LEEDS, ENGLAND

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Program: University of Leeds Exchange, Spring

Kelsey’s Major: Microbiology

Academic Life: I really enjoyed the classroom experience in Leeds. Most of my classes were with all UK students. I took Medical Bacteriology, Immunology, Ethics of Life and Death, and the Principles of Drug Discovery. The work load was very manageable. There is far less coursework and exams throughout the semester due to the heavily weighted final exams. The final exam period is stretched over four weeks which made the exams much less stressful.

First Impressions: I was surprised at how comfortable I felt in Leeds. It felt very similar to home and even to Madison. It’s a big city with a huge university and student presence.

Housing: I was fortunate enough to live in Devonshire Hall. It is a university residence hall located about a 25 minute walk away from campus. The area surrounding Dev was beautiful and the residence hall itself looked to be straight out of a fairytale.

“\(\text{I had expected to be overwhelmed with all the differences and uneasiness of an unfamiliar place, but I had the complete opposite experience.}\)"