

### WSP CLASSES

#### Class highlights

##### Career Skills

- Job Interview
- Working in Japan and US
- Final PowerPoint presentations

##### English

##### Communication Skills

- Writing final dialogue
- Performing final dialogue

##### Beautiful Bellingham

- Sehome Hill walk
- Reflecting on living/traveling in PNW

##### WSP Experience Class

- Pre-departure details
- Packing suggestions
- Donations
- Reminders about paying charges on WWU-student account

**Career Skills:** Students did a vocabulary review activity where they were given a word list, then they listened to WWU students explain one of the words on the list without saying which word it was. Then the WSP students had to guess the word. Students also completed a mock job interview on Zoom with the instructor. In the interviews, the instructor asked questions that were very similar to job interview questions they had been working on in class. Students chose the job they were applying for and used the resume they wrote to answer the instructor's questions. Following the mock job interviews, students were also given time in a computer lab to work on PowerPoint slides that they used to give their final presentations about why they should get the job they applied for in the job interview. Finally, Kerry Allen came into class and talked about her experiences of working in both Japan and the US. The purpose was to explore the differences and similarities between workplaces in the two countries.



**English Communication Skills:** Students wrote a conversation between a native speaker and a Japanese student. They submitted it to the teacher who corrected it, and they memorized the conversation. For their final test they performed the conversation for their teacher.





**Beautiful Bellingham:** During their final week of classes, teacher Jon led students on a nature walk up through Sehome Hill Arboretum, which ended with a climb up an observation tower and donuts! Then in the last class, students did speaking activities that allowed them to reflect on their seven weeks of experiences at WWU, in Bellingham, and in the greater Pacific Northwest region.



### Events and Activities

- Final game night
- Closing Ceremony
- Weighing luggage
- Cleaning dorm room





**Experience Class:** For the final Experience Class and two other meetings, we focused on pre-departure procedures and reminders. The students, IPAs, WSP staff, and teachers did a great job preparing for departure day and helping each other during departure day as well.

**Closing Ceremony:** We enjoyed the WSP Closing Ceremony on Tuesday, March 21 and even though it was during WWU's spring break, we had a handful of classroom volunteers, roommates, and new friends join in the celebration. Now seven weeks has come and gone. But we know that the positive experiences students gathered while living in Bellingham, studying at Western Washington University, and traveling in the region, even for this brief time, will be fond memories for a lifetime.

We'll miss you, students!!!!



Washington Spring Program  
at  
Western Washington University  
**Closing Ceremony &  
Reception**  
March 21, 2023

Welcome and Introduction	Dean Hagin
Welcome from WWU	Anthony Shull
Comments from WSP Staff:	
Instructors	Jon Leachtenauer Tom Nicholas
Student Services	Karissa Ringel
Presentation of Completion Certificates	
Slideshow presented by WSP International Peer Advisors (IPAs):	Aidan Lawler Alina Sokolova Ava Wade
Closing Remarks	Dean Hagin

-Reception-



