Robert’s Majors: Chinese, Life Sciences Communication

Program: UW Intensive Chinese Language, Summer

Academic Life: While in Tianjin, I studied Classical Chinese and Chinese Linguistics, as well as an independent study on the housing crisis that China is facing. The classroom environment was very hands on, being as it was with only four other students, allowing us to have close interaction with our teacher. The independent study allowed me to report and educate on a topic that interests me personally, and allowed me to tailor my education to my own passions. The great thing about this program is that academically it is very intensive and offers students the opportunity to get 12 credits of Chinese classes in only 11 weeks.

Most Memorable Moments: One of my most memorable experiences while abroad was taking a cooking class. I was taught by local Chinese people how to make five different Chinese dishes. Not only was it a fun experience that gave me a chance to casually speak Chinese with strangers, but it now gives me the opportunity to have a taste of China while in America and look fondly back on my time abroad.

Study Abroad and Robert’s Future Aspirations: This summer program was advantageous towards my career in that now my Chinese is leaps and bounds better than it was before I left. Now, when looking for work in China, or even international work in America, I am able to say that I have lived in and experienced China, and my Chinese reflects that.

“My Chinese has improved immensely and I was able to get a great education while also enjoying new foods, new sites, new people, and new experiences.”