Program: UW in London, Spring

Amanda’s Majors: Journalism, Communication Arts

Academic Life: The academics of my program were coordinated through FIE, the Foundation of International Education. The classes were typically taught by a British professor, with topics ranging from British culture and its media to realism in British cinema. The program only taught American students from across the country coming from a diverse pool of universities. The classes were small, allowing an environment open to discussion, learning and shared curiosities. Alongside these classes was a course taught by a UW professor, in a classroom which consisted of exclusively UW students. This format allowed me and my fellow Badgers to feel a sense of home in a foreign place, fostering a sense of inclusivity and comfort.

How Study Abroad Has Changed Amanda: There is no right way to live life - not with so many other perspectives, ideas, thoughts and opinions that can be found either right around the corner or a hop, skip and jump across the world. I’ve learned to be open-minded, take each experience as it comes and truly live in the moment. There is no way to express eloquently in words what studying in London has done for me, and I am forever thankful for that.

Advice For Students Considering An Internship Abroad: I would highly encourage students to consider an internship or fieldwork during their time abroad because it gives the student an opportunity to experience the country’s workplace environment. Once you begin your internship, you have a typical commute, you begin to socialize and become friends with your coworkers, and you end up having a place in the company.

Advice for Someone Considering London: Be open-minded, be willing to take on new adventures, challenge yourself and most importantly, be curious. UW in London offers its students such a unique opportunity: the chance to explore one of the world’s most diverse and historical cities. Go abroad, step out of your comfort zone, and experience a city that has so much in store for you.

“A studying abroad is such a special opportunity for you to live a life you never thought possible.”