

My Experience in the JOY Program at Yokohama National University

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I'm grateful to have been able to take the JOY Program at Yokohama National University. This program offers a wide range of courses that allow you to learn about different aspects of Japan, such as economics, politics, and society. In addition, the Japanese language courses are very enriching. I managed to learn a lot of Japanese in just one year.

The campus is impressive, and you can join clubs. They also organize activities to experience Japanese culture, which is very enriching.

Yokohama is the perfect mix of vibration and tranquility, with a beautiful harbor and different places of interest. Furthermore, being so close to Tokyo allows you to easily travel to the city.

During my stay in Japan, I had the opportunity to visit different parts of the country, discovering many new places and immersing myself in the Japanese culture and life. I was able to enjoy the beautiful lights and tall buildings of Tokyo; the vibrancy and amazing gastronomy of Osaka; the heart of traditional Japanese culture with its many temples in Kyoto; the volcanic landscapes and green fields of Kyushu; the beautiful beaches and sunrises of the Izu Peninsula; UNESCO World Heritage sites such as Nikko; the natural beauty of the Japanese Alps; I could also learn about different Japanese cultures like the Ainu in Hokkaido; and seeing the impressive and distinctive Mount Fuji up close.

I highly recommend studying at Yokohama National University and enrolling in the JOY program. It allows you to experience a different culture from the inside, learn Japanese in an immersive way and live unique experiences.