My studying abroad in UCB

① Purpose of this program
Last year, I thought about what I wanted to do in the future through job hunting and decided my goal. Finally I decided to work in investment banking because I wanted to achieve my goal, that is I have a great effect on Japan and change through my work.
But I recognized that I didn’t have enough things to achieve my goal. First, I didn’t have enough English skills. I want to speak English and I need English in business. Second, I didn’t have enough experiences. I’ve only been abroad once so I don’t know concrete differences between Japan and foreign countries.
So my main purpose is to improve missing abilities. All purposes are as follows.
・Improving my English skills
・Learning about corporate finance
・Getting to know differences between Japan and foreign countries
・Making friends who live in other countries
And I applied to Berkeley summer session program because this program could meets my needs to achieve my purposes.

② Schedule
Courses are offered over five different sessions of varying lengths. So we can choose length according to our schedule. In case of this year, the first session begins towards the end of May, and all sessions have ended by mid-August.
I applied to Session D. This is from July 8th to August 16. It is 6 weeks length.

③ Overview
Summer Sessions in UCB offers more than 600 courses each summer, in a wide variety of disciplines. So I choose class about corporate finance as my major.

④ Contents of my activity
On weekdays, I have a class and go to a library every day. I take a class about corporate finance. Class is 2 and a half hours. Class is made of lecture day and discussion day. Lecture day is 3 days per week and the professor offers us lecture. Discussion day is 2 days per week and we practice solving problems with discussion. And after every class, we have to do a lot of homework so I go to a library to finish my homework. Through these homeworks, my skill was improved well I think.
Sometimes, I could join a M&A seminar held by people who are interested in M&A. In this seminar, we discussed with actually happened M&A and introduced papers about M&A each other.

5 Effect of this studying abroad

First of all, my English has improved. Through class and daily life, I think that I become not to hesitate to speak English and my ability has improved. However, since I was not very good at the beginning, I still cannot speak well, so I would like to continue studying in the future.

I think that it was quite good for professional studies. Systematically learning the basics of finance using English rather than Japanese in a short period of time has promoted my understanding well.

And it was also very meaningful for me to get to know what kind of capabilities people interested in M & A try to grow.

It was also great that I was able to feel the various differences between Japanese and foreigners. In particular, I felt a strong difference in the attitude toward studying, and my appetite for growth has greatly fostered.

Finally, I am very happy to make some very good friends in my studying abroad life. I would like to continue to be good friends who can talk with them everything, such as academic stories, future stories and hobbies and so on.

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