

## Carmen Siu's Profile



**Name/名前:** Carmen Siu, カルメン・シウ

**Age/歳:** 20 (almost 21), 二十

**Major/Minor/専攻:** International Relations/English with a Japanese minor, 国際関係, イギリス, 日本語

**Bio:** I was born and raised in Calgary. Being that my parents are Chinese, I ended up going to Chinese school for at least 12 years. Although I did eventually go for myself and my own pursuits after a trip to China when I was 11. I can consequently speak, read, write and understand Cantonese and Traditional Chinese. I took International Relations because of my interest in other cultures and a desire to learn more about my own heritage and East Asian culture...and because IB Bio made me never want to do Science for life or my career. I love literature, writing and have always been creative, hence the English major too. Since I was so interested in East Asia, Japanese was naturally, the language I ended up studying for my language requirement for my IR degree. It became my favourite class and I had so much fun, that I decided to add a Japanese minor...and now I'm not quite sure when I'm graduating.

**Interests/興味:** I enjoy creative writing, drawing, art, music and reading. I will also watch anything of the sci-fi genre on TV and am a diehard fan of *LOST* and *Battlestar Galactica*. You will find me at the Calgary Expo this year, that's for sure. I'll need to add to my comic book collection. I have a definite interest in art, but through the last couple years have discovered that my talents are more in writing, than in art, so I've decided to focus on my writing and my degree also makes it extremely difficult to take Art classes. I have a wide range of musical tastes from blues to heavy metal, hard rock, punk and funk. You can find everything from Children of Bodom to Lenny Kravitz on my mp3 player. I love learning languages and seem to have a bit of a knack for them. I love trying new food, visiting new places and the entire travelling experience. I've been to China, France

and England as well as the United States and really look forward to the Senshu program and the Japanese experience.