

I went for a six month exchange to Chiba University in Chiba which is about 30 minutes south east of Tokyo. The exchange was a great experience and I can highly recommend both the exchange and university to you.

Dorms were about 10 minutes away by bike or one train stop which was incredibly convenient (depends on your set up) but I do highly recommend that you buy a bike whilst you're over there – if you're lucky you might be able to find some students who are just about to leave or something and get it really cheap but otherwise you can pick up a standard one for about \$100, it does make life a lot easier.

The dorms themselves are not too different from halls here – small but that's expected – also they were heavily subsidized for us which was great.

If you are part of a specific program at the University for international students – apart from your Japanese classes which are just for international students (obviously) you will probably have the opportunity to join some mixed classes. I encourage you to do this because most of the Japanese students in the class will be in the class pretty much to meet you. Another thing you might want to do at the start is just go and sit in on some English classes at the university good way to meet new people at the start especially if you're not all that confident in your Japanese ability.



You'll also have the opportunity to travel a fair amount especially with the other 留学生.

So yeah just make the most of it and have fun!

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