Lexi’s Major: Elementary Education, Global Perspectives  
Minor, African Studies Certificate

Program: University of Capetown (Fall)

Academics: I took four courses at the University of Cape Town (UCT) alongside South African students. The classes I enrolled in were used towards my minor, Global Perspectives. I made sure my other graduation requirements could be completed at the UW before or after the program. This way I could focus on my minor requirements, which all elementary education majors must also complete.

Excursions and Activities: In Cape Town you truly have everything at your fingertips. Mountains, beaches, surfing, botanical gardens, music festivals, amazing food, rich culture, city-life, country-life, vineyards, and so much more.

Memorable Experiences Abroad: One of my most memorable experiences was tutoring children who were living at a children’s home in the Khayelitsha township. I was able to work with these students once a week, focusing on helping them with their English. These children reminded me why I wanted to become a teacher and inspired me to follow my dreams, no matter what the obstacles. Gaining knowledge of other elementary education systems helped me better understand our educational system in a global context and think about our system of education more critically.

Impact of Study Abroad: Studying abroad has broadened my view of the world and the diverse people that inhabit it. It strengthened my passion for traveling and experiencing new people, places, and cultures. Working with South African students rejuvenated my love of teaching and inspired me to bring back all I have learned to my students in Madison.