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LONDON, ENGLAND

Liz’s Major: English with certificates in European Studies and Classics

Program: UW in London

Academics: My classes were conducted in the program center near our housing. Lectures were specifically for UW students, so I took all my classes with fellow Badgers. While at first I was hesitant because of a lack of immersion in British culture, I found that for academic purposes this was an ideal situation. I took classes on British history and culture, so it was a huge advantage that we were taught by British professors who supplemented book learning with out-of-classroom assignments that helped give us a better grasp on the material.

Pound Trips: One of the best things about this program is the access to pound-trips. Through these IAP-sponsored trips, I was able to go to Oxford, Brighton, and a variety of other places around the country. All I had to do was sign up, and everything was taken care of for me.

First Impressions: I had my first real experience with London life the second I stepped off the plane and had to find my way to student housing. Within minutes of landing, I was figuring out how to use the Tube and starting my adventure in the big city. It seemed impossible that I would be spending the next four months using this underground system to visit the iconic sights I had only seen in pictures.

Memories for a Lifetime: One of the most memorable experiences I had abroad was riding a canal boat into the Camden Market. After a chilly ride, we got out of our boat only to be enveloped by the warmth of people at a variety of stands selling ethnic foods, tourist trinkets, and everything imaginable. We spent the day tasting everything we possibly could and people watching, amazed by everything we saw. It was an entirely different side of London.

“I think that studying abroad has helped cement the knowledge that I’ve gained!”