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Master in Japanese Studies



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ABOUT ME

I am an enthusiastic, inquisitive, young woman. I have a passion for Japan, languages and cultures.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **JULY 2024**
Bornem
JOBSTUDENT REVA TER LINDE
 - Administration
 - Archiving
- **MAY 2023 - AUG 2023**
Japan
TEACHER ENGLISH NURSERY HERMINE
 - Interacting with non-native speakers
 - Preparing and teaching classes
- **MAY - AUG 2022 & SUMMER 2016**
Bornem
JOBSTUDENT BRYN NV VERZEKERINGEN
 - Administration
 - Planning
 - Archiving
- **NOV 2021 - JAN 2022**
Belgium
JOBSTUDENT KERSTBOOMSPECIALIST
 - Setting up, decorating and taking down Christmas trees at various locations in Belgium
 - Organizing warehouse and orders
- **SUMMER 2021 & 2019**
Bornem
JOBSTUDENT PARK OF HINGENE (PROVINCE ANTWERP)
 - Independently perform assignments in management of the park
- **SUMMER 2020**
Boom
JOBSTUDENT RECREATION PARK 'DE SCHORRE'
 - Guidance and supervision of activities
 - Social skills
- **SUMMER 2018**
Bornem
JOBSTUDENT SUPERMARKET CARREFOUR
 - Cashier
 - Logistics
- **2017 - 2018**
Bornem
JOBSTUDENT 'BROODJES MARIA'
 - Customer service and social skills
 - Restaurant and hospitality experience
- **2016 - 2017**
Bornem
BABYSITTER 'KINDEROPPDIENST BORNEM'
 - Experience with children
 - Scheduling activities
 - Time management

EDUCATION

- **2023 - NOW**
Ghent
 - **GHENT UNIVERSITY (ONGOING)**
 - EduMa in the Eastern Languages and Cultures: Japanese (short trajectory)
 - Subject Teaching of Cultural Studies and Foreign Languages (Japanese)
- **2022 - 2023**
Osaka
 - **KANSAI UNIVERSITY**
 - 1-year exchange according to contract between KU Leuven and Kansai University
- **2021 - 2023**
Leuven
 - **KU LEUVEN**
 - MA Language- and Region-studies: Japanese studies
 - Master thesis: Homeless Self-Sufficiency Support Centers and the Experiences of Volunteers in Osaka - The working conditions, methods and motivations of community volunteers in Homeless Centers
- **2021 - 2022**
Leuven
 - **KU LEUVEN**
 - Postgraduate in the Korean Studies
- **2018 - 2021**
Leuven
 - **KU LEUVEN**
 - BA Language- and Region-studies: Japanese Studies
 - Culture-Historical minor
 - Bachelor thesis: Homeless in Japan - the Government's Policies and Their Effects
- **2012 - 2018**
Bornem
 - **SECONDARY EDUCATION O.L.V. PRESENTATIE BORNEM**
 - Technical Science (3rd jr. to. 6th jr. in high school)

INTERNSHIPS

- **2023-2024**
Ghent
 - **SINT-JANSCOLLEGE GHENT**
 - Teaching: Religion and Cultural Studies (10h)
- **2023-2024**
Puurs-Sint-Amands
 - **LAB PUURS-SINT-AMANDS**
 - Teaching: Cultural Studies (11h)
- **2023-2024**
Ghent
 - **GHENT UNIVERSITY (JAPANESE STUDIES)**
 - Teaching: Modern Japanese II (12h) and Modern Japanese IV (8h)
- **2021 - 2022**
Brussels
 - **EU-JAPAN CENTRE FOR INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION**
 - Customize web pages by researching current business trends or regulations regarding Japanese and European companies and their cooperation

LANGUAGES

- Dutch (mother tongue)
- English (fluent)
- Japanese (good: JLPT N2)
- French (basic)
- Korean (beginner)

SKILLS

- Independent
- Efficient
- Flexible
- Responsible
- Language Proficient
- Punctual
- Proficient in Office 365 (Word, Excel, PPT, etc.), Canva, LibreOffice

VARIA

- **VOLUNTEER** **TOUR GUIDE**

During my exchange in Japan, I volunteered to be an on-standby guide for Unforgettable, a travel consulting business. I was asked to give private tours in my direct region, thus Osaka, Nara and Kyoto. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience, as I got to learn more about the beautiful cities nearby me, and see them from the experience of a businessman, as my only assignments were for businessmen.

- **EXCHANGE** **KANSAI UNIVERSITY**

During my master's studies, I completed an exchange at Kansai University in Osaka, Japan, where I spent a full academic year. This unique experience offered me the opportunity to broaden my academic horizons and strengthen my intercultural skills. During this time, I worked extensively with international and local students, which allowed me to improve my communication skills in both Japanese and English in a cross-cultural environment. This experience not only furthered my academic development, but also strengthened my ability to adapt to new environments and cultures.

- **VOLUNTEER** **HOMELESS SHELTER OSAKA**

During my exchange at Kansai University in Osaka, Japan, I spent several weeks volunteering at a homeless center in Osaka's Kamagasaki neighborhood. This initiative focused on my research for my Master's thesis. Volunteering gave me the opportunity to become directly involved in the local community and gain a deeper understanding of the socioeconomic challenges faced by homeless people. This experience not only enriched my research, but also increased my empathy and awareness of social issues.

- **VOLUNTEER** **VZW KOMPANJON**

As part of my Educational Master's, I volunteered at KOMPANJON vzw. This non-profit organization offers tutoring to children and young people from families with a migration background.