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Ask Our FEP Teachers! (3)

Let's ask the teachers of the First-year English Program (FEP), an intensive English program for the first-year students at the Faculty of Global Communication (GLOCOM), about their hometowns, university majors, and reasons why they chose their current careers! In this issue, we interviewed Professor Alison Groves.

グローバル・コミュニケーション学部（グロウコム）の1年生向け英語集中プログラム First-year English Program (FEP) を担当されている先生方に、故郷や大学時代の専攻、現在のキャリアを選んだ経緯について伺いましょう。今回は、グローブス・アリソン先生にインタビューをしました。



Could you introduce your hometown? 故郷について紹介していただけませんか？

I grew up in Glenbrook, a small town in the Blue Mountains in Australia. It's located inside a national park, which is also a eucalyptus forest, so it's really green and full of birds and animals like wallabies and kangaroos. The air smells sweet because of the eucalyptus oil, and from far away, the mountains look blue from the haze. That's why it's called the Blue Mountains.

私はオーストラリアのブルーマウンテンズにあるグレンブルックという小さな町で育ちました。この町はユーカリの森でもある国立公園の中に位置しているため、緑が豊かで、鳥やワラビー、カンガルーなどの動物が多くいます。ユーカリのオイルの香りによって空気はほのかに甘く、遠くから見るとかすみの影響で山々が青く見えることから、この地域は「ブルーマウンテンズ」と呼ばれています。

What was your major in university? 大学では何を専攻されましたか？

My major was art theory, which is between art history and philosophy, basically the philosophy of art. I really loved it. I also did curatorial work and worked in art institutions, and I still stay involved with art today.

私の専攻は美術理論で、美術史と哲学の中間に位置する分野、つまり美術哲学です。私はこの分野がとても好きでした。美術機関でキュレーター（学芸員）としても働いた経験があり、今でも美術に関わっています。

What led you to choose your current career? どのように現在のキャリアを選んだのですか？

I've always had a strong interest in Japanese culture, art, and social issues, and living and working in Japan has deepened my passion for young people here.

In Australia, I taught art and design at a university, but since coming to Japan, I've found that teaching at a university is the best way to communicate with young Japanese people.

Teaching at Aichi Shukutoku University allows me to understand the psychology, concerns, and hopes of Japanese youth better, which is what excites me about teaching. While I enjoy teaching English, my true passion lies in connecting with and communicating with my students.

長年、日本の文化や芸術、社会問題に強い関心を抱いてきましたが、日本で生活し、働くなかで日本の若者に対する情熱がさらに深まりました。

オーストラリアでは大学で美術やデザインを教えていましたが、日本に来てからは、大学で教えることこそが日本の若者と関わっていくための最も有効な方法だと感じるようになりました。

愛知淑徳大学で教える中で、日本の若者の心理や悩み、希望をより深く理解することができる点に教員としてのやりがいを感じています。英語を教えること自体も魅力的ですが、私にとって何より大切なのは、学生一人ひとりとつながりを築きながらコミュニケーションを重ねていくことです。

(Araki, Matsufuji, Suzuki, Yamazaki, and Yasuda)

Study Abroad Experiences

グロウコムでは、毎年6月から9月にかけて Study Abroad プログラムを実施しています。2025年度は、アメリカ、カナダ、オーストラリア、ベトナムにある6大学へ74名の学生が渡航しました。今回は、アメリカとオーストラリアで留学を経験した5名の学生に、現地での学生生活や観光、困難だったことなどについて語ってもらうとともに、後輩へのアドバイスやメッセージをもらいました。

GLOCOM offers Study Abroad programs every year from June to September. In the 2025 academic year, 74 students studied at six different universities in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Vietnam. In this issue, we asked five students who studied abroad in the United States and Australia to share their experiences, including their student life and travel experiences, challenges they faced, and advice and messages for future participants.

I studied abroad in Hawaii at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. There, I studied the four basic skills—listening, reading, speaking, and writing—and also learned about American culture and the language and history of Hawaii.

On weekends, I spent time with my host family. One day, we even took a trip around the whole island of Oahu! My most impressive memory was visiting Pearl Harbor with them. There, I watched a war movie and visited the USS Arizona Memorial. It was a valuable and educational experience for me.

