

2021 Spring Online English-learning programs University of Leicester /UK Yuki Saito / Freshman in Faculty of Medicine

Reason for participation

I joined this program because I was not good at learning English, and I wanted to improve my English skills. I'm a big fan of Harry Potter too, so that's why I chose Leicester.

Classes

During class, I learned many expressions and phrases that British people use. The teachers did a great job explaining some of the pronunciation problems that Japanese people often experience, and I improved my pronunciation with their help.

Presentations

I gave a group presentation with some of my fellow students. We focused on education in the UK and Japan, and I found it very interesting. This was a precious opportunity for me because I rarely have chances to create and give complete presentations in Japan.

Teachers

The teachers presented students with a lot of questions to consider, and those opportunities helped me acquire the skills to make my thoughts more understood in English.

Extracurricular activity No.1

There was an online cooking class in which I was taught how to make scones. The recipe for scones was sent beforehand, and students were asked to prepare the required ingredients. I cooked the food based on my teacher's explanations. After finishing the scones, I ate them and drank black tea with my classmates. This cooking activity was very enjoyable.



Extracurricular activity No.2

In another extracurricular activity, I taught Japanese traditional paper art—otherwise known as “Origami”—to students studying at Leicester. It was very difficult to teach Origami to people who have no experienced with the art, especially because I was teaching both in English and over the internet. However, the students really enjoyed my Origami lesson, and our interactions were fun. This remains one of the most enjoyable memories from my time at Leicester.

Impressions on this program

Before joining this program, I was under the impression my English learning skills were very poor. However, this program provided me with a lot of chances to learn the language better, and through those opportunities, I gradually came to enjoy speaking English. I am certain that my decision to join this program was right one, if only because I realized how much I love speaking English now. This three-week program was a very enjoyable time for me, and it made me to want to actually visit Leicester in person. I am sure that my experience in this program will forever remain a favorite memory.

To those who are considering online programs

Online programs like this one are easy to join, especially when considering a student's finances, mental energy, and daily schedule. Although this was an online program, I was still able to experience British culture, and it increased my desire to visit Leicester. I strongly believe that joining an online program will be the first step in fulfilling your dream to study abroad.