Program: University of Queensland Exchange (St. Lucia Campus), Spring

Katherine’s Major: Biology

Academic Life: I mostly took Biology and Ecology courses. They were classes with travel-based components and were mostly with other international students. Professors taught every class. The classes had most of the grade points based on the exams and seemed to grade harder than UW.

Fieldwork Abroad: The fieldwork in the classes was hands-on and took us to the Great Barrier Reef and rainforest. We conducted projects that were guided by faculty.

Housing: I lived in the International House. I met some of the best friends I have had there. Living here felt like a second home to me because of the International House.

Benefits of Study Abroad: Study abroad made me more independent. It allows you to make connections from all around the world.

Advantages for Future Aspirations: Through this experience, I learned I like ecology and want to include it in the research I pursue as I am planning on doing research as a career. This gave me more experience, being able to do research in a different country and network with people from around the world.

Tip for Future Participants: Get organized and plan early; otherwise, you might miss opportunities.

“Study abroad adds a global component to your resume.”