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TIANJIN & BEIJING, CHINA

Ali’s Major: International Studies and Chinese

Term Abroad: Summer & Spring

Benefits of studying abroad: I am more independent and confident than I was before. I also feel like I am more open to other cultures and lifestyles because of my time abroad.

Internship Abroad: I had an internship that I went to every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon. The workload from my internship was equivalent to adding on another class, but was definitely worth the extra time I put in. Working in a different country gives you a great perspective of the way in which businesses work in other countries.

Advice for students considering study abroad: The biggest tip I have for people studying abroad is to get as involved as possible. You will only be able to experience life abroad at this age once, and it is important that you don’t regret NOT getting involved.

Most Memorable Moment: Going to dinner at my Chinese tutor’s home. Formal dinners and etiquette in China are so different. Spending time with a family from such a different cultural background really opened up my eyes to some of the cultural differences you don’t see or get to learn about in a classroom.

“You MUST GO! China seems so different and scary, but the support given to you in the country is great and the experience is what you make it. Traveling in a non-western country really opens your eyes up to a different world and culture.”