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English/英語

Name / 氏名

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Home country or region / 出身国・地域

USA

Languages I speak / 話せる言語

English, Japanese, and Spanish (only a little)

Academic specialties / 専門

English for Occupational Purposes (EOP); intercultural communication; gender studies

Hobbies or interests / 趣味・特技

reading, knitting, sewing, and walking in great outdoors

How I learned foreign languages When I was a student /

学生時代どのように外国語を学習したか

I learned Spanish as a high school student mainly through classroom study and communicating with my classmates in a small class. At university, I studied Japanese and practiced it with friends and went on a short exchange trip to Japan. I have also taken private lessons with teachers throughout the years. Making friends with people who could not speak English, when we were forced to use Japanese as a way of communicating, was a great incentive to improve my Japanese!

A message to students learning foreign languages /外国語を学ぶ学生へのメッセージ

Speaking a foreign language smoothly is a fantastic way to deepen your connection with people from all over the world. It will change your life! Becoming fluent in a foreign language is hard work and takes a lot of time, but it is definitely worth the effort!