to the new culture



# **Before Going to Japan**

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