Nicole’s Major: Biochemistry

Program: Macquarie University, Spring

Academic Life: The classroom experience in Australia is similar to UW in the lecture and discussion setup. However, the physical time spent in class is much less requiring much more study time put in outside of the classroom. Students in my classes consisted of local Aussies as well as students from all over the world creating vibrant classroom discussions.

Housing: I lived in the Macquarie University Village which is about 5-10 minutes from campus. Each apartment has a kitchen, common area, and 5 bedrooms each with their own bathroom. Most of the people living there are international or study abroad/exchange students but each apartment is different.

Most Memorable Moments: I enjoyed VIVID Sydney which is an annual light festival around Sydney. There are light shows and fireworks in Darling Harbour and light installations throughout the city. However, the main attraction is the lighting of the sails of the Sydney Opera House. Incredible artwork is projected onto the opera house and it is breathtaking.

Advice for Someone Considering this Program: Go for it! Step out of your comfort zone and take a chance. I created so many memories, made lasting friendships, and learned new things while in Australia. My time in Australia is something I’ll never forget.

“I have learned to step out of my comfort zone, be adventurous, and try new things. Make the most of your opportunities because you never know if you’ll get the chance again.”