Kyle’s Major: Psychology and Biology with an emphasis in Neurobiology

Program: Macquarie University, Spring

Academic Life: The classroom setting at Macquarie University is similar to that of UW-Madison. We would usually have a lecture with a large amount of students, followed by a smaller tutorial or discussion session. One unique aspect at Macquarie was iLecture, where you could watch and listen to lectures from home. What I liked most about the academics was being able to take courses with other Americans, other international students, and also local Aussies.

Most Memorable Moments: Seeing a show at the Sydney Opera House and afterwards, enjoying the Vivid Sydney lights show going on throughout the city. Being able to attend a show at the Opera House was an experience in of itself, but stepping outside and seeing the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge, and the surrounding buildings light up with gorgeous, artistic lighting was absolutely spectacular. An annual event, Vivid Sydney is truly a remarkable spectacle.

Advice for Someone Considering Sydney: Do things you never would have ever dreamed of. Studying abroad is the most rewarding experience you will ever enjoy. For me, before going to Australia, I was terrified of swimming and the ocean. At the end of my study abroad, I snorkeled at the Great Barrier Reef, jumped off the bow of a boat into the clear blue ocean in Fiji, and even learned how to surf.

Macquarie Uni is situated in the quieter outskirts of Sydney but has the advantage of being just a short train ride into the city to enjoy the harbour.