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BEIJING, CHINA

Helen's Majors: Economics and East Asian Studies

Term Abroad: Summer

Academics: The program is a Chinese history program so our classes were all about the history of China. We had classes mostly at historical sites in China. Our professor would give us lectures where we travelled. We also took classes at the universities that we went to visit. The professors from the universities would give us a lecture in a typical Chinese University lecture setting, which was a completely new experience for us, opening our eyes to the culture of Chinese Universities.

Food: Food was very different in China. You are not able to find cheese all the time and some dishes are super spicy! There are so many different kinds of foods in China, try to be open-minded and willing to try everything.

Life Changing Experience: Studying abroad definitely is a once in a lifetime experience. I am more independent from those who have not studied abroad. I also made life-long friends in China. I think I am more open-minded and willing to accept different things than those who haven't studied abroad.

Tips for future students: Try to learn some of the language before you go! You will find yourself more comfortable and will be able to learn more about the culture! Be open to new experiences even if you think it is weird at first!

"If you want to experience a totally different culture, China would be the place! It is developing so fast right now and you need to go see it! You will be travelling with the best professor ever!"