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Mollie’s Major: Legal Studies with a Certificate in Business

Program: Macquarie University, spring semester

Most Memorable Moments: One of my most memorable experiences was a three day trip to a surf camp just a few days after I had arrived in Australia. I hardly had time to settle into my new house before heading to the surf camp. I only knew one other person going on the trip, so it was three days of meeting new people, surfing, and hanging out with your typical Australian surf instructors. In addition to riding my first waves and learning a little bit about Australian culture, I also met some of the people that would end up being my best friends during the semester.

Academic Life: At Macquarie I was able to take a Legal Studies course (Law, Lawyers and Society which transferred back as Legal Studies 400), a course for my Business Certificate transferred back as MHR 300), and a course that fulfilled a humanities requirement (History 225: The Making of Australia). The structure of the courses was very similar to that of UW-Madison. My classes all had a large lecture of about 200 students, along with a tutorial (discussion) section which was made up of about 20 students. My classes were made up of a variety of Australian, international, and American students and were all taught by Australian professors.

Intern abroad: During my time in Sydney, I had an internship with a large, global company called Luxottica. I worked in their tax and legal department, and helped with various different projects. I really enjoyed working for Luxottica and I know that having an internship abroad will look great to future employers.

“If you have the opportunity and the means to get to Australia, or to any country in general, DO IT. You won’t regret it.”