

A Second-Time Study Abroad Adventure

Exchange Semester Experience Spring2026

**Duale Hochschule Baden-Wuerttemberg
Karlsruhe, DHBW Karlsruhe, Germany**

Overall I had a great experience and I was very happy to be back in Japan. Other students might write a lot about their first experiences in Japan or abroad. For me it was my second time here, so my experience might be a little bit different from everyone else. I am currently doing my second bachelor degree, and during my first degree I spent 1 year in Kodaira, Tokyo. Due to my experience with Japanese culture and language I spent most of my time meeting my friends from 6 years ago. But that didn't stop me also participating in some of the YNU events, clubs, classes and meeting new friends both Japanese and from all around the world.

While the start and preparation to go abroad again was rough, and with me being a student in the German dual bachelor system some things worked different than for others, I can still highly recommend going abroad and experience everything Yokohama and Japan has to offer.

I personally spent most of my free time either with friends in Yokohama and Tokyo. Others spend most of their time traveling or eating all the delicious food they could find. Japan is a country where every hobby or interest you have you can experience to the fullest.

People have different circumstances and preferences when it comes to living their lives, so I can't say more than do whatever you enjoy.

I liked my time in Japan enough both times, to try and work in Japan in the future. If you have the same goal, enjoy your time and have fun doing that. I recommend focusing on the language and cultural aspects especially and YNU did a good job at that.

I recommend going abroad at least once in your lives, and Japan and Yokohama is a great place to do that!

With kind regards,