



Derick Ruiz

Energized, Focused, Aligned



Hi, I am an American and I am currently studying Japanese at J.F. Oberlin University in Tokyo. I am passionate about language, multimedia, and fashion. I speak English, Spanish, and Japanese. I create multimedia with my skills in web development, photography, videography, and music production. I am actively seeking part-time employment in Japan to expand my horizons and work experience. Please contact me, even if it is just to say hi.

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My Skills

In what I am good .

Development

HTML5
CSS3
Javascript
Mobile compliant websites

Multimedia

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Lightroom
Apple iMovie
Ableton Live 9

Hobbies

Photography
Weight Training
Sociology
Reading



Education

My academia.

University of Memphis

B.A. Japanese & B.S. Computer Science
In Progress (Graduation May 2015)

I started at the University of Memphis in August 2011 shortly after graduating from home school. My focus was primarily in Computer Science at first, but I also added a Bachelor's of Arts in Japanese after coming to Japan for the first time in 2012. When I return to Memphis in August 2014, I am expecting to receive both degrees and graduate by May 2015.

J.F. Oberlin University

Intensive Japanese Exchange Program
In Progress (Completion August 2014)

A year long intensive study abroad program that began in September 2013 and will end in August 2014. I am challenging myself every day in Japan, not only with the language but with new cultural encounters and also new ventures like Misphis. I am planning for the JLPT N2 test which I plan to take before I return to America.



Portfolio

My ventures.

Misphis

Tokyo, Japan
<http://misphis.com/>

Misphis is a personal venture that I started due to my deep passion in multimedia, photography, social media, language, fashion, and web development. It is a fashion media brand and blog focused on capturing the amazing people of Tokyo by taking "fashion snaps", street pictures of people's fashion, with a twist that involves intensive use of new social platforms as a medium for media.



Work Experience

My experiences

Starbucks

Memphis, Tennessee
2013 - 2014

I started working at a brand new starbucks in a mall near my university in Memphis, Tennessee. The starbucks was brand new and I was one of the original employees. Due to this I learned valuable skills in opening and maintaining a new store, team work skills, and customer service skills as well. Unfortunately, I had to stop working due to my ventures in Japanese and coming to Japan.