

OQTA Internship Review
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In the following the 2017-2018 internship of the LA-CEP program in OQTA will be shortly review. The points to take in to account for this review will be: relevancy to the program, relevancy to undergraduate studies and working experience. First, the relevancy to the LA-CEP program will be analyzed, giving way to the study of the relevancy to undergraduate students. Finally, the overall working experience will be reviewed.

First of all, the relevancy of the OQTA internship in the LA-CEP program will be analyzed. In accordance to prior explanations, the LA-CEP program was created in order to strengthen the ties between Japan and Latin-American countries. In this sense, it is important to give students a “notion” of “what is Japan”. With the same line of thought, the internship experience was very fruitful. The students were able to experiment the working life in Japan. Which, by itself, gives them plenty of information and prepares them in case they wish to pursue a life or career in the country.

Second, the relevancy to undergraduate studies will be revised. The working experience in a Japanese company was generally an important experience. Nevertheless, the relevancy to undergraduate studies of the work done was very low if not inexistent. Now, this applied more to my partners rather than myself. Even though at the beginning of the internship we were asked about our abilities and what we would like to do in the company, this was partially ignored. Joao, who has a major in engineering was working at the beginning in content production with us. Juliana and Laura, with a major in English and international business respectively, were creating a concept movie. It is understandable that it is a small company and we are there to help with what we can but I believe we would have been more helpful if we worked on something we had experience with.

Finally, the overall work experience. First and foremost, I find it important to thank the OQTA team, specially Kubo-san and Kiyoshita-san, who were in charge of us. Now, continuing with the review, the work experience was lacking. We worked only half-time and every day we arrived to the company they had not much for us to do. In the same sense, Kubo-san always looked for something to work on. Still, this internship felt very little like a work experience because we had not much to do.

In conclusion, it is important for the program to deliver this type of experiences. But, it is even more important to prepare them thoroughly so they can be fruitful. Still, it was an overall enjoyable and good experience.