

Writing Example (240 words)

My name is Naoki Fairchild. I am 19 years old. I was born in Kanagawa Prefecture, in the city of Hiratsuka. I am a freshman at Kanagawa University, in Yokohama. My major is Business Administration.

During my first semester at Kanagawa University, my GPA was 2.8. I am not really satisfied with this result. I need higher grades. Some of my classes were a bit difficult, but most of them were okay. My favorite class was English, with Professor Thompson. She makes me study and do my assignments, which is good because I am a lazy student. My class I did not like was accounting because I am not good in math.

When I was in high school, I belonged to the school band. I played percussion. My favorite songs to play are jazz and rock. One of my favorite songs to play is *Counting Stars*, by OneRepublic. I also like to play *Listen to the Music*, an old song by the Doobie Brothers. My other interests include swimming. I like to go swimming whenever possible. Whenever my family takes a trip, we try to stay near the beach or at a hotel with a pool.

As for this fall semester at KU, my goal is to improve my English speaking and writing. I have some practice in both, but I need better English because I want to work outside of Japan someday. I also like to travel, so English is important.