

The Student Files

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I am currently going for my master's in bilingual-bicultural education with a concentration in English as a Second Language. Upon moving to the United States from Japan, I enrolled in ESL courses and found them to be invaluable to my learning process. My goal now is to teach English to non-English speakers using what I have learned as an ESL student myself.

In my program, not only do we study the English language but also the philosophies and religions of various cultures. Unlike other students, who have to do research to find out about religions, I can discuss the Daishonin's Buddhism with my classmates and teachers based on what I've learned at meetings and from my experiences.

So most of my classmates know that I am a Buddhist. And many of them come to me to find out more about this Buddhism. In fact, some often call me for advice from the Buddhist perspective!

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