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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In 2008, the best martial arts film of all time was released, *Ip Man*. It was loosely based on the life in Hong Kong of Yip Man, a grandmaster of Wing Chun martial arts. However, it was during the time of the Japanese invasion in 1937. The first time I heard Japanese was when I watched this movie at 16 years of age. I was completely entranced by the Japanese language. To me, the vibrations sounded, elegant, aggressive, smooth, and beautiful all at the same time. The sound of Japanese was, and still is, my motivation for literally changing my major for the fourth time to Japanese language and culture.

Honestly, I don’t believe I’ll be using Japanese as a career motive. I will continue to expand my knowledge of the Japanese language and culture solely for my entertainment and communicational purposes. Also, studying abroad in Tokyo also has sealed my decision of taking a different career path.

After I graduate, I plan on working for the state of California as a staff analyst until the higher manpower feels I am advanced enough to be put in a particular department. Maybe, I can associate my knowledge of Japanese within the State of California of international divisions. Therefore, I’m striving to be admitted in that department.

I enjoy speaking to others across the world for I feel learning another language is of great importance for the people. Knowing Japanese, I feel I can help the Japanese and American students come together. Learning the language has taught me to how to create a multicultural classroom or group. My major has showed to respect backgrounds.