

Voice of Students



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I studied English at the language school for two months, but I still felt that my English ability left much to be desired, and also I felt that I lacked the ability to discuss academic topics in English based on my experience in the language school. I started taking introductory Academic Skills in English courses and then moved on to more academic courses.

The classes were full of surprise and learning. As I studied alongside other international students, I was especially amazed by how they could make critical arguments that I would not have thought of. Also, this was my first experience of having a non-Japanese teacher, and the very different teaching methods complemented and expanded my thinking beyond what I had learned in my regular classes. Throughout my HGP courses, I was truly able to experience cultural differences and learned from a broad range of perspectives.



Based on my HGP experience, I participated in the International Talent Program in Spain and was given the opportunity to study at Copenhagen Business School as an exchange student. During these exchange opportunities, I made a habit of asking about things that I found curious and expressing what I thought was right—habits that I had picked up from international students in the HGP. This attitude enabled me to have meaningful discussions with other international students and resulted in very positive outcomes. I was able to cooperate effectively with other international students on our final assignment, on which we got the highest grade.

Thanks to the HGP and my subsequent international experiences, I felt confident in my intercultural competence, but at the same time, I also wanted to tackle more difficult challenges such as working in a non-English-speaking environment. So I decided to work for an international trading company.

I definitely feel that my HGP experience was my first milestone on a pathway that has broadened my future career opportunities.