

**2021 Spring Online English-learning programs  
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**Reason for participation**

I joined The University of British Columbia's English program because it fit perfectly into my daily schedule. By that, I mean to say that I did not have to take any absences from my part-time job or skip any club activities in exchange for participating in the program. In addition, the classes were conveniently offered during Japanese morning hours.

**Classes**

This was a four-week program in which I had opportunities to read, listen, and hold discussions regarding weekly topics provided by the teachers. Thanks to this, I learned a lot, including new vocabulary, grammar, and expressions frequently used by native English speakers. I was able to gain a lot of practice using these new phrases when I talked with others in classes.

**Teachers**

The teachers are very friendly. Their bright personalities created a very warm classroom atmosphere in which students felt welcome to participate without hesitation. Thanks to this, even I, a person who frequently experiences anxiety in language-learning classes, actively participated in class without any problems. I really enjoyed the lessons.



**Student Assistants**

Student assistants helped oversee some of the classes. They helped supervise the students, particularly when we had discussions in breakout sessions.

**Classroom discussions**

During the first week, we discussed communities. More specifically, we discussed the significance of belonging to a community. The topic for the next week involved sports; we had the chance to learn about e-sports and other uncommon sports, such as bungee jumping and scuba diving.

**Guest speakers**

Many guest speakers, discussing a variety of topics, joined in on the lessons. One example of a guest speaker we had was a man who runs a training gym. He talked to the class about how much he enjoys exercising and how he finds rock climbing to be fascinating.

**Extracurricular activities**

On the final day of this course, we had an online farewell party. I prepared Japanese snacks, which I then introduced and described to the teachers.

**To those who are considering online programs**

It is very easy to join an online English-learning program. If you are interested in joining these types of programs even a little bit, I strongly recommend you take part in one.