(4) Insurance (information about insurance for travel/studying abroad purchased)

I signed up for the insurance the UTokyo provided. I was also part of the NUS insurance while the fieldtrip to Indonesia.

(5) Procedures required by your Faculty/Graduate School (any information about course registration, credits, exams, submission of dissertations etc)

I took all the degrees I needed when I was a freshman, so I did not have to go through them.

(6) Language preparation (language level before the program, lessons etc.)

I watched TED, some news, and comedy shows such as The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallons and The Graham Norton Show to keep up with my English and latest topics.

(7) Items which should be taken with you from Japan and any other advice on things which should be done before leaving Japan.

If you are not planning to buy a SIM card or a router, you should bring a wireless travel router, a router that transitions from a wired to a wireless network. Since there is no wifi inside the dorms, you cannot use your cell phones in your room. Also, you might want to consider bringing some Japanese snacks...they are always the easiest way to start conversations with your new friends! Last but not least, you should bring some medicine, especially for diarrhea, because many students got stomach problems in Indonesia.

(1) Outline of the program (Style of the lessons/preparation study/review study, thing which left an impression on you, etc.)

I took two modules. One module was held from 10:00 to 13:00 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The other one was from 14:00 to 17:00 on Monday and Wednesday. We did readings in preparation to the class, and we mainly discussed during the class.

(2) Advice on aspects of academic/research work

Before I joined the program, I re-learned Southeast Asian history from my high school textbooks and some books which were quite helpful. Also, if you have time, you can find the readings you will have to do in the program in the B2F of Komaba library. It is especially important to be prepared to state your opinions as a Japanese on the Japanese invasion in Southeast Asia during WW .

(3) Problems experienced with language issues, advice concerning language, etc.

I needed a little bit of time to get used to the Singaporean accents, but it was alright at the end. Because everyone had their own accents, I never felt insecure about my own which was quite a unique experience for me.

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(2) Your plans having studied abroad

(3) Any messages or advice for future participants

This program is not a language program, it is an academic class. You do need a decent amount of English skills to be fully engaged in this program. If you are yet to decide whether you want to apply for the summer program, do not hesitate - just do it and take it!

(1) Websites or publications which were useful while preparing for or during your time overseas

http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/administration/go-global/program/d0×P