I also visited places like Kualoa Ranch and Diamond Head with friends. Furthermore, when I was walking around Waikiki, I heard Hawaiian music and felt the lively atmosphere of the city. These trips helped me enjoy my time in Hawaii even more. In addition, I enjoyed eating Hawaiian food such as poke, acai, and garlic shrimp, and they were all very delicious. Hawaii had a very bright atmosphere, and both the place and the people made me smile naturally.

Living in Hawaii was great, but some things were difficult. For me, using the bus was the hardest part. The buses often didn't come on time, so I had to check Google Maps frequently.

For anyone who wants to study in Hawaii, I recommend learning about Japan before you go. You will often be asked, "What is Japan like?" Being able to answer that question will make conversations easier and more fun.



Ai Sawada
澤田愛さん

We studied abroad in America and attended San Diego State University. Our school life in the U.S. was very flexible because classes finished before lunch, so we had a lot of time in the afternoon.

We studied listening, speaking, grammar, pronunciation, and American culture and history. Joining a higher-level class gave us more chances to interact with students from other countries. These experiences helped us improve our English skills and build our confidence.

On weekends, we visited many beaches in San Diego, went shopping, and traveled to Los Angeles. There are so many tourist spots that we never got bored exploring new places.

Before studying abroad, it is helpful to register a credit or debit card on Apple Pay. By doing this, we did not need to take out our wallets every time we made a payment, which made daily life much smoother and more convenient, especially when using public transportation or shopping. In addition, researching the places you want to visit in advance is a good idea because it helps you plan schedules efficiently and saves time during the stay.

One difficult thing we experienced was that the host family's food did not always suit our tastes. Since food is an important part of daily life, this sometimes caused stress. In such situations, it is better to communicate honestly and politely with the host family so they can understand your preferences and improve the situation.



Hatsuna Nakayama (left)
中山初奈さん (左)
Hiina Asai (right)
浅井陽渚さん (右)

I went to study abroad at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University) in Melbourne, Australia. There, I mainly studied listening, reading, and speaking. The classes were divided by level, so I was able to study at a level that suited me. The teachers there were very supportive. When I was frustrated with writing, they taught me a lot.

In addition, since there were not many Japanese students, I could make friends from other countries. In our classes, we had a lot of classes that involved group work, so we had to cooperate in English and communicate a lot. Therefore, I could experience the differences in ways of thinking and values, and my communication skills improved because of it.

After classes, I went to restaurants and tried different foods, and I also visited many cafés. On weekends, I went to famous places and met my host family's relatives. At that time, I played with children and talked with their parents. I went to a stadium to watch Australian football, the zoo to see Australian animals, and Puffing Billy to ride a unique train, and more.

In Melbourne, there are many places where you can enjoy entertainment. Also, RMIT University is located in the city, so there are many transportation options to go anywhere you want. If you want to study English while enjoying Australia, I highly recommend RMIT University.



Meguna Uchimura
内村恵奈さん

I went to Melbourne in Australia for the Study Abroad program at Deakin University, and I studied Australian history there. Based on my experiences, I have two pieces of advice before you visit Australia.

First, you have to bring a folding umbrella because the weather is very changeable. Second, you must save money. Prices are much higher than in Japan.

I had some struggles during my study abroad. The struggle that was hardest for me was my homestay. My host parents were from Indonesia, so it was very hard for me to understand their English. Also, Australians' manners were different from those in Japan. I recommend that you learn about Australian manners before going there.

Deakin University was a very nice place to learn English. The teachers were kind and there were many events where I could communicate with students from different countries. There were also some good cafés, where I could relax and enjoy campus life.

Australia has many great restaurants, cafés, and beautiful beaches. I went to cafés five times a week because the coffee was really good. "Tone Coffee" was the best coffee shop in Melbourne, so I recommend it!

In conclusion, Deakin University in Melbourne is very good and comfortable for studying abroad. I highly recommend choosing Australia!



Kanami Aoyama
青山奏海さん

Awards Ceremony

グローバルでは、年に2回、本学部の英語学修において優れた成果をあげた学生を表彰しています。2025年10月に、樺本夕奈さん（写真左）が GLOCOM 900 Club（非常に高い英語運用能力を身につけた学生に与えられる賞）を、金子由依さん（写真右）が GLOCOM Ascent Award（英語運用能力が飛躍的に向上した学生に与えられる賞）を受賞し、表彰式が行われました。

Twice a year, GLOCOM recognizes students with outstanding achievements in English language studies in the faculty. In October 2025, Yuna Ichimoto (left) received the GLOCOM 900 Club (an award for students who have attained a very high level of English language skills), and Yui Kaneko (right) received the GLOCOM Ascent Award (an award for students whose English language skills have drastically improved). A ceremony was held to honor their achievements.



Interview with a Fourth-Year Student

卒業を控えた4年生の村田亜咲美さんに、大学生活を通して学んだことや挑戦してきたことについてインタビューしました。We interviewed Asami Murata, a fourth-year student who is about to graduate, about what she had learned and tried throughout her university life.

グロウコムでの学びを振り返って、特に良かったと感じることはどのようなことですか？

相手を理解しようとする姿勢の重要性を学べたことです。私が所属する福本明子先生のゼミでは、「イン・ザ・ボックス（箱の中）」という概念を学びました。これは、自分中心のものの見方にとらわれて相手を責めることにより、関係が悪化してしまう状態を指します。反対に、「箱」の外に出て、相手の立場や気持ちを理解しようとする姿勢を持つことで人間関係がより良くなることを学びました。

また、ゼミ活動の中で、正義とは何かをさまざまな立場から考える機会があり、「正しさ」は一つではなく、文化や背景によって異なることを知りました。これらのことから、相手を理解する姿勢は国内外を問わず必要であると感じるようになりました。

さらに、他国の文化だけでなく、日本に住む外国人や海外にルーツのある人々について学ぶ中で、人の考え方や感じ方には違いがあることを改めて理解しました。

これらの学びを通して、円滑なコミュニケーションを行うためには、自分と相手との違いを理解しようとする姿勢が欠かせないことを確信しました。



大学生活で挑戦し、達成感を得たことはどのようなことですか？

在学中に挑戦し、達成感を得られたことは、グロウコム学会（グローバル・コミュニケーション学部のすべての学生と専任教員が会員となっている組織）のニューズレターチームでの活動を最後までやり遂げたことです。

大学入学前までの私は、新しいことに挑戦する際は友人と一緒に行動することが多かったのですが、大学では成長したいという気持ちから、思い切って一人で学会の運営メンバーに加わりました。最初は同じ学年のメンバーがほとんどおらず、留学生へのインタビューで英語でのスピーキングやリスニングに不安を感じることもありましたが、先輩方に助けをいただきながら、さまざまな方へのインタビューや記事の作成に取り組みました。活動を続ける中で、英語力だけでなく、相手に伝わりやすい文章を書く力も身についたと感じています。

また、年度当初に行われる新入生との交流会で、上級生としてプレゼンテーションを任されたり、オープンキャンパスで学生スタッフを務めたりと、多くの人の前で話すことにも挑戦しました。高校生やその保護者など、年齢や背景が異なる方々に対して、どのようにしてグロウコムの魅力を伝えるかを考える経験は、とても大きな学びとなりました。オープンキャンパスで話した高校生が実際に本学に入学し、「あの時お話ししましたよね」と声をかけてくれたときには、自分の取り組みが誰かの背中を押す力になれたのだと実感し、大きな達成感を覚えました。

グロウコムの1~3年生へメッセージをお願いします。

グロウコムの皆さん、大学生活を楽しんでいますか？ All Englishの授業やStudy Abroadプログラム、そして常に求められるTOEICスコアの維持など、この学部特有のハードな日々を過ごしている人も多いと思います。しかし、この4年間は本当に一瞬のうちに過ぎていきます。

皆さんにはぜひ、やりたいと思うことを先延ばしにせず、挑戦してほしいです。小さなことから大きなことまで、どのようなことでも構いません。少しでも迷っているなら、ぜひ一歩踏み出してみてください。そして、大学生の今しかできないことを、全力で楽しんでください。応援しています！

(Horibe, Izumi, Kanada, Matsushita, and Sugiura)

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