

EDMONDS COLLEGE TESTIMONIAL

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Started at Edmonds College in Fall 2021

Studying towards a General Transfer Degree



How did you learn about Edmonds? What made you decide to attend?

Before coming to Edmonds College, I lived in Washington state as an au pair for a local family. I enjoyed my time in the surrounding area and when I returned home to Austria I wanted to come back! I had seen the Edmonds campus before and I liked the location so I made plans to come back as a college student. OIP's \$500 tuition discount was also very helpful in my decision to apply.

What was your impression of the campus? Location? People?

I really loved the campus because of my teachers and advisors. I found a home away from home here. Before coming to Edmonds, math was not my strongest subject. My teacher here was very good and helped me hate it less. You can take lots of different classes here. I took drama and it became one of my favorite classes.

Why did you choose your major? Is this major something other students from your home country would be interested in and please explain why?

I'm currently studying in a general transfer degree program and will transfer to a four year university to complete a major in Communications and a minor in teaching. I also plan to do an OPT after Edmonds.

Any favorite memories of Edmonds? How were you involved on campus? Did you have a job? Join a club? Receive a scholarship?

During my fall orientation I met two of my now best friends and I am proud to say I received a competitive scholarship through IIE.

What was your online experience like during the pandemic?

The hybrid classes I took were very good. The teachers try their best to make it work and let their students have a good experience.

What is your advice to students preparing to transfer?

My advice would be to work as much as you can before studying in the US to save on money. If you are worried about your English language level, don't be! Everyone is friendly here and will help you in no time. You will love campus life as much as I do.

What would you tell other students about Edmonds? How would you promote Edmonds College to students from your home country?

I come from a small place and I found Washington state to be full of things to do. I loved that there is so much to explore here from the city to the mountains. There is hiking to do, coffee shops to explore, and so much more. It is all so diversified and that's what I love about Washington.