Sarah’s Majors: International Studies; Languages and Cultures of Asia

Program: UW Comparative Education in China, Summer

Academic Life: The classroom experience during my study abroad program was educational and life-changing! In Xian, China, we were able to participate in a comparative course alongside local Chinese students at Shaanxi Normal University. We presented and discussed education topics in the U.S. that we thought were important while the students at Shaanxi Normal University presented to us different topics in China’s education that were relevant in their culture. It was definitely a learning experience for all of us! In addition, during our time there, we were also able to learn about different cultural topics in China such as food, weddings, and the different holidays celebrated in China!

Most Memorable Moments: One of my most memorable experiences from my time abroad was spending time with my Chinese partners. They were all so incredibly kind to us! They took us many places including, shopping malls, restaurants, and student-life after school activities such as karaoke!

How Study Abroad Changed Sarah: I would say this study abroad experience definitely taught me many things and has changed me positively. I was always interested in learning more about China’s education system. Having the opportunity to talk to Chinese students and faculty there was an experience I will never forget.

“I felt welcomed from the moment I was in China and I wish my stay there was longer.”