

# Learner autonomy and intercultural communication



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The Sojo International Learning Center (SILC) is a relaxed, social and supportive learning environment in which students have the opportunity to participate in communicative English classes and to use a variety of interesting and innovative learning resources independently, or with teacher support. Many Sojo University students spend a lot of time in the SILC enjoying the positive environment, engaging with Japanese and international staff in English, and taking advantage of the range of resources available.

## この研究は将来どんなことに役立ちますか？

SILC teachers can help students develop skills of independent learning which are now seen as vital for achieving high levels of language fluency and intercultural understanding.