Adelaide’s Majors: History & African Studies, Certificate in Global Health

Program: University of Cape Town Exchange Program

Academics: I had the opportunity to directly enroll as a student at South Africa’s most prestigious university, the University of Cape Town. Nicknamed “the Harvard of Africa,” I found my classes both challenging and fascinating. Professors and fellow students provided unique perspectives I had never encountered in the United States. Plus, I was able to take classes that weren’t available at UW-Madison and have them count towards my degree at home. I looked forward to class every day - even if I did have to trek up a mountain to get to campus!

Volunteering: I loved that studying in South Africa offered me unique opportunities to volunteer. Through the University of Cape Town’s SHAWCO program, I volunteered as an English tutor for 7th grade students in the Manenburg township. I also found a local non-profit sailing organization to volunteer for. Suddenly I was spending all my afternoons either in a middle-school classroom or out on the water teaching youth to sail, a sport I’ve always loved.

Travel: What would a semester in Africa be without the chance to explore the scenery and wildlife? I spent my Easter Break road-tripping through Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. I will never forget canoeing the Okavango Delta, seeing an elephant up close, or bartering in a Zimbabwean market. My pictures will certainly decorate my walls for a lifetime!

“Study abroad opens doors you never knew could be opened.”

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