

TIANJIN, CHINA

ABIGAIL PHILIPPS

Program: UW Intensive Chinese Language, Summer

Abigail's Majors: Political Science, Certificate of Chinese Professional Communication

Academic Life: I felt that the academic environment was very conducive to studying Chinese. While I was there, I studied fifth and sixth semester Chinese along with Business Chinese. My professor, Qian Youyong, also a teaching assistant from UW-Madison, was an excellent teacher who fostered good discussion amongst my fellow UW students, thus encouraging us to practice our Chinese more. He helped create a supportive environment for this difficult language. I feel that this is a great program because not only do you practice Chinese in the classroom, but also have the opportunity to practice Chinese outside the classroom in teacher-guided activities.

On China Feeling Like a Second Home: I felt like my host country did become like a second home because I made enough friends and established familiarity with how things worked. With those combined aspects, China started to feel like a place that I felt like I could live in.

Advice For Someone Considering Tianjin: I would highly recommend this program for people interested in Chinese language and culture. I believe this is a very worthwhile program that I would love to do again if I had the chance.

How Study Abroad Changed Me: I feel that my study abroad experience changed my life because it forced me to be more independent in ways that I hadn't realized before. I also realized, while in China, how much I would love to move to China at some point during my life. I enjoyed being in the Chinese culture, and want to experience it more.



Abigail visiting the Forbidden City in Beijing.

“I learned so much during my time abroad that is immeasurable in the experiences gained.”

