

## Personal Narrative

Hello! My name is Nicole A. Saldana. I am a student at California State University of Monterey Bay. I am double majoring in Business, concentrating on Management and International Business, and Japanese, concentrating on Language and Culture. I had the wonderful opportunity to study abroad in Japan for one year and immerse myself with the language and culture.

My interests in Japanese culture began when I was around 7 years old, when I was introduced to the Pokémon. It was released into the US in line with the Pokémon Yellow version for game boy advance. Since then, I found out that this animation and cartoon was from Japan. I enrolled myself in Japanese Language classes as early as middle school and have now studied Japanese Language and Culture for 8 years.

I realized I wanted to keep studying the language as a major as I fell in love with the Japanese culture when I studied abroad. I changed it from my minor to major to pursue my dream of working as an Entrepreneur.

With Japanese and Business combined, I plan to use both of my major studies to get the job I want in International Business. I hope to one day work in a major company to either work for Japan or America and be an interpreter between the two countries